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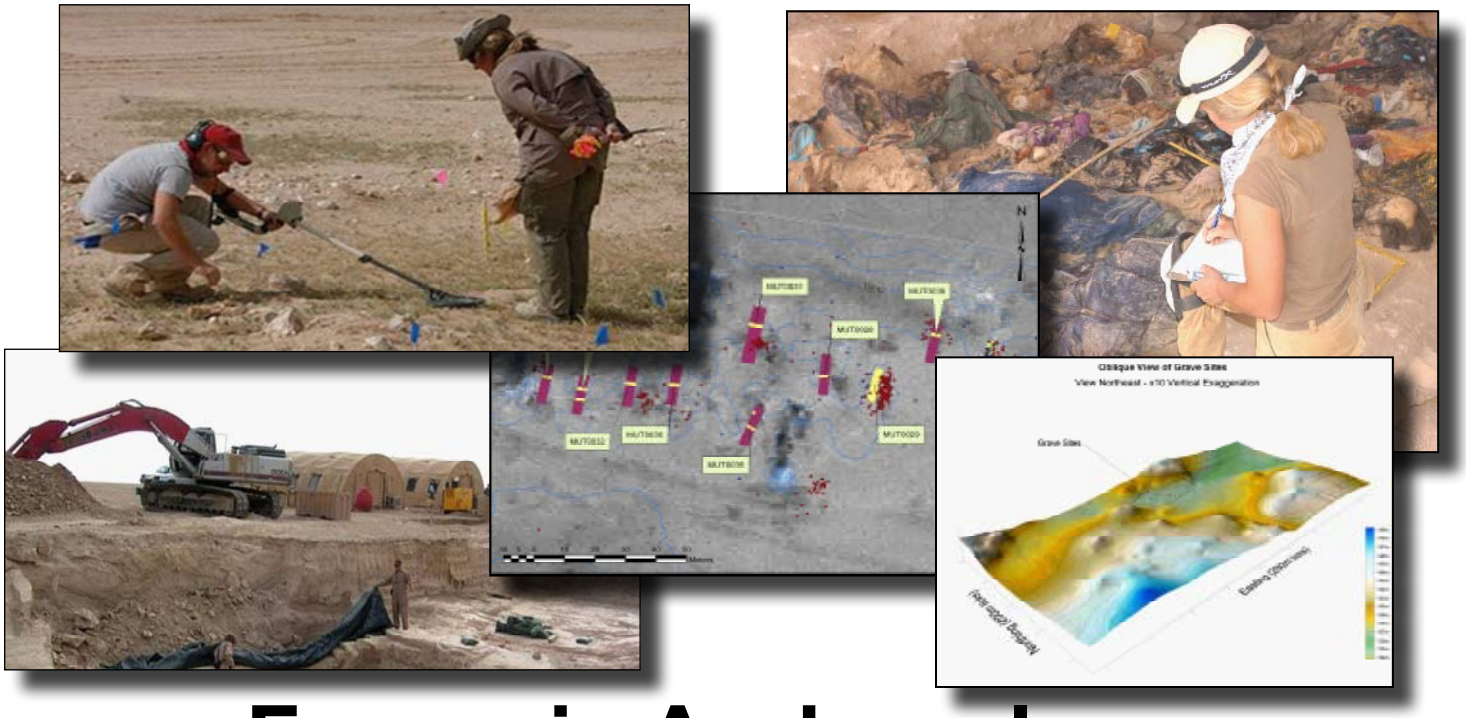
Mandatory Center of Expertise for the Curation and Management of Archaeological Collections (MCX-CMAC)



Forensic Archaeology

Forensic Archaeology is a specialized discipline within the broader field of Forensics that applies archaeological techniques and methods to assist in the location, recovery, and documentation of evidence (which includes human remains) within a legal context. Emergent international events have highlighted the need for governments to investigate and document human rights violations, including crimes against humanity. MCX-CMAC has the capability to provide national and international forensic archaeological support to both military and civil works activities such as law enforcement recovery and analysis of mass graves for crimes against humanity investigations.

MCX-CMAC is capable of organizing equipment and personnel for rapid deployment for scene documentation, excavation, and recovery, as well as the development of expedient field laboratory facilities for the analysis of recovered remains, evidence processing, recordation, and repatriation. MCX-CMAC has experience working in military, law enforcement, and humanitarian environments, and adhering to accepted international standards.

Examples of Services Offered

- Forensic archaeological site location, excavation, and remains and evidence recovery
- Physical anthropological and forensic assessments, review, and recovery
- Evidence collection, management, and preparation of sensitive materials for court presentation

MCX-CMAC is located at the St. Louis District of the US Army Corps of Engineers.
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