



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
St. Louis District

The Curation of Federally Owned and Administered Archeological Collections (36 CFR Part 79), required by the Antiquities Act, the Reservoir Salvage Act, the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470h-2) and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act.

## Information Paper

### Corps Curation and Veterans Curation Program

#### Operation and Maintenance ()

**Location and Description:** The Mandatory Center of Expertise (MCX) for the Curation and Management of Archaeological Collections (CMAC) was established in the St. Louis District in 1994 to deliver centralized management, administration, and policy development for USACE-wide compliance with archeological collections management. MCX CMAC has continued to expand its capabilities to meet a growing set of federal cultural, environmental, asset management, and information management laws and regulations. The MCX has assessed the extent, content, and condition of all USACE collections and is leading a Corps-wide effort to achieve curation efficiencies through regional consolidation of collections. The Veterans Curation Program (VCP), established by the MCX in 2009, is an innovative program that provides employment, vocational training, and technological skills to veterans while rehabilitating at-risk Corps archaeological collections to bring them to federal standards for long-term curation.

- **FY 2017 Allocation** **\$6,500,000**
  - MCX is implementing an agency-wide collections management plan begun in MVD in 2015 and will continue the VCP.
  - The central regional repository for Mississippi Valley Division was identified and collections from the St. Louis and Rock Island Districts were coalesced at this location.
  - The staffing of veterans is being increased to over 75 individuals at three labs.
  - Two small-scale satellite VCPs have been developed and will each support between two and four veterans.
- **FY 2018 President's Budget** **\$6,500,000**
  - In FY18, MCX will continue the consolidation of collections into fewer repositories and will address the rehabilitation needs of archeological collections through the VCP.
  - The northern and southern regional repositories for Mississippi Valley Division will be identified and collections will be coalesced into these locations.
  - The MCX will continue assisting the NWD, SPD, and SWD with their regionalization efforts.
  - Employ and train 80 veterans and rehabilitate collections from 6 districts.

- **Status:**

The Corps is responsible for the curation and management of at least 46,255 cubic feet of artifacts and at least 3,511 linear feet of associated records collected from its water resources development projects. Curation of these materials, which are over 80 percent of the total DoD collections and the largest volume of all federal agencies responsible for this activity, is required by a number of public laws with implementing guidance in 36 CFR Part 79. MCX CMAC provides overall management of the Corps' collections, serves as a centralized base for curation and collections compliance, and manages the rehabilitation of collections through the VCP.



VALUE TO NATION	
Artifacts and records assessed by MCX	46,255 cubic ft. and 3,511 linear ft.
Districts engaged in consolidation efforts	15
Regional repositories established in FY17	1
Veterans trained and employed since 2009	420
Graduates with permanent employment or pursuing educational opportunity	90%
Collections rehabilitated by VCP	283
Artifacts and records rehabilitated by VCP	1,781 cubic ft. and 151 linear ft.