



**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. P.L.114-189, Corps Development of the Veterans Curation Program

# 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 Archeological 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 2019 Budget** **\$6,500,000**
  - MCX is implementing an agency-wide collections management plan of regionalization begun in Mississippi Valley Division (MVD) in 2015, coalescing collections from 150 repositories to 25 or fewer. MVD regionalization was completed in FY18.
  - The VCP continues with the staffing of veterans maintained at over 75 individuals at the three main labs. Three small-scale satellite VCPs continue operation and each support between two and four veterans.
  
- **FY 2020 Budget** **\$5,025,000**
  - Complete collections analysis reports and tribal coordination for 1 divisions.
  - Assist with real-estate research for 21 districts.
  - Employ and train a maximum of 50 veterans and rehabilitate collections from 3 districts.
  
- **Status:** USACE 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, is required by a number of public laws with implementing guidance in 36 CFR Part 79. MCX CMAC provides overall management of USACE's collections, serves as a centralized base for curation and collections compliance, and manages the rehabilitation of collections through the VCP. Through the VCP and regionalization, USACE collections are digitized for placement on a publically accessible platform, providing Indian tribes, educators, researchers, and the public digital access, as well as population of a USACE-wide dataset of collections for out-year planning. MCX is actively engaged with all MSCs in this regionalization effort.



Veterans at VCP laboratory

VALUE TO NATION	
Artifacts and records assessed by MCX	46,255 cubic ft. and 3,511 linear ft.
Districts engaged in consolidation efforts	27
Regional repositories by the end of FY18	3
Veterans trained and employed since 2009	566
VCP graduates with permanent employment or pursuing educational opportunity	91%
Collections rehabilitated by VCP	285
Artifacts and records rehabilitated by VCP	1,781 cubic ft. and 151 linear ft.

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