



US Army Corps of Engineers 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 St. Louis District 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 2021 Allocation \$6,500k, FY 2021 Budget \$5,500k**

- MCX is implementing an agency-wide collections management plan of regionalization, coalescing archaeological collections from over 150 repositories into regional centers.
- Division approval of Northwestern Division report.
- Complete draft collection analysis report for North Atlantic Division
- Conduct real estate research and initiate program in 4 divisions (18 districts)
- The VCP continues with the staffing of veterans at four main labs and three satellite labs maintained at 27 individuals across all labs (reduced numbers due to social distancing requirements of COVID-19).

- **Activities after FY 2021**

- Complete tribal coordination for NAD
- Complete draft analysis report for SPD and conduct site visits for 2 Divisions,
- Establish first regional center for NWD.
- Assist with real-estate research for 14 districts
- Employ and train at least 65 veterans and rehabilitate collections from 21 districts.

- **Status:** USACE is responsible for the curation and management of at least 55,179 cubic feet of artifacts and at least 3,434 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 publicly 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 the National Regionalization Effort.



VALUE TO NATION	
Artifacts and records assessed by MCX	55,179 cubic ft. and 3,434 linear ft.
Districts engaged in consolidation efforts	28
Regional repositories by the end of FY20	3
Veterans trained and employed since 2009	674
Graduates with permanent employment or pursuing educational opportunity	91%
Collections rehabilitated by VCP	435
Artifacts and records rehabilitated by VCP	1,651 cubic ft. and 143 linear ft.

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