



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, USACE Development of the Veterans St. Louis District Curation Program

Information Paper

USACE Curation and Veterans Curation Program

Operation and Maintenance (O&M)

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. MCX CMAC has assessed the extent, content, and condition of all USACE collections and is leading a USACE-wide effort, the USACE National Regionalization Program, to achieve curation efficiencies through regional consolidation of collections. The Veterans Curation Program (VCP), established by the MCX CMAC in 2009, is an innovative program that provides employment, vocational training, and technological skills to veterans while rehabilitating at-risk USACE archaeological collections to bring them to federal standards for long-term curation.

- **FY22 Budget: \$6,500k**
 - Continued implementing the agency-wide National Regionalization Program, coalescing archaeological collections from over 150 repositories into federally compliant regional centers.
 - Award of regional center contract in NWD.
 - Tribal consultation meeting for NAD regionalization
 - Real estate research and site visits in SPD, LRD, and SAD.
 - The VCP continued with the staffing of at least 44 veterans at four main labs and two satellite labs.
- **Activities after FY22**
 - Finalize NAD regional report.
 - Draft LRD and SPD regionalization report.
 - Complete second regional center contract for NWD.
 - Assist with real-estate research for 9 districts.
 - Employ and train at least 40 veterans and rehabilitate collections from 20 districts.
- **Status:** USACE is responsible for the curation and management of at least 47,846 cubic feet of artifacts and at least 3,619 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 enhanced access and collections data are centrally managed for out-year planning. MCX is actively engaged with all MSCs in the National Regionalization Effort and 2,054 cubic feet and 106 linear feet of collections are being processed by the VCP labs.



Veterans at the VCP laboratory in Alexandria.

VALUE TO NATION	
Artifacts and records assessed by MCX	47,846 cubic ft. and 3,619 linear ft.
Districts engaged in consolidation efforts	35
Regional repositories by the end of FY22	4
Veterans trained and employed since 2009	698
Graduates with permanent employment or pursuing educational opportunity	91%
Collections rehabilitated by VCP	465
Artifacts and records rehabilitated by VCP	1,817 cubic ft. and 157 linear ft.

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