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# Information Paper

## USACE Curation and Veterans Curation Program

### Operations and Maintenance (O&M)

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**Description:** The Mandatory Center of Expertise (MCX) for the Curation and Management of Archaeological Collections (CMAC), St. Louis District, delivers centralized management, administration, and policy development for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) wide compliance with archeological collections management. MCX CMAC leads the USACE National Regionalization Effort to effectively and efficiently managed USACE archaeological collection in perpetuity through the regional curation of collections in federally compliant facilities. The Veterans Curation Program (VCP) provides employment, vocational training, and technological skills to veterans while rehabilitating USACE archaeological collections to federal standards.

**Status:** USACE is responsible for the curation and management of at least 47,237 cubic feet of artifacts and 3,677 linear feet of associated records collected from water resources development projects. These collections are currently stored at over 150 repositories, the majority of which are not federally compliant. There are four main and two satellite VCP locations.

USACE Curation and VCP	
USACE artifacts and associated records	47,237 cubic feet 3,677 linear feet
Districts engaged in regionalization	35
Current regional repositories	3
Veterans trained and employed since 2009	821
Graduates with permanent employment or pursuing additional education	92%
Artifacts and records rehabilitated by VCP	2,070 cubic/linear feet

**Importance:** Stewardship of archaeological collections that have been recovered from USACE properties are what remains of sites that have been impacted by USACE projects. The long-term preservation of these collection, part of our national heritage, is vital for use by future generations and Native American tribes.

**Authority:** The Curation of Federally Owned and Administered Archeological Collections (36 CFR Part), pursuant to the Antiquities Act (54 USC 320301-320303; which in 2014 was incorporated the Historic Sites Act), the Reservoir Salvage Act (54 USC 312501-312508), Section 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 USC 306101-306114), and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (16 USC 470aa-mm). P.L. 114-189, USACE Development of the Veterans Curation Program



Figure 1: St. Louis District VCP

**Activities for FY24:** Inspect collections MVD regional centers; complete draft LRD regionalization study; solicit for regional centers in NWD and NAD; assist with collections research in SAD, SPD, and SWD. Employ and train at least 40 veterans and rehabilitate collections from 21 districts.

**Activities after FY24:** Consult with tribal partners regarding LRD draft study; continue with regionalization studies in SAD, SPD, and SWD; continue contract solicitation and awards in NWD and NAD. Continue employment of veterans and rehabilitation of collections through the VCP.

**Financial:**

FY23 Allocation: \$6,435,000  
FY24 Presidents Budget: \$6,500,000