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USACE Curation and Veterans Curation Program Operation and Maintenance (O&M)



Figure 1: St. Louis District VCP

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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.

USACE Curation and VCP	
USACE artifacts and associated records	50,000+ cubic/linear feet
Districts engaged in regionalization	36
Current regional repositories	4
Veterans trained and employed since 2009	866
Graduates with permanent employment or pursuing additional education	90%
Artifacts and records rehabilitated by VCP	2,565 cubic/linear feet

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.

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 collections, 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.

Activities for FY25

- Inspect collections Mississippi Valley Division (MVD) regional centers.
- Complete draft LRD regionalization study.
- Coalesce collections into first NWD regional center.
- Solicit for regional centers in NAD.
- Assist with collections research in SAD, SPD, and SWD.
- Employ and train at least 40 veterans.

Activities after FY25

- 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

FY24 Allocation: \$6,432,000
FY25 Presidents Budget: \$6,500,000