



US Army Corps  
of Engineers  
St. Louis District

## Native American Graves Protection & Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)

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.

### Operation and Maintenance ()

**Location and Description:** The Mandatory Center of Expertise (MCX) for the Curation and Management of Archaeological 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. MCX CMAC also provides standardized NAGPRA compliance and repatriation for Native American human remains and funerary objects.

- **FY 2016 Allocation** **\$6,690,000**
  - In FY 2016 MCX is implementing an agency-wide collections management plan begun in MVD in 2015 and will continue the VCP. The staffing of veterans is being increased to over 75 individuals at three labs. Two small-scale satellite VCPs have been developed and will each support between two and four veterans. MCX CMAC will continue to assist districts with Native American consultation, NAGPRA compliance documentation, and repatriation.
- **FY 2017 President's Budget** **\$8,000,000** Capability (\$8,000,000)
  - In FY17, MCX will continue the consolidation of collections into fewer repositories and will address the rehabilitation needs of archeological collections through the VCP. The staffing of veterans and the rehabilitation of collections will be further increased with the addition of a fourth VCP lab in the Southwest. The MCX will continue with Native American consultation, NAGPRA compliance documentation, and repatriations.
- **Issues and Other Information:**

The Corps 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 and the largest volume of all federal agencies responsible for this activity, is required by a number of public laws with implementing guidance in 36 CFR Part 79. MCX CMAC provides overall management of the Corps' collections, serves as a centralized base for curation and collections compliance, and manages the rehabilitation of collections through the VCP.



VALUE TO NATION	
Artifacts assessed	46,255 cubic ft.
Records assessed	3,511 linear ft.
Veterans trained and employed since 2009	323 as of May2016
Graduates with permanent employment or return to school	90%
Number of collections processed by VCP	276
Artifacts brought to federal standards by VCP	1,781 cubic ft.
Records brought to federal standards by VCP	151 linear ft.
NAGPRA compliance documents filed	54
Human remains repatriated	961 individuals
Funerary objects and cultural items repatriated	45,847 objects