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# Cultural Resources



The CRM program is responsible for ensuring Fort Hood is in compliance with the Federal Regulations governing cultural properties. These regulations include Sections 106, 110, and 79 of 36 C.F.R., the Native American Graves and Repatriation Act, the Archaeological Resources Protection Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act. Management of cultural resources is guided by Army Regulation 200-4 and implemented with Army Pamphlet 200-4.

The department utilizes advanced technology, including Geographic Information Systems software, the latest in Geographic Positioning System (GPS) field equipment, and detailed digital

databases to provide effective management of cultural resources. The program looks to the future to preserve the past and support the training mission.

Balancing cultural resource stewardship with the mission training requirements of Fort Hood, the Cultural Resource Management Office encompasses a number of activities. Fort Hood cultural properties represent over 10,000 years of human history and include prehistoric rockshelters and camps, historic homesteads and cemeteries, historic military buildings and modern Native American traditional cultural places.

## Cultural Programs

- Prehistoric and Historic Site Evaluations and Assessments
- Site Preservation and Protection Projects
- Cold War Era Structures Study
- Native American Consultation
- Curation Program to Catalog and Preserve Artifacts
- Public Outreach Program for Educating Military and Civilians
- Archaeological Resources Protection Act Program

## Program Activities

 Surveys and Excavations to determine significance of archaeological sites for future preservation and protection.

 Evaluation and Management of Fort Hood's historic structures and buildings.

 Site Protection Program to prevent erosion and avoid damage from training.

 Review proposed construction projects and training activities to ensure protected archaeological sites are not impacted adversely.

 Active enforcement program to prevent looting and vandalism to Fort Hood's archaeological properties.

 Cooperative Agreements with Universities to conduct archaeological projects



## Accomplishments



 **2003 DOD Legacy Grant Award.** Grant project is exploring non-invasive site investigations using new remote sensing and geophysics technology to save money and avoid disturbing sensitive materials, such as Native American burials.

 **2002 E. Mott Davis Award in Public Outreach.** Recognition for an Oral History Project on pre-Fort Hood communities from the Council of Texas Archaeologists.

 **1997 Secretary of the Army Cultural Resource Management Award.** Designated Outstanding Installation program by The Secretary of the Army.

## Future Directions

 Continue to work with the Integrated Training Area Management Program to integrate site preservation and protection projects with planned maintenance and construction activities to maximize training area availability for mission requirements.

 Develop Programmatic Agreements with Tribal Nations on cultural resource issues.

 Expand applications of geographic information systems and database management programs to allow for efficient and detailed archaeological analysis and land management.

 Utilize advanced geophysical technologies such as ground penetrating radar for non-invasive and cost-effective site investigations.

 Complete assessment of prehistoric and historic sites to facilitate training activities.



 Implement a training video on cultural resources for distribution to military units and civilian contractors.



**“To understand a culture you have to understand the past and its contribution to the world” Lt. Col Richard Welch, G-5**

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