



# Cultural Resources *UPDATE*

## WELCOME

### [The Conservation Conference—UPDATE](#)

The registered-attendee list has hit 400! Remember that space is limited, so the conference is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration takes only a few minutes. Thanks to cooperation from the readiness and sustainability counterparts, this will be the largest DoD Conservation Conference to date.

More importantly, the natural resources registrants outnumber the cultural. Register today, and book your hotel reservations, to even the score!

### [The Legacy Resource Management Program](#)

Announcing the formal Request for Proposals (RFP) FY2008! Pre-proposals are **due** just after Labor Day weekend, on **4 September**.

Check out the hot-from-the-presses RFP online at: <http://www.dodlegacy.org/legacy/intro/guidelines.aspx> or [https://www.denix.osd.mil/denix/Public/Library/NCR/legacy\\_rfpannouncement.html?fm-legacy](https://www.denix.osd.mil/denix/Public/Library/NCR/legacy_rfpannouncement.html?fm-legacy)

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## NEWS

### [Marking Their Place in History](#)



EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, FL -- THE MCKINLEY CLIMATIC LAB, ALONG WITH ITS ASSOCIATED BUILDINGS SEEN HERE IN THE BACKGROUND, IS LISTED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES. BUILT IN 1948, IT WAS DESIGNED TO ALLOW ENGINEERS THE ABILITY TO TEST AIRCRAFT AND WEAPONS UNDER EXTREME ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS WITHIN ITS CHAMBERS.

PHOTO AND ARTICLE BY: JERRON BARNETT  
EGLIN ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS

In their continued effort to educate the Eglin populace on the base's early cultural and military history, the Cultural Resources Management branch posted historic markers at three different locations.

One of markers is posted in front the McKinley Climatic Lab. Another one is located in front of the Eglin Law Center building, which is part of the Eglin Field Historic District. Both are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The third marker is located at the east gate visitor center, which briefly recounts Eglin's early history.

The east gate marker was refurbished, having been placed previously. The other two markers were created based on that design. According to Beth Avery, Eglin's historic buildings program manager, these three locations were chosen because they are located in highly visible areas.

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The Eglin Field Historic District contains the largest concentration of standing World War II structures on Eglin. During that period, the buildings served as Eglin's headquarters facility, chapel, and bachelor and visiting officers' quarters. The marker depicts a map of the district's twenty-two associated buildings.

Built in 1948, the McKinley Climatic Lab was designed to allow engineers the ability to test aircraft and weapons under extreme environmental conditions within its chambers. Engineers can simulate rain, snow, ice, dust, sand and extreme hot and cold temperatures inside this unique laboratory. In 1987, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers designated the McKinley Climatic Lab as a National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark.

"If facility managers are aware of these buildings' historic significance, then that should make them pause and seek guidance before making a change to a building," Mark Stanley, Eglin's archaeology program manager said. Facility managers of historic buildings must consult with Eglin's cultural resource managers before altering a building's features, such as doors and windows.

In many, buildings in the historic core have been adaptively reused for current military needs while adhering to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. Eglin cultural resource managers consult with the Florida State Historic Preservation Officer in Tallahassee, FL, to make that possible.

"If budget allows, more historic markers might be posted at other sites, such as the National Register-listed Camp Pinchot Historic District or the Operation Crossbow site," Mr. Stanley said.

"Most people who work in and around these buildings, such as building 2 (Eglin Law Center) probably aren't aware these buildings are on the Register," Ms. Avery said. "We saw it as an educational opportunity."

Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, Eglin's cultural resource managers must ensure the historic feel and look of these buildings and structures are maintained. Eglin currently has 46 buildings that are listed on the National Register and 98 that are eligible. Eglin also has two listed archaeology sites and 450 eligible ones.

For more information about the historic buildings or archaeology programs, please call 850-882-2878 or 850-883-3034.

### AWARD WINNING PRESERVATION WEBSITE

SUBMITTED BY CONSTANCE RAMIEREZ, NPS

In celebration of National Preservation Month, the complete resources of the Historic Preservation Learning Portal were offered to the general public throughout the month of May. The website <http://www.historicpreservation.gov> provides a single access point to acquire information from more than 3,000 sources on historic preservation records, news, training, laws, regulations, policies, case studies, and projects. It was originally designed to supply historic preservation information to 75 different federal, state, local, and tribal agencies.

The Historic Preservation Learning Portal is a co-operative, inter-agency project designed by the National Park Service in partnership with 17 other federal agencies. The portal is the only internet site that can locate and organize cultural resources information from around the world regardless of language or data format. "The portal allows people to learn about similar projects, lessons learned, and best practices before they embark on their own project," says Constance Ramirez, Director of the National Park Service's Federal Preservation Institute. "People no longer have to learn by trial and error when preserving our nation's most significant structures."

The portal received a 2007 Laureate Award by the Computer World Honors Program. The program recognizes organizations and institutions which play a leading role in the world's information technology revolution and create the best global practices. The awards ceremony will occur in early June, where the portal will compete for additional honors.

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### ANNUAL NAVY CRM WORKSHOP

At Naval Station Norfolk May 8-11, the Department of the Navy held their annual CRM workshop. The opening on Tuesday morning hosted the Deputy Undersecretary of Defense (Installations & Environment), Mr. Philp Grone, who spoke on the DoD Cultural Resources perspective; and the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Environment), Mr. Donald Schregardus, who spoke to the Navy Cultural Resources perspective. The workshop featured discussions about progressing projects and new innovations, as well as some expeditions to the various historic districts and museums on NS Norfolk and downtown Norfolk.



### FY 2006 SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

On May 2, the announcement for the annual Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards was released. The Cultural Resources Management awards, for Fiscal Year 2006, go to the installation of Fort Drum, New York and the CRM Mr. Gary M. O'Donnell, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

Congratulations to the award winners! The awards ceremony will take place June 7 at 3:00pm in the Pentagon Auditorium.

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### WE WANT YOU! TO SUBMIT A POSTER

The 2007 Sustaining Military Readiness Conference (Conservation Conference) sponsors invite you to submit abstracts for posters in the topic areas of Cultural Resources.

Posters should be relevant to topics discussed at the conference, and should reflect information relevant to DoD but may not necessarily have been collected on or in association with a DoD installation. All abstracts are due by **15 June 2007**.

For more information on submitting an abstract, please visit [http://www.sustainingmilitaryreadiness2007.com/Agenda/C\\_all\\_for\\_Posters/index.cfm?ID=17](http://www.sustainingmilitaryreadiness2007.com/Agenda/C_all_for_Posters/index.cfm?ID=17).

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### PRESERVE AMERICA GRANTS: ROUND 2

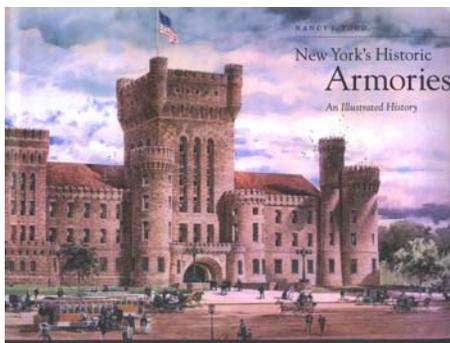
Grant Applications are now available to assist local communities in finding self-sustaining ways to promote their cultural resources through heritage tourism. Application deadline **29 June 2007**.

Application available at: [www.cr.nps.gov/hps/preserveamerica](http://www.cr.nps.gov/hps/preserveamerica) or by calling 202-354-2020.

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### AUTHOR WINS AWARD FOR ARMORIES PROJECT

Nancy L. Todd is a recipient of the 2007 Excellence in Historic Preservation Award for her work on the FY1994 Legacy Project, *New York's Historic Armories: An Illustrated History* (SUNY Press, 2006). The award is given out yearly by the Preservation League of New York State. Congratulations, Nancy!



### VISITORS FIND INSIGHT, INSPIRATION AT IRAQ HISTORICAL SITE

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An oasis can be more than water and trees, especially when it rests in the shade of 4,000 years of historical and religious tradition.

Visitors, many with religious study groups, regularly come out to the area of green known as Abraham's Oasis. The site lies in the wadi, or valley, that now holds much of Al Asad Air Base, Iraq.

"This whole area is the third most holy site in Islam," said Chaplain (Maj.) Daniel R. Petsch, of the 593rd Corps Support Group.

According to the Quran and Arabic legend, the oasis served as the campsite of Abraham, patriarch of the Israelites, during his journey from the city of Ur to Canaan, Petsch said. He added that the village was then named Eyen Al Asad, or "Spring of the Lion."

"It was a long journey for him to make it to the Promised Land," he said. "It was more than a 1,000-mile road march." While the Bible doesn't mention the oasis, the location would make sense, since it is more than likely that Abraham would have traveled along the Fertile Crescent as he headed north from Ur, Petsch said.

"It would be a very logical place to stop," he said. "It's very possible Abraham was standing on the very ground we stand on today."

Petsch said the site had been neglected and was filled with litter and debris until about two years ago, when it became the subject of a large cleanup effort led by Navy Chaplain (Lt.) John Logan.

The oasis, fed by an underground spring, now teems with life, including ducks, turtles, fish and snakes. Nearby is a graveyard for soldiers who died during the seven-year war between Iraq and Iran.

Access to the oasis is now restricted to groups escorted by one of the 15 chaplains on base, who use it as an example of locations visited by biblical figures. Those who go to such places receive insight into the stories they read in scriptures, Petsch said. "This kind of puts things into perspective," he said.

Chaplains have to correct many who confuse Abraham's Oasis with Abraham's Well, the site at Beersheba where he dug a well to establish land ownership.

Meanwhile, the military and the chaplains act as stewards for the popular site. "I think if we see something that needs to be done out here, we would do it," he said. "We feel responsible for it."

# DENIX

DENIX is a great website full of interesting and valuable information on cultural resource management. It also contains many of the reports funded by Legacy.

## FACT SHEETS:

[OCONUS Data Layer for Cultural Resources: A Feasibility Study \(Legacy Project 05-266\)](#)

## GIS:

[OCONUS Data Layer for Cultural Resources: A Feasibility Study \(Legacy Project 05-266\)](#)

- Report
- Slideshow

## PROGRAM ALTERNATIVES:

- [Program Comment For World War II And Cold War Era \(1939 - 1974\) Ammunition Storage Facilities](#)
- [Program Comment For Cold War Era \(1946 - 1974\) Unaccompanied Personnel Housing](#)
- [Program Comment For World War II And Cold War Era \(1939 - 1974\) Army Ammunition Production Facilities](#)
- [Program Comments for Navy and Air Force Capehart and Wherry-Era \(1949-1962\) Housing](#)
- [Program Comment for Army Capehart and Wherry-Era \(1949-1962\) Housing](#)

Be sure to check the other CR pages: [Archaeology](#), [BRAC](#), [Cold War](#), [Curation](#), [Guidance Documents](#), [Historic Preservation](#), [Historic Contexts](#), [Links](#), [Military Museums](#), [National Historic Landmarks](#), [Native Americans](#), [Workshops/Conferences/Presentations](#), [Preserve America](#), and [Underwater Archaeology](#).

## CORPS OF ENGINEERS HISTORY OFFICE COLLECTION OF PLANS AND DRAWINGS

The Office of History, Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, has a rich and valuable collection of plans and drawings for Army and Air Force facilities from the interwar period to the 1970s. This collection of almost 40,000 images is stored on 105mm slides. The slides are filed by the number of the drawing, such as 608-204, a plan for a War Department theater dated March 1932. 608-24 is the right side elevation, 608-205 is the left side elevation, and 608-206 is a section. The office has a finding aid for the collection organized by type of facility, but the finding aid is not entirely reliable. The most reliable method for accessing the drawings is the number. While the collection has always been somewhat difficult to use, the advent of digital scanning technology has greatly facilitated reproducing the drawings. Because the collection is large and imperfectly indexed, researchers must use the collection at the history office. Our research collections are open by appointment only and are located on a secure Defense Department facility in Alexandria, VA. To make an appointment, please contact the Historian/Archivist, Office of History, HQUSACE, 7701 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA 22315-3865.

## IFRI: AN INFORMAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION



**What is It?** The top photograph is an aerial from 1948 showing what are believed to be World War II training trenches at the Presidio of San Francisco. The trenches remain visible today in the lower photo and are thought to have been associated with training medical personnel to respond to mustard agent in the field.

**The Issue at Hand:** The Presidio Trust (the federal agency now managing the former Army Post) is looking for information regarding documentation, evaluation, preservation, and interpretation of 20<sup>th</sup> century military training trenches in CONUS for the National Register of Historic Places, either as archaeological resources or cultural landscape features. This area is scheduled for native plant revegetation.

**What You Can Do To Help:** Do you have similar resources which have been documented or evaluated for the National Register of Historic Places? Do you have other archival information about the construction or use of these trenches? Do you know the location of any military training maps, reports or manuals specific to the Presidio of San Francisco? Do you know of any efforts to preserve and/or interpret training trenches? Please send responses to: [sosborn@presidiotrust.gov](mailto:sosborn@presidiotrust.gov)

Thank you to everyone who sent in information about last month's IFRI at Fort Lewis. Keep your eyes peeled for more interesting or curious structures!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### REACHING AND WRITING AGREEMENT UNDER SECTION 106

PLACE: PORTLAND, OREGON  
DATE: 5-17 JUNE 2007

### ISSUES IN SECTION 106: AN ADVANCED SEMINAR

PLACE: DENVER, COLORADO  
DATE: 14-15 AUGUST 2007

### ACHP: SECTION 106 ESSENTIALS

PLACE: BOISE, IDAHO & NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
DATE: 12-13 JUNE 2007 & 10-11 JULY 2007

### CEMETERY MONUMENT CONSERVATION BASICS

PLACE: SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS  
DATE: 16 JUNE 2007

### GREEN STRATEGIES FOR HISTORIC BUILDINGS

PLACE: DENVER, COLORADO  
DATE: 21 JUNE 2007

### HISTORIC STRUCTURES REPORT: A MANAGEMENT TOOL FOR HISTORIC PROPERTIES AND PRESERVATION MAINTENANCE: UNDERSTANDING AND PRESERVING

HISTORIC BUILDINGS  
PLACE: MOUNT CARROLL, ILLINOIS  
DATE: 12-14 JULY 2007

### INTRODUCTION TO CULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LAWS AND REGULATIONS

PLACE: SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA  
DATE: 17-19 JULY 2007

### 2007 SUSTAINING MILITARY READINESS CONFERENCE

PLACE: ORLANDO, FLORIDA  
DATE: 30 JULY- 3 AUGUST

### NATIONAL PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

PLACE: SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA  
DATE: 2-6 OCTOBER 2007

### MARITIME HERITAGE CONFERENCE 2007

PLACE: SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA  
DATE: 9-12 OCTOBER 2007

### TRADITIONAL BUILDING EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE

PLACE: NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA  
DATE: 17-20 OCTOBER 2007

### CEMETERY MONUMENT CONSERVATION WORKSHOP

PLACE: PENSACOLA, FLORIDA  
DATE: 23-25 OCTOBER 2007

### THE ASSOCIATION FOR PRESERVATION TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL: OLD WORLD TECHNOLOGIES

ADAPTING IN THE NEW WORLD  
PLACE: SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO  
DATE: 3-7 NOVEMBER 2007

### SERDP/ESTCP PARTNERS IN ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY TECHNICAL SYMPOSIUM & WORKSHOP

PLACE: WASHINGTON, DC  
DATE: 4-6 DECEMBER 2007

## MILITARY MUSEUM HIGHLIGHT

GREAT LAKES NAVAL MUSEUM



Picture from museum website.

Located at the Illinois-based Naval Station Great Lakes, in the Camp Barry area of the Naval Training Center, the Great Lakes Naval Museum hosts some motivating exhibits.

Museum exhibits focus on Navy recruit training and the expanding role of women in the military. Artifacts regularly available to view include uniforms, photographs, and items that depict the life and training of a United States Navy Sailor. Some items of note are information about women serving in the First World War, World War II recruitment pamphlets for WAVES and SPARS, information about WAVE training, and more.

The museum hours are Friday 1:00pm to 4:00pm, Saturday and Sunday 7:00am to 3:00pm. Admission is free, but non-military members will need to be sponsored to come aboard base. Groups are requested to make arrangements ahead of time.

The museum is also looking for more information on a handful of topics. Do you have information or artifacts to share on: WWI Yeomen, Rooster Flags, stories of minorities serving in the US Navy during WWII, and issues of Great Lakes Recruit Magazine between 1915-1917?

For more information about exhibits, reservations, or to share information, please visit:

<http://www.nsgreatlakes.navy.mil/museum/>

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ARTICLES, COURSES, OR CONFERENCE  
INFORMATION PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS  
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