



# Cultural Resources Management in the Department of Defense

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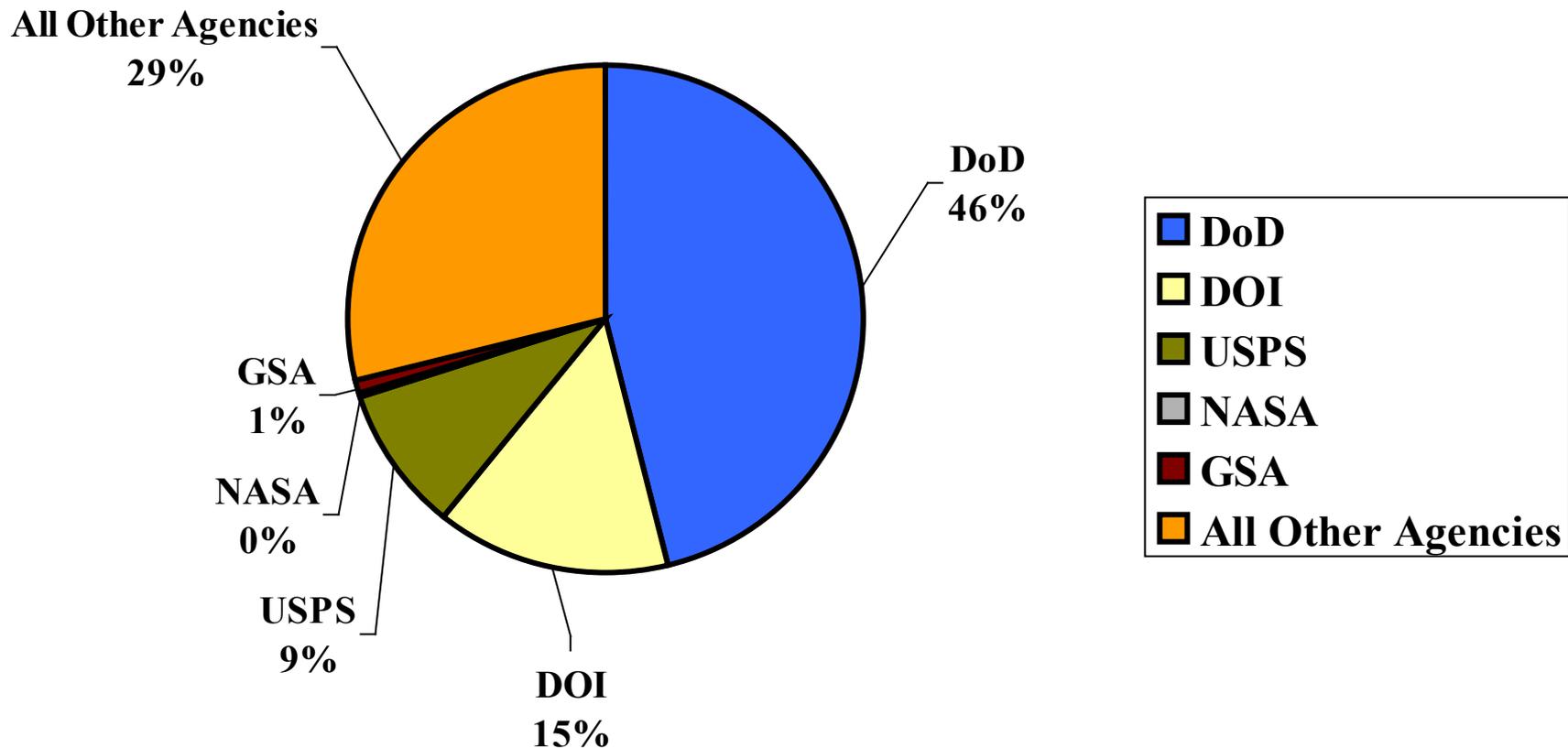
- 32 million acres
  - The Corps of Engineers has an additional 11 million acres
- More than 577, 500 facilities (buildings, structures, and linear structures)
  - Located on more than 3,700 sites
  - Plant Replacement Value of \$712 Billion
- 1.3 million active duty military
- 678,000 civil service employees
- Operate in
  - all 50 States,
  - seven U.S. territories
  - more than 163 countries





# Federal Real Property Profile

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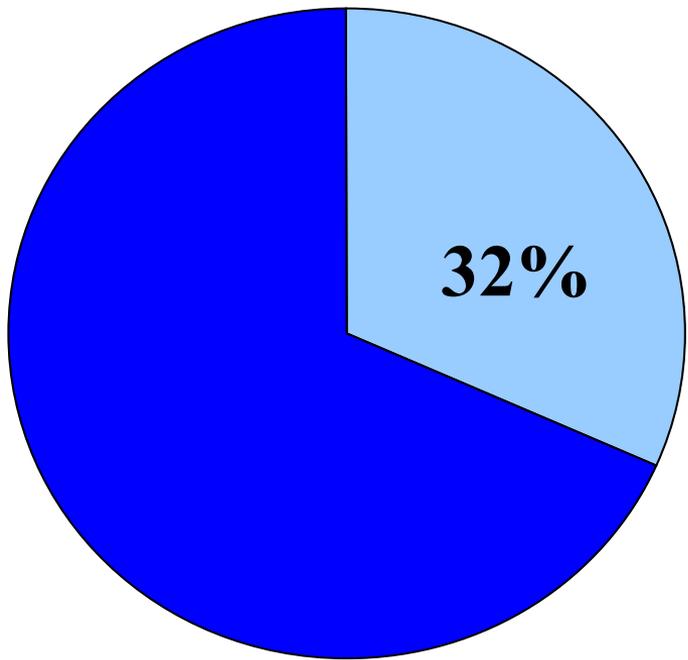
# DoD's Aging Building Inventory

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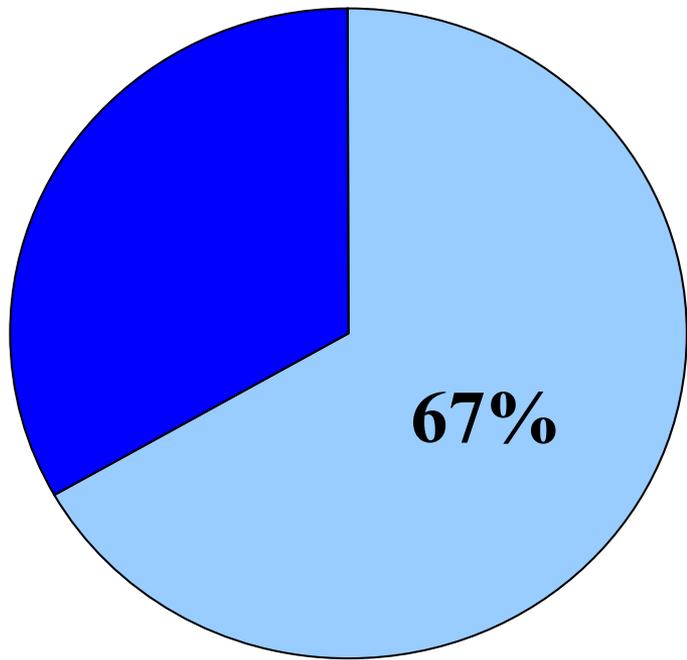
**344,950 Buildings in the DoD Inventory**

**Today**

**2025**



Over 50 Years Old  
Under 50 Years Old



Over 50 Years Old  
Under 50 Years Old



# DoD's Historic Properties

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- The DoD manages 32 million acres of land. Additionally, the Army Corps manages 11 million acres of water and related lands – containing:
  - 71 National Historic Landmarks
  - 600 entries on the National Register of Historic Places, encompassing over 19,000 historic properties
  - Many more determined Eligible for Listing



# Vision for the Future

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- DoD cultural resources are assets, connecting our fighting men and women with their proud history and traditions.
- We will continue to promote and interpret the resources under our care, both to inspire our personnel and to encourage and maintain the American public's support for its military.
- DoD's cultural resources are mission supporting. The Department will continue to use and maintain Historic Properties as appropriate for their mission use.
- These Historic Properties broadly represent the full scope of history found on DoD installations.
- These historic properties can be and are mission supporting assets. There is great potential for adaptive reuse.



# Integration with DoD Mission

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- Vision – DoD's cultural resources are mission supporting.
- Goal – Manage historic properties, archaeological resources, Native American, and other cultural assets to support missions and for the benefit of future generations.





# Defense Installations Strategic Plan

## Cultural Resources

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***Maintain and preserve historic properties, archaeological resources, Native American, and other cultural assets as required by law and for the benefit of future generations.***

- 50% of real property inventory records will accurately identify historic properties and their quality (2005).
- 100% of real property inventory records will accurately identify historic properties and their quality (2006).
- 100% of archaeological resources, Native American and other cultural assets will be accurately inventoried and quality ratings established in the real property inventories (2007).
- Develop standards to ensure that the possible presence of archaeological resources, Native American and other cultural assets are modeled, inventoried, and managed in close integration with project and operations planning (FY 2006).
- 100% of ICRMPs are completed or reviewed and updated annually as required by law and DoD policy (measure applies each fiscal year).
- 100% of ICRMPs will be current and implemented, in consultation and partnership with State Historic Preservation Officers and other appropriate consulting parties (FY 2008).



# Draft Update - Defense Installations Strategic Plan Cultural Resources

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Outcome: The Department will have a complete inventory of known historic properties in order to ensure these assets are properly managed and protected.

Measures:

- 100% of real property inventory records will accurately identify historic properties and their quality. (Annually)
- 100% of DoD managed lands will be accurately inventoried for archaeological resources, Native American and other cultural assets. (2009)

Outcome: The Military Departments will have Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plans (ICRMPs) that identify and include management strategies for all cultural resources.

Measures:

- 100% of ICRMPs will be current as required by DoD policy. (Annually).
- 100% of ICRMPs will be current and implemented, in consultation and partnership with State Historic Preservation Officers and other appropriate consulting parties. (2008)

Outcome: The Military Departments will manage cultural resource assets efficiently and in full compliance with all legal requirements.

Measures:

- Analyze the Real Property Inventory to determine percentage of historic buildings/structures either vacant or underutilized and develop a utilization plan. (2008)
- 10% of remaining collections and associated records not curated in accordance with 36 CFR Part 79 included in a plan for compliant curation. (Annually)

Outcome: Improved availability of information about the Department's National Historic Landmarks.

Measures:

- Disseminate interpretive material for all NHL available to the general public. (2008)



# Proposed Cultural Resources Policy

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Manage and maintain cultural resources under DoD control through a comprehensive program that considers the preservation of historic, archaeological, architectural, and cultural values; is mission supporting; and results in sound and responsible stewardship. The Department of Defense will promote and interpret the cultural resources under its care to inspire our personnel and to encourage and maintain U.S. public support for its military.

- Ensure that readiness, sustainability, and cost-effectiveness policies and the military mission are facilitated through the maximum continued and adaptive use of cultural resources.
- Be an international and national leader in the stewardship of cultural resources in our trust.
- Integrate the DoD cultural resources program with mission activities, including environmental and planning programs.
- Maintain a program to preserve the fabric, systems, and historic character and function of real property assets under DoD jurisdiction in a sustainable manner that supports the military mission and promotes the quality of life and work of the occupants and employees.
- Use Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plans as DoD's instrument for compliance with the statutory management requirements of the applicable references of this issuance.
- Maintain complete, current information on known cultural resources.

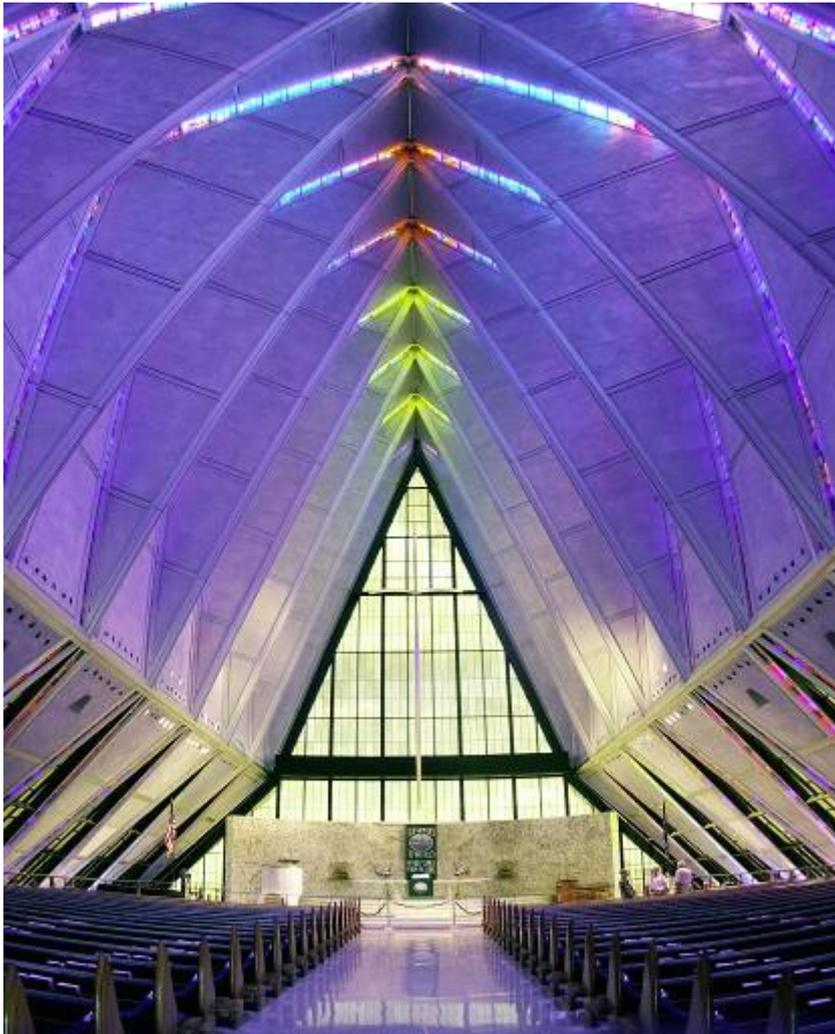




# Proposed Cultural Resources Policy

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Consult in good faith with internal and external stakeholders and promote partnerships.

- Manage and maintain cultural resources by developing and fostering positive partnerships with Federal, Tribal, State, and local government agencies; professional and advocacy organizations; and the general public.
- Build stable and enduring relationships with Federally-recognized Indian tribes, Alaska Native entities, and Native Hawaiian organizations related to undertakings that may have the potential to affect cultural resources of interest to these groups.
- Promote partnerships with communities to increase opportunities for public benefit from, and access to, DoD cultural resources, taking into account mission activities, sustainability, safety and security issues, and fiscal soundness.
- Adopt innovative approaches to allow access to information as a means to create heritage tourism opportunities.



# DoD and Program Alternatives to 36CFR800

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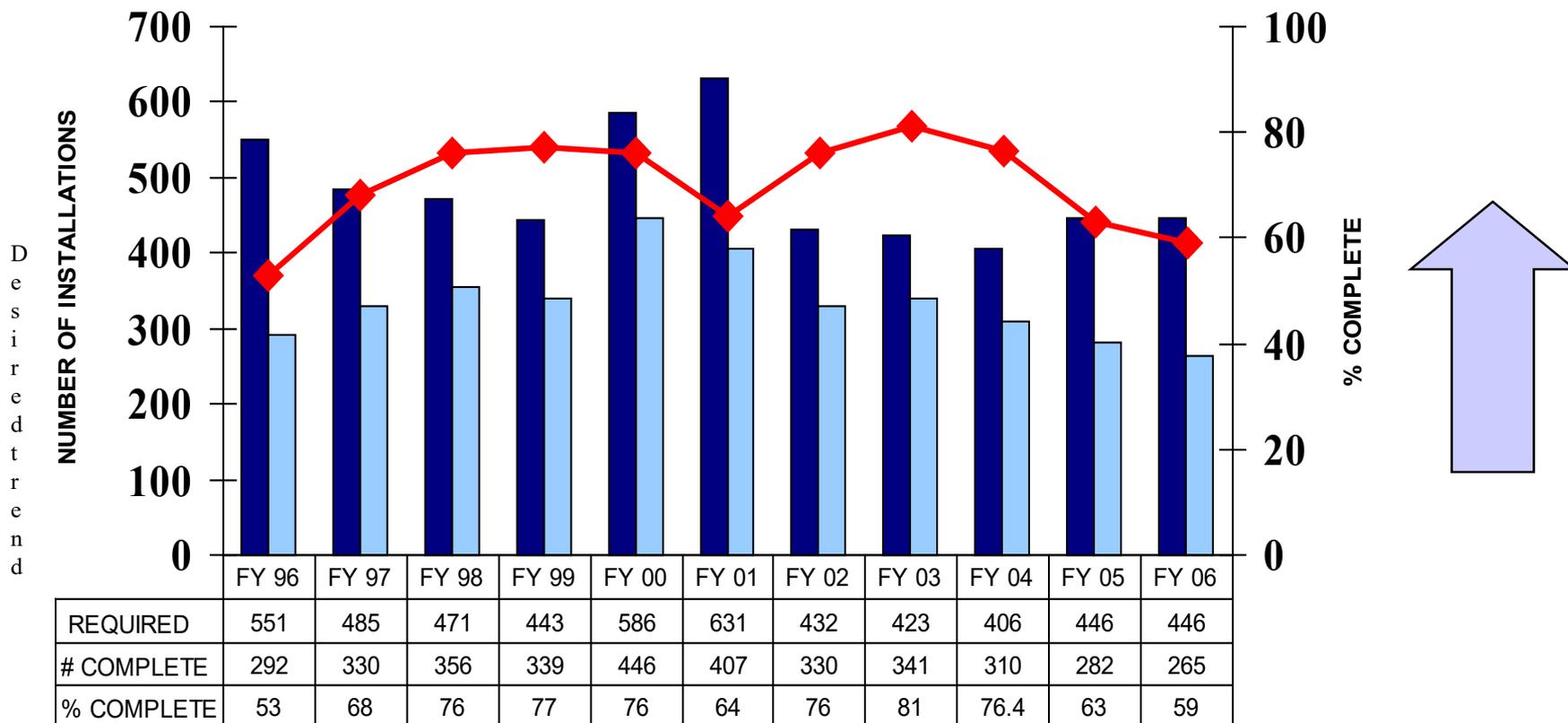
## *Develop a full suite of program alternatives to case-by-case 106, in consultation with stakeholders.*

- Standard Treatments – in progress discussion with NPS, NCSHPO, ACHP Staff (Navy lead)
- Program Comments:
  - Unaccompanied Personnel Housing – 4,500 buildings (2006)
  - Ammunition Storage – 29,000 buildings (2006)
  - Ammunition Manufacturing Plants (Army only) – almost 11,000 buildings (2006)
  - Capehart-Wherry Housing: Navy – 24,000 units and  
Air Force – almost 38,000 units (2004)
  - Capehart-Wherry Housing: Army – 20,000 units (2002)
- Army Alternate Procedures (program started 2002):
  - Fort Benning, GA (certified 2006)
  - Fort Sam Houston, TX (certified 2006)
- Navy Ships – Tailored process (in development)



# Historic Building Inventories

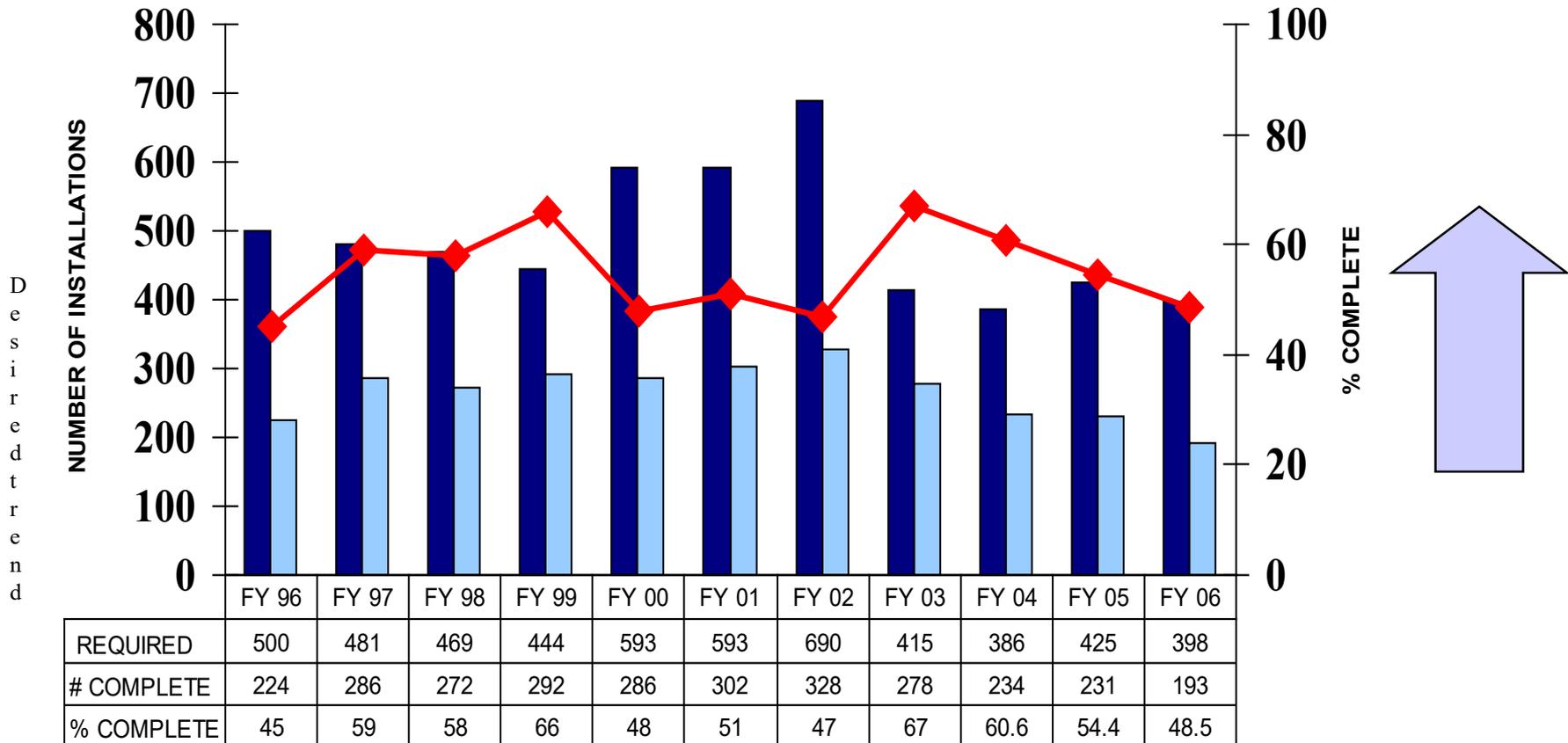
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# Archeological Inventories

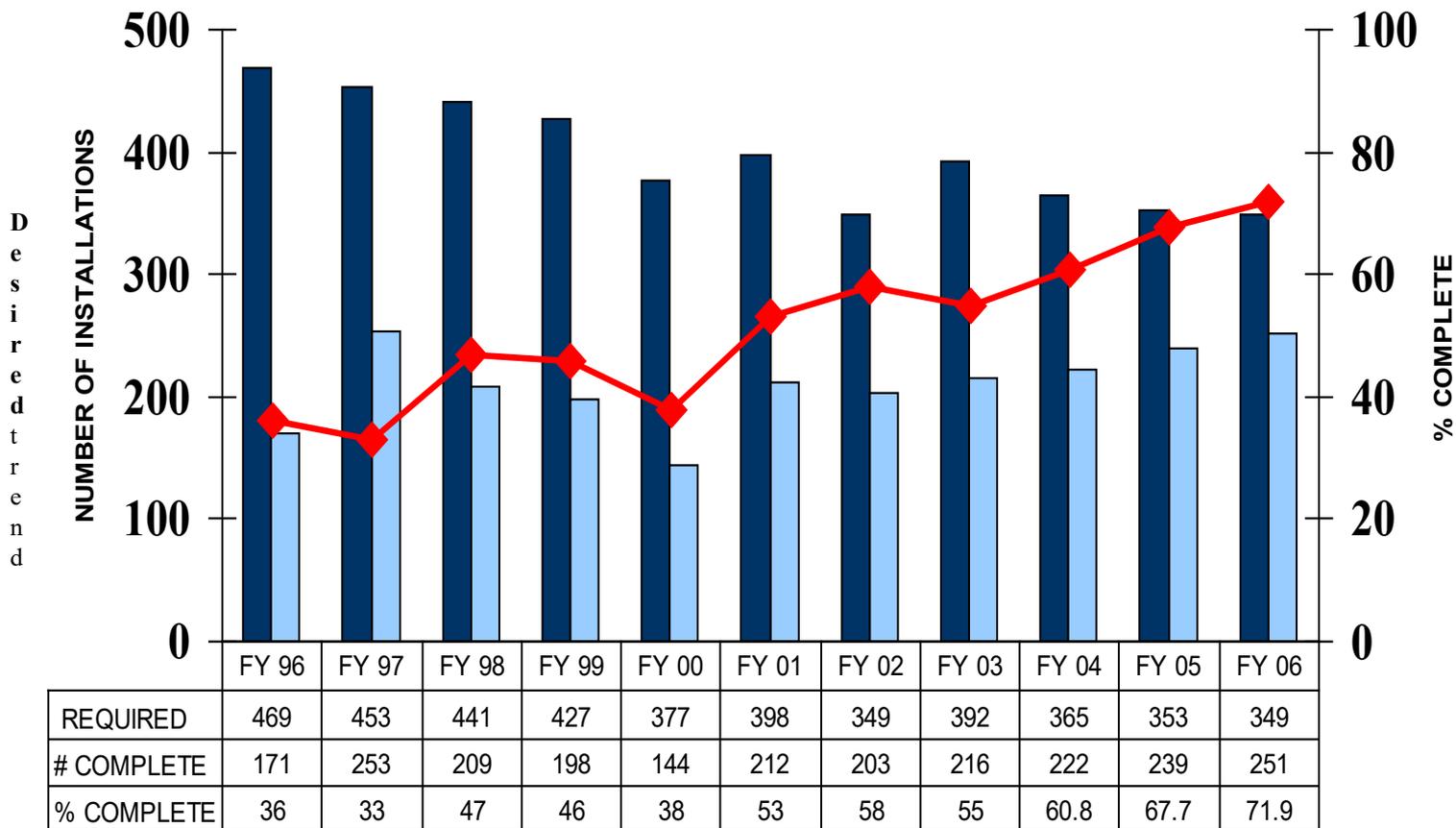
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# Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plans

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# Federal Real Property Inventory

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- Executive Order 13327, Federal Real Property Asset Management, February 2004
  - Policy – Promote the efficient and economical use of real property assets
  - Requires each Federal Agency to report annually to General Service Administration all real property assets
- Federal Real Property Council established 23 mandatory data elements
- Historical Status -- Land, buildings and structures (owned and leased) will have one of the following attributes
  - National Historic Landmark (NHL)
  - National Register Listed (NRL)
  - National Register Eligible (NRE)
  - Non-contributing element of NHL/NRL district
  - Not Evaluated
  - Evaluated, Not Historic



# New Metrics

## Health of the Inventory

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### Historic Buildings and Structures – Built Infrastructure

- Goal – Historic buildings and structures are maintained in good condition and used to support mission needs. For full analysis, compare to non-historic buildings and structures.
- Metrics:
  - Percent of historic properties that are utilized or over-utilized.
  - Percent of historic properties that have a high facility physical quality code (based on Condition Index).
  - Percent of historic buildings or structures used to support mission needs.
  - Demolition of historic buildings or structures.



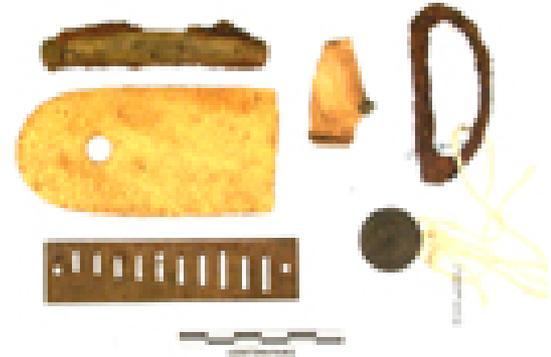
# New Metrics

## Health of the Inventory

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### Curation of Archaeological Collections and Associated Records

- Goal: Archaeological collections and associated records are curated in accordance with 36 CFR 79.
  - Total volume less volume curated should be less than or equal to the volume acquired during the previous FY.
- Metric:
  - Cubic Feet of collections curated to 36 CFR 79
  - Linear Feet of associated records curated to 36 CFR 79





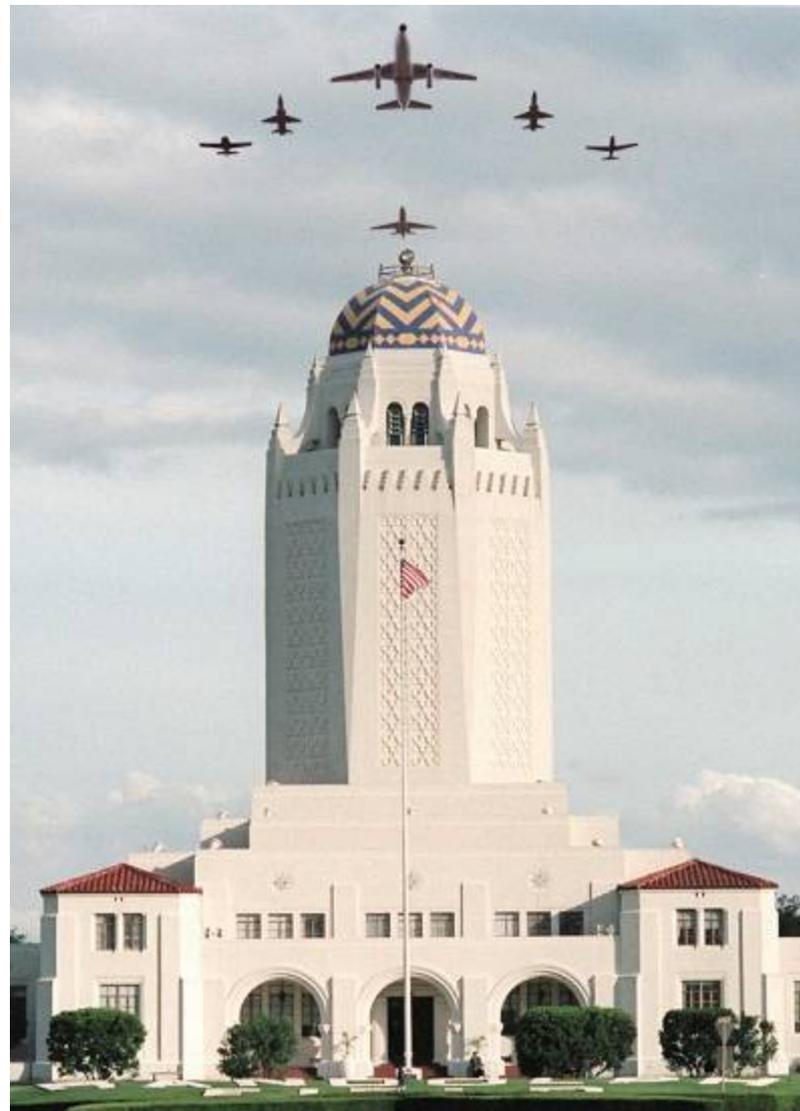
# New Metrics

## Health of the Cultural Resources Program

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### Inventory and Evaluation of Historic Properties (Real Property Assets)

- Goal – All real property inventory records will accurately identify historic properties (real property assets).
- Metric – Percent of real property assets with the appropriate Historical Status Data Element Code, compared to “Not Yet Evaluated” (NEV).





# New Metrics

## Health of the Cultural Resources Program

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### Inventory of Historic Properties (Archaeological Sites)

- Goal – All DoD-managed lands that are available for survey are surveyed for archaeological assets and have the information readily available to support the process directed by section 106.
- Metric – Percent of DoD-managed lands (available for survey) surveyed for archaeological sites.

#### “Available for Survey”

All DoD-managed lands, excluding

- impact areas;
- lands under water that are always at least 5 feet deep on a year-round basis; and
- danger zones as defined in 33 CFR 334.



# New Metrics

## Health of the Cultural Resources Program

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### Evaluation of Historic Properties (Archaeological Sites)

- Goal – All installations will have fully identified and evaluated archaeological sites within the area of potential effects (APE) and have the information available for installation planners prior to the initiation of military construction (MILCON)-related ground disturbing activities or construction.
- Metric – Percent of MILCON-related ground disturbing activities for which archaeological sites have been fully identified and evaluated prior to initiation of the MILCON activity





# New Metrics

## Health of the Cultural Resources Program

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### Geographic Information System (GIS)

- Goal – All installations with cultural resources will have information available in a GIS.
- Metrics
  - DoD-managed acres, by DoD Component, available for survey and surveyed for archaeological sites for which information is available through a GIS.
  - Historic properties (real property assets) for which information is available through a GIS.



# New Metrics

## Health of the Cultural Resources Program

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### Integrated Cultural Resource Management Plans

- Goal – All installations with cultural resources will complete and update ICRMPs as per this policy. In addition, all ICRMPs will be current and implemented in consultation with:
  - State Historic Preservation officers,
  - Tribal Historic Preservation officers, and
  - other appropriate consulting parties.
- Metrics –
  - Percent of total ICRMPs, by DoD Component, complete
  - Percent of total ICRMPs, by DoD Component, developed in consultation.



# New Metrics

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### Public Access to Cultural Resource Information

- Goal – All installations with cultural resources will have a public outreach program.
- Metric – Percent of installations with cultural resources that have public web sites and/or tour programs.





## Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards (SFFAS) 29 Heritage Assets and Stewardship Land

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15. Heritage assets are property, plant and equipment (PP&E) that are unique for one or more of the following reasons:

- historical or natural significance,
- cultural, educational, or artistic (e.g., aesthetic) importance; or
- significant architectural characteristics.

Heritage assets consist of (1) collection type heritage assets, such as objects gathered and maintained for exhibition, for example, museum collections, art collections, and library collections; and (2) non-collection-type heritage assets, such as parks, memorials, monuments, and buildings.

16. Heritage assets are generally expected to be preserved indefinitely. One example of evidence that a particular asset is heritage in nature is that it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



# DoD Heritage Asset Reporting

## Determining What is “Material”

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- It is a matter of professional judgment and is influenced by perception of:
  - the information necessary to demonstrate accountability for HA,
  - the needs of a reasonable person who will rely on the principal financial statements, and
  - cost-benefit justifications.
- Factors to be considered, whether:
  - the asset categories are viewed as “important to the nation” or to the mission of the entity
  - the assets are “visible, vulnerable, or controversial”
  - the entity has significant operations, programs or activities related to the management of the Heritage Assets
  - Heritage Assets have characteristics or qualities that have widespread interest to the public
  - Heritage Assets have been subject to media attention or public controversy



# DoD Heritage Asset Reporting

## Determining What is “Material”

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- There are *two* fundamental values that provide the foundation for governmental accounting and financial reporting: “accountability” and its corollary, “decision usefulness.”
- The accountability concept of materiality considers the information needed to answer such questions as:
  - Are the assets important to the entity’s mission or to the Nation?
  - Are the assets highly visible, vulnerable, or controversial?
  - Is the government effectively managing and safeguarding assets?
- Decision Usefulness -- Financial reporting should provide information that is useful in making rational investment, credit, and similar decisions.



# DoD Heritage Asset Reporting

## Other Factors Considered

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- How are we making investment and management decisions?
- What are our existing data collection systems?
- What documentation exists to support categorization decisions?
- Would an auditor understand the category and be able to track the documentation?
- Would a Cultural Resource professional understand the category?
- Were definitions clear enough for consistent reporting?
- Would categories be consistent with the program direction?



# DoD Heritage Asset Reporting Table

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<b>HERITAGE ASSETS</b>					
<b>For Fiscal Year Ended September XXCY</b>					
<b>(a)</b>	<b>(b)</b>	<b>(c)</b>	<b>(d)</b>	<b>(e)</b>	<b>(f)</b>
<b>Heritage Asset Categories</b>	<b>Measurement Quantity</b>	<b>As of 10/01/CY</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Deletions</b>	<b>As of 9/30/CY</b>
<b>Buildings &amp; Structures</b>	<b>Each</b>				
<b>Archeological Sites</b>	<b>Sites</b>				
<b>Museum Collection Items (Objects, Not Including Fine Art)</b>	<b>Each</b>				
<b>Museum Collection Items (Fine Art)</b>	<b>Each</b>				



# Future Initiatives

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- Develop Guidance on Historic Properties & Foot Print Reduction (Building Disposal)
- Establish DoD Cultural Resources Spatial Data Standards
- Develop Guidance on Historic Properties and Green Building



# Access to Information

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Cultural Resources			
Historic Contexts			
Document Title	Project Fact Sheet	Document Type/Link	Document Date
DoD Cultural Resource Publications			
Context, Inventory, Camps on DoD (05-256)			



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## Cultural Resources UPDATE

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WELCOME NEWS

<https://www.denix.osd.mil/denix/Public/Library/NCR/about.html>

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### Conferences, Presentations and Workshops

#### Conferences

Information concerning the 2007 Sustaining Military Readiness through Conservation, Compatible Land Use and Encroachment Mitigation may be found online at [www.SustainingMilitaryReadiness2007.com](http://www.SustainingMilitaryReadiness2007.com).

DoD Military Museums

Military museums are a valuable resource for current and future generations. The 84 Department of Defense (DoD) museums maintain some of the finest historical artifacts and collections depicting our Nation's colorful military history, which serve to both instruct and inspire DoD personnel and encourage and maintain the same commitment to our military. Military museums facilitate collection and display of memorabilia, artifacts, ceremonial gifts, uniforms, and flags from the history of the military Departments, military campaigns and conflicts.

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### Archaeology

Document Title	Project Fact Sheet	Document Type/Link	Document Date
The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's new "Policy Statement Regarding Treatment of Burial Sites, Human Remains and Funerary		<a href="#">HTML</a>	2007

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### Program Alternatives

[Description of Program Alternatives](#)

[Alternate Procedures](#)

The United States Army received authorization from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) to pursue implementation of Army Alternate Procedures (AAP) in 2001. Two installations, Fort Sam Houston, Texas and Fort Benning, Georgia received certification of their AAP Historic Properties Components from the ACHP in 2006.

Notice of Approval of the Army Alternate Procedures (Federal Register Notice), April 16, 2004. [\(PDF\)](#)

[Supporting Documents](#)

[Nationwide Programmatic Agreements](#)

[Exempted Categories](#)

[Standard Treatments](#)

[Program Comments](#)

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# DoD Cultural Resources Program

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- DoD's rich heritage is embodied in military history and traditions
- The most efficient and effective way to manage our historic properties is with active, analytical, integrated policy and procedures
- Cultural Resources are assets, not liabilities, and should be managed as such

