



Proposed Land Acquisition/Airspace Establishment in Support of Large-Scale MAGTF Live Fire and Maneuver Training

Fact Sheet – MCAGCC Cultural Resources

**Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command
Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center
Twentynine Palms, CA**

The Project Fact Sheets offer a focused way to provide easily accessible, wide-spread distribution of Project information. They augment the regular updating of Project public documents carried on MCAGCC's Proposed Land Acquisition Study webpage. Please see these other Project documents for an overview and key background information.

Protecting the Cultural Resources on Board MCAGCC

- The Cultural Resources program aboard the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC) is responsible for protecting the installation's prehistoric and historic sites.
- There are over 1,700 recorded archeological sites on the base. These include prehistoric tool-stone quarries, lithic scatters, habitation sites, rock features, rock art, and rock shelters.
- There are hundreds of recorded historic sites on the base. These include sites related to mining, ranching, homesteading, and military use in the southern Mojave Desert.
- Approximately 42 percent of the Combat Center has been inventoried for cultural resources. Nearly all of the lands suitable for military maneuver have been surveyed.



Examples of Native American Rock Art

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- Data collected from some of the archaeological sites indicate that Native Americans have lived in the area for at least 10,000 years.
- In a setting with controlled temperature and humidity, MCAGCC's Curation Facility houses artifacts, fossils, reports, photos, maps, and field notes.
- The installation consults with the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe, the Colorado River Indian Tribes, the Twentynine Palms Band of Mission Indians, the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians on cultural issues involving the heritage of these tribes.
- Cultural resources management and protection are fully integrated into the operations and training programs of the Marine Corps. Cultural resources on Marine Corps lands are managed through the implementation of an Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan (ICRMP).
- Relic hunting is illegal on all Federal property. Civil and felony criminal penalties apply per the Archaeological Resources Protection Act.



Condor Field, Twentynine Palms, California, circa 1943. Only remnants of the airfield remain.



Unidentified student pilot preparing for glider flight training at Condor Field.

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