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Corps seeks additional community members to serve on Shumaker Advisory Board

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is seeking additional members of the community who are interested in volunteering their time to serve on a Restoration Advisory Board for the former Shumaker Naval Ammunition Depot.

Between 1944 and 1957, the U.S. Navy operated Shumaker Naval Ammunition Depot to manufacture, test, store, distribute and destroy ammunition, bombs, explosives and rockets. The property was sold to private owners from 1959 through 1961.

The former depot is eligible for environmental investigation and cleanup assistance under the Formerly Used Defense Sites program. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the agency responsible for conducting environmental restoration work under the FUDS program.

The Corps established a RAB in April 2000 to enable people who live or work close to the former ammunition depot to have input into the decision-making process for the Corps' investigation and



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cleanup of ordnance and explosives left from the Navy's use of the site. There are several openings on the current RAB, and the Corps is trying to fill them with people from a variety of backgrounds in the community to give as many people as possible a voice in the process.

Current community members of the RAB include John Gavagnini, Robert Holyfield, Rick Mounts, Dr. Robert Nunnally, Thomas Ransom, Gary Smith and Dan Keithly. In addition, the following government representatives serve on the RAB: Rob Wilkinson, EPA Region 6; Shannon Miller, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality; and Margaret Morehead, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Little Rock District.

RAB members serve without compensation and are expected to attend regular meetings. Their duties include reviewing and commenting on plans and reports, discussing key issues, recommending

(See "Community members," on back.)

Take precautions if you find ordnance

- Assume the ordnance is dangerous.
- Don't touch or disturb it in any way.
- Note the location and leave the area immediately.
- Contact local law enforcement (sheriff's office), and they will arrange to safely investigate and remove the ordnance.

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priorities, giving advice on the investigations and cleanup, acting as a community resource and liaison and suggesting improvements.

All RAB meetings are open to the public and advertised in the legal notices portion of several local newspapers. Five meetings have been held since the RAB was established, and the next RAB meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. June 19 at the Ross Center, 746 California Ave., in Camden.

In addition to coordinating activities with the RAB, the Corps will keep the public informed about its activities at the former naval ammunition depot through fact sheets that are mailed to local residents, press releases to the media and opportunities for the public to review documents that have been prepared.

Applications for RAB membership will be accepted through June 15.

Spotlight on helpful web sites

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District **<http://www.swl.usace.army.mil>**

This is the homepage for the Little Rock District, the local Corps of Engineers district managing studies at the former Shumaker Naval Ammunition Depot. This site gives you a good overview of the Little Rock District.

There is a section dedicated to Formerly Used Defense Site work. From the front page, click on the Index button, then click on the letter "S." It will drop you down to the topic listings where you can select Shumaker NAD. You also can reach it by typing in www.swl.usace.army.mil/projmgmt/fuds.html.

This site will change and expand as the project at Shumaker continues. Minutes from the RAB meeting will be posted here as well as the most up-to-date information about the project.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntsville Center **<http://www.hnd.usace.army.mil>**

This is the homepage for the Corps' Center of

Expertise located in Huntsville, Alabama. For Ordnance and Explosives work, from the front page, click on major programs then click on ordnance and explosives.

Project Information Retrieval System: **<http://pirs.mvr.usace.army.mil/>**

This is the address for the Project Information Retrieval System. The system is maintained by Rock Island District and it allows real-time retrieval of documents generated by the Corps of Engineers in support of its projects and programs.

To get information on Shumaker, click on FUDS projects, click on the alphabetical listing, click on "S" then scroll down to Shumaker.

PIRS is constantly adding new documents and making them accessible to the public. Please check the site often, because it is always changing .

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