



**U.S. Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
Little Rock District

# Fact Sheet

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## Corps begins ordnance investigations of former Camp Robinson properties

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Engineering and Support Center at Huntsville, Ala., issued a \$774,629 contract March 29 to Parsons Engineering Science, Inc. of Norcross, Ga., to perform an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis study (EE/CA) on about 13,400 acres in North Little Rock that used to be part of Camp Robinson.

The Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis study will help characterize the nature, location and concentration of ordnance and explosives at the site.

The study will focus on 9,260 privately-owned acres located north of Highway 89, two acres that are now part of the North Little Rock airport and 4,000 acres that make up the Camp Robinson Wildlife Management area.

Information from the study will be used to help officials determine hazards at the site. Any potential problems caused by the presence of ordnance and explosives that might affect human use of the site will be analyzed, and reasonable risk management alternatives will be evaluated.

The 32,884 acres currently occupied by the Arkansas National Guard and the 32 acres occupied by the Army Reserves will not be investigated. Since these are active installations, they do not qualify for the Formerly Used Defense Sites program.

The 365 acres of undeveloped property previously owned by Central Baptist College and the 871 acres owned by the city of North Little Rock also will not be investigated. Previous investigations of these sites resulted in "No Further Action" recommendations.

The study is expected to be complete by the end of 2001. There will be opportunities for the public to review the information and make comments on the findings before a final decision is reached.

Camp Pike was established in 1917. Shortly before World War II, the name was changed to Camp Joseph T. Robinson and the camp's boundaries were expanded to include land in Pulaski and Faulkner counties. The camp was used for the basic training of troops. A variety of weapons training occurred including rifles, pistols, machine guns, live grenades, mortars and various field artillery.

After the war, Camp Robinson was declared surplus and broken up. Most of it was transferred to the Arkansas National Guard. Some of it went to the city of North Little Rock and Central Baptist College. A small portion was retained by the federal government for use as an Army Reserve Center, now designated as Camp Pike. The remainder was sold to private owners.

The portions that are no longer owned by the military or the National Guard are 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.

An archives search report already has been completed for the site.

### ***Areas to be evaluated under the current study***

Sites to be evaluated under this study total approximately 13,468 acres, and will focus on the following areas

<b><u>Acreage</u></b>	<b><u>Current Owner/Use</u></b>	<b><u>Prior DoD Use</u></b>	<b><u>Future Land Use</u></b>
9,260	Private	Former impact area for various ordnance & explosives	Residential
4,206	AG&FC	Unknown	Potential Recreational
2	NLR Airport	Grenade & Pistol Range	Commercial

# Corps to solicit for Restoration Advisory Board

The Army Corps of Engineers will begin seeking members of the community who are interested in volunteering their time to serve on a Restoration Advisory Board for the cleanup of the former Camp Robinson.

A Restoration Advisory Board helps improve public participation by involving the community in the restoration decision-making process. The RAB will include community volunteer members who reflect the diverse interests of the local community.

RAB members will receive training, and they will

review and comment on technical documents and plans relating to the on-going environmental studies and restoration activities at the former Camp Robinson.

RAB members will be expected to serve as community liaisons and be available to meet with community members and groups. They will be expected to attend regular meetings that will be open to the public, and they will serve a one- to two-year term.

If you are interested in serving on the RAB for the former Camp Robinson site, contact Project Manager Margaret Morehead at (501) 324-7134.

## Helpful Web Sites

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Project Information Retrieval System:

<http://pirs.mvr.usace.army.mil/>

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Little Rock District

<http://www.swl.usace.army.mil/projmgmt/cmprobinson.html>

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntsville District

<http://www.hnd.usace.army.mil>

Restoration Advisory Boards:

<http://www.dtic.mil/envirodod/rab/index.html>

Public Coordination Guidance:

<http://www.usace.army.mil/inet/usace-docs/eng-pamphlets/ep1110-3-8/toc.htm>

### **If you encounter ordnance, take safety precautions**

- Don't touch or disturb it in any way.
- Note the location and leave the area immediately.
- Contact local law enforcement (sheriff's office), which will arrange for removal.

**Questions? Contact Project Manager  
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