



**U.S. Army Corps
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Little Rock District

Fact Sheet

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Corps establishes Restoration Advisory Board for former Camp Robinson property

Colonel Thomas A. Holden, Jr., Little Rock District commander, announces the selection of the following community members to the Restoration Advisory Board for the Camp Robinson Formerly Used Defense Site property: Franklin S. Pierce, Richard K. Vernon and Gary Cates.

In addition to the community members, the following government representatives will serve on the RAB: Margaret Morehead of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Little Rock District and Phillip Murphy of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.

The RAB members were selected by a five-person selection panel. The panel, consisting of representatives from the Corps of Engineers, the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and two members of the community, reviewed the applications that were submitted by people interested in serving on the RAB.

A Restoration Advisory Board, also called a RAB, enables people who live or work close to sites that are being cleaned up under the Department of Defense's environmental cleanup program to have input into the process.

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

All RAB meetings are open to the public. As RAB meetings are scheduled, they will be advertised in the legal notices portion of several local newspapers.

An Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis study is currently going on at the former Camp Robinson property. The study will help characterize the nature, location and concentration of ordnance

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Want to learn more?

A copy of the Archives Search Report that was completed for the former Camp Robinson site is available for public viewing in the Mayflower Public Library.

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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.

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and explosives at the site.

The EE/CA is focusing 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.

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 Faulker 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.

Helpful Web Sites

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/projmgt/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>

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