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CULTURAL RESOURCES

1. **Purpose and Scope:**

Provide information on federal laws and regulations regarding cultural resources and procedures for installation compliance with applicable legislation.

2. **Reference:**

3. **Definitions:**

- a. Cultural resources: archaeological sites (including cemeteries) and historic standing structures.
- b. Archaeology: the scientific discipline responsible for recovering, analyzing, interpreting, and explaining the material culture of the historic and prehistoric past.
- c. Archaeological site: any location where past human activity is identified.
- d. Artifact: any object made or used by human beings.
- e. National Register of Historic Places (NRHP): a list of significant cultural resources maintained by the Keeper of the National Register in the Department of the Interior. Unless of exceptional significance, cultural properties must be at least 50 years old to be eligible for the NRHP.

4. **General:**

- a. Cultural Resources is a very broad program area. It includes identification of archaeological sites and historic structures (including buildings, bridges and other structures); protection of significant cultural properties; rehabilitation and maintenance of significant structures; Native American concerns; and development and implementation of management plans.
- b. Many Army facilities are rich in historic and archaeological resources, including prehistoric villages, burial grounds, and campsites, historic archaeological sites, and 18th and 19th century cantonments and buildings. At Fort Campbell, 12,000 years of human occupation is preserved in the archaeological record. These resources are our nations and our past.
- c. As installation activities or new missions occur, historic and archaeological properties must be identified and evaluated and a process must be developed to responsibly manage these resources and ensure that our heritage is maintained. This process should protect cultural properties within the schedule and parameters of mission and training activities.
- d. Archaeological sites are unlike other natural resources in two major ways:
 - 1) they are non-renewable. Sites that are destroyed can never be replaced;
 - 2) they are generally not identifiable by simple visual inspection. Because archaeological sites are buried beneath the ground, systematic digging must be conducted to identify them.

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e. Fort Campbell is required to protect significant cultural resources located within the boundaries of the installation. Significant resources are those determined eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places (see Appendix A for National Register eligibility criteria).

f. Not all cultural resources are significant. Those that are not do not require protection. However, because much of the installation has not been surveyed for the presence of archaeological sites, the number of significant NRHP sites is not known at this time.

g. Applicable federal legislation and regulations:

National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA), as amended

Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (ARPA)

Executive Order 11593

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 (NAGPRA)

36 CFR 800, "Protection of Historical Properties"

AR 420-40, "Historical Preservation"

5. Responsibilities:

a. The Commander/Director is responsible for ensuring guidance and EQO instructions are followed during his/her tenure.

b. The EQO is responsible for ensuring that all mechanically assisted training activities are reviewed by Conservation Branch staff to determine whether significant cultural resources will be impacted.

6. Instructions:

a. Review of Training Activities: Prepare a memorandum for each mechanically assisted excavation that includes the location and eight digit coordinate location of each excavation, a brief activity description, POC, and unit information. Prepare a transparent overlay based on the Fort Campbell 1:50,000 training map with at least two cross hairs showing location OR copy the relevant portion of this map and outline the excavation areas. Mail or fax to the Conservation Branch or bring to Building 7604 (Forestry and Entomology Building) for review at least 15 days prior to the activity.

b. General Suggestions: Avoid digging (hand and machine-aided) in cemeteries during training. Report historic structures or archaeological sites or any object suspected of having archaeological or historical significance to Conservation Branch staff. Do not loot or damage archaeological sites either through unauthorized excavation or the use of metal detectors. Report any destructive activities to the Conservation branch.

7. Additional Guidance:

a. For additional guidance and information, and answers to your questions, contact PWBC Environmental Division, 798-7437 / 9104 / 956-4783

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b. For future reference, place this document behind *Tab Number 3* in your Fort Campbell Environmental Handbook.