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TAKE NOTE:

- **SAA Annual Meeting** March 30-April 3, 2022, Chicago Illinois
- **SAA MARS Symposium- call for papers.**
- **MARS Business Meeting at the SAA meeting (TBD)**

WELCOME

Thanks for your interest in the Military Archaeological Resources Stewardship (MARS) Interest Group with the Society for American Archaeology. We are looking forward to rekindling interest in the group and connecting with each other in

person and virtually as we slowly get through the pandemic.

In this brief issue we will introduce the current MARS officers and call for papers for the upcoming SAA Annual Meeting.

MEET THE MARS OFFICERS

MARS recently held an election for new officers. Officers hold a two-year term starting at the SAA annual meeting.

The roles of the MARS officers are to maintain communication with the SAA liaison and organization, manage and plan meetings and events, and to assist with social media presence and the production of the newsletter and communications with membership.

Officers for the upcoming year are:

Tony Chapa, Chair

March 2022-2024

Tony is currently the director at the Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands a (CEMML) and a new PhD student in archaeology at University of Wyoming. Tony has a long history

of DOD cultural resources including time as CRM for the Air National Guard and as SME with the Air Force. T

Julie Esdale, Vice-Chair

March 2022-2024

Julie, also a CEMML employee, is the archaeologist for Fort Wainwright in Alaska. She has made Alaska her home for 20 years and is interested in geoarchaeology, lithic technology, the prehistory of northern latitudes, and public outreach and engagement.

Carey Baxter, Secretary

March 2019-2023

Carey works with the US Army Engineer Research and Development Center-Construction Engineering Research Laboratory



Seibert Stakes mark “no go” areas in Fort Wainwright’s Donnelly Training Area. Soldiers are educated that these markers delineate areas that are off limits to digging and vehicle traffic.

(ERDC-CERL). She develops methods and technology to help the DoD conduct CRM work including 3D scanning. She is also interested in GIS, spatial analysis, and historic map research.

SAA ANNUAL MEETING : MARS BUSINESS MEETING

Are you planning to attend the SAA meeting in Chicago? Don't miss the MARS business meeting (time & place TBD). In this meeting we will outline the future of MARS and strategize ways to communicate with our membership.



BUSINESS MEETING

SAA ANNUAL MEETING : MARS SYMPOSIUM

MARS is putting together a symposium at the annual meeting and we need your submission!

If you are interested in presenting during the session, please contact MARS member Jake Fruhlinger for an invite: jake.c.fruhlinger.nfg@army.mil

Stewardship of Archaeology on Military Lands

Across the Department of Defense, cultural resource management programs have been responsible for a variety of unique projects and management approaches. Exploring data management through GIS, consulting with Native American tribes in unique ways, and investigating historic and prehistoric sites are just a few examples of various Department of Defense projects. This symposium presents a summary of these various activities and more carried out in the management of our nation's cultural resources.

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Archaeologists excavate a canine mandible at the 14,000 year old McDonald Creek Site, Tanana Flats Training Area, central Alaska.



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The Department of Defense's responsibility of cultural resources management and stewardship is a constantly changing and expanding challenge. As a federal agency, regulatory compliance – particularly the stewardship of archaeological resources – is a primary concern for DoD cultural resource management programming. Already the DoD is responsible for the management of 21 million acres of domestic lands, which holds over 111,000 known archaeological sites in public trust.

Additionally, section 402 of the NHPA and the 2009 ratification of the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict places greater responsibility on the DoD to develop a stewardship plan for cultural property, including archaeological sites, found on bases outside the United States and in foreign theaters of operation. The archaeological community at large offers expertise and interest that can significantly assist the DoD in achieving its stewardship responsibilities and requirements under domestic and international law. This challenge can only be successfully accomplished through the increased dialogue and collaboration with those members of the Society of American Archaeology that are most concerned with these issues.

The Military Archaeological Resources Stewardship (MARS) Interest Group seeks to bring together members of the SAA who have interests in military archaeology and to provide said members with an environment to meet and discuss initiatives to identify and protect cultural and historic resources during military operations.

Objectives:

- To provide a forum for increased collaboration between DoD archaeologists and the general archaeological community, relevant parties and stakeholders;
- To provide a venue for information exchange between archaeologists who work on military lands;
- To provide an open and dynamic forum that not only fosters exchange, interaction, and collaboration among SAA members regarding the role of the military in archaeological stewardship but also offers an avenue for action on issues concerning archaeology and the military;
- To facilitate the dissemination of information regarding military archaeological resources stewardship;
- To examine practical means of protecting archaeological resources during military operations; and
- To encourage interdisciplinary and international engagement, debate, research and networks.

Activities:

MARS will hold informal gatherings at SAA annual meetings for interested SAA members to meet, network, develop initiatives, and exchange information.

- Hold meetings at the SAA annual meeting,
- Hold biannual elections,
- Submit annual reports of activities to the SAA Board of Directors,
- Network through electronic communications,
- Sponsor MARS sessions, symposia, forums, workshops, or special events at SAA Annual Meetings,
- Propose position and/or policy, statements to the SAA Board, and
- Contribute articles, reports, updates, and other applicable news to SAA publications, such as *The SAA Archaeological Record*.



CEMML archaeologists work to recover remains of American WWII pilot in France in conjunction with the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and archaeologists from the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. Photo by Ray Sumner

See article at:

https://source.colostate.edu/csucenter-works-to-recover-remains-of-american-wwii-pilot-in-france/?fbclid=IwAROC0x-1qFQiGfx_oGQxz4eggCTOsBRtH4yclKUIlfKfnW_nT8THYgnag

Archaeologist

National Park Service, GS 11

Everglades National Park

Closes 9/7/2021

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/612094100>

Cultural Resources Specialist

CEMML, Air National Guard Readiness Center, RAIII

Joint Base Andrews

Closes 9/13/2021

<https://jobs.colostate.edu/postings/92006>

Historic Preservation Specialist

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, GS 13

Sterling, Virginia

Closes 9/13/2021

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/612234900>

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