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Mission Statement

Huntsville Center is a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Center of Expertise for Military Munitions. Huntsville Center's Coalition Munitions Clearance Program was responsible for recovering, transporting, segregating and destroying recovered or any other munitions posing a danger in Iraq. Storage and disposal of the ammunition was performed at several locations throughout Iraq.

History

In the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Coalition Forces found huge caches of ammunition scattered throughout Iraq. The U.S. military command in Iraq turned to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for help after realizing the magnitude of stockpiled ammunition spread across Iraq. The Corps in turn, tasked its Center of Expertise for Military Munitions in the Huntsville Engineering and Support Center with the mission of consolidating and destroying

the captured ammunition.

The Huntsville Center/ Contractor team mobilized to Iraq on Aug. 23, 2003, with the goal to occupy and become self sufficient at six identified Ammunition Supply Points (Jaguar, Arlington, Buckmaster/Taji, Paladin, Ashraf/Az Zubayr, and An Najaf).

Initially, the mission was to perform an inventory and demilitarization of the munitions stored inside the ASPs. Later, four of the six ASPs, with a total of 179,157 short tons of ammunition, were closed. The ammunition was either destroyed or moved to the remaining two ASPs. The remaining two depots were operated to support the new Iraqi Army. As insurgent activities increased, the mission priorities shifted to securing and clearing cache sites outside the ASPs. In August 2004, mobile teams began surveying and clearing sites where Unexploded Ordnance was discovered.

At the height of the program there were 18 mobile teams operating in country to support the expanded CMC mission.

Facts

Total funding for the CMC Program through November 2008 totals \$1.580 billion.

At the present time, the CMC Program has destroyed more than 346,000 short tons of Explosive Remnants of War at 51 clearance sites across Iraq. Mobile teams' efforts are complete and remaining disposal efforts will be accomplished at a static location under the emerging Coalition Munitions Disposal Program.

The Army authorization of the Coalition Munitions Disposal Program was issued in August 2008 which shifts the focus of the Army's Multi-National Corps-Iraq, Engineers' (C7) mission from mobile team efforts throughout Iraq to a static operation located at a Field Operating Base outside Baghdad where unserviceable U.S. military munition stocks and limited Explosive Remnants of War will be disposed of.

The FY 2009 operating budget is anticipated to be less than \$25 million.