



## 2015 Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards Cultural Resources Management, Small Installation Award

Since 1962, the Department of Defense (DoD) has honored individuals, teams, and installations for their outstanding achievements and innovative work protecting the environment while sustaining mission readiness. The 2015 Secretary of Defense Environmental Awards recognize accomplishments from October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2014. A diverse panel of judges with relevant expertise representing federal and state agencies, academia, and the private sector evaluated all nominees to select one winner for each of the nine categories that cover six subject areas: natural resources conservation; environmental quality; sustainability; environmental restoration; cultural resources management; and environmental excellence in weapon system acquisition.

### About the Cultural Resources Management, Small Installation Award

The Cultural Resources Management, Small Installation award recognizes small installations (10,000 acres or less) making significant and lasting contributions to DoD Cultural Resources Management. This award acknowledges efforts to promote cultural resources stewardship in DoD by highlighting outstanding management activities and showcasing DoD's extensive cultural resources, including archaeological sites, historic sites and districts, and cultural landscapes. Desired initiatives include partnering with external stakeholders such as Native Americans, State Historic Preservation Officers, and local communities, as well as those working with internal stakeholders, such as master planning, public works, and range management. The 2015 winner of the Cultural Resources Management, Small Installation award is *U.S. Army Garrison Picatinny Arsenal, New Jersey*.

### About U.S. Army Garrison Picatinny Arsenal

U.S. Army Garrison Picatinny Arsenal (USAG Picatinny) provides effective and efficient installation capabilities and services that support the Joint Center of Excellence for Armaments and Munitions. Nestled in the northern New Jersey Highlands of Morris County within Rockaway and Jefferson Township, Picatinny Arsenal's team of 5,000+ specialize in the research, development, acquisition and lifecycle management of advanced conventional weapon systems and ammunition. Located about 35 miles west of New York City, Picatinny has more than 1,000 permanent structures, including over 60 laboratories, situated on the installation's 5,853 acres. As one of the largest employers in Morris County, Picatinny employs about 3,900 civilians, approximately 93 military personnel, and over 1,035 contractors.



*Picatinny Arsenal: Pre-1918 view of Buildings 3250 and 3316 located at the former Lake Denmark Naval Ammunition Depot, Picatinny Arsenal. Picatinny gathered this photo during archival research as part of a Cultural Landscape Analysis.*

## Major Accomplishments in FY 2013-2014

Through the installation's implementation of Army Alternate Procedures to 36 CFR 800 (Section 106 regulations), Picatinny has streamlined its compliance efforts and realized consultation efficiencies through its revised Historic Property Component Plan from 2013-2018, and from its updated Integrated Cultural Resources Management Plan for 2014-2019. Using the installation's Real Property Master Plan and Facility Reduction Program Programmatic Agreement from 2010 to 2012, USAG Picatinny executed the following mitigation projects to allow the mission to continue effectively as planned:

- Established historic district view sheds;
- Instituted historic district signage throughout the installation's historic districts;
- Documented an installation-wide Cultural Landscape Analysis to be performed in phases with the Army Corps of Engineers Construction Engineering Research Laboratory;
- Displayed regional traveling museum exhibit with the Morris Co. Heritage Commission, Rockaway Township Library, Morristown National Historic Park, Parsippany Library, and upcoming at selected locations, such as the Sussex Co. Arts & Heritage Council, Morris Museum, Sussex Co. Cultural Affairs and Theater, and the Dover Historical Society; and
- Created a Historic District Narrative website that provides descriptive historic building details, plans, and photographs. This website mitigated impacts to historic properties, allowing for installation work to occur two years ahead of schedule. Picatinny received a 2013 New Jersey State Historic Preservation Award for this website. The New Jersey Council of Engineering Companies recognized the company that designed the website, The RBA Group, with a Distinguished Award and listed Picatinny as their client. This is the CRP's most recognized historic preservation project to date.

For information on past winners, please go to: [www.denix.osd.mil/awards](http://www.denix.osd.mil/awards).



***Arsenal History Tours:*** Pictured are Jason Huggan and historian Dr. Patrick Owens as they give a tour of the Walton Burial Ground in celebration of Earth Day. Picatinny coordinates tours during the year for its workforce and new employees, members of the public, and local organizations.



***Picatinny Storyboard Exhibit:*** Picatinny displayed the exhibit shown above at the Morristown National Historic Park from April to June 2014. Picatinny is promoting the Arsenal's history as part of a mitigation effort with the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office.