



# Support for 2005 National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation: Preservation Officers Conference

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## Background:

The National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO) convenes an Annual Meeting of members to provide training sessions, networking opportunities, and a forum for current issues in tribal historic preservation. In previous years, USAEC contributed to the NATHPO conference by providing general literature, DoD and Army publications, and speakers. This year USAEC provided assistance through direct funding through an FY 05 Legacy grant for specific aspects of the conference, as well as attending the meeting and participating in sessions so that questions and clarification of issues could be immediately addressed.

## Objective:

NATHPO is currently working on several projects for the US Army and the DoD via a cooperative agreement. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual NATHPO Meeting, which was held August 8-12, 2005, included sessions to discuss ongoing projects, including cultural landscapes and NEPA analysis, access to sacred sites, Ft. Wingate OB/OD, and the Native American Treaty Study. Other DoD issues that affect tribal historic preservation, such as the initiation of Army Corps of Engineers consultation with Tribes, was a topic of discussion during the Annual Meeting. Funds were used for conference facility rental and informational materials that were distributed during the conference. The project also provided support for tribal representatives to attend the Meeting and training.

## Summary of Approach:

DoD Legacy funds provided monetary support for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual NATHPO Meeting held in Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin, 8-12 August 2005. Funds provided partial assistance to rent the meeting facilities (meeting rooms), develop and distribute informational materials, and representatives to attend the training and Annual Meeting. The following informational sessions, and materials related to each, were distributed during the Annual Meeting. Overview of Tribal Cultural Landscapes, Compliance with Sacred Sites Protection, Tribal Consultation (AR200-4, Appendix F), and plenary addresses by DoD Senior Tribal Liaison and Army Corps of Engineers. List of materials:

\* Program for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual NATHPO Meeting and Gathering-Native American World War II Veterans

- \* Tribal Consultation: Best Practices in Historic Preservation
- \* Contact List for Meeting Participants
- \* AEC/DoD Bookmarks
- \* Army Corps of Engineers Introductory Letter

## Benefit:

Benefits to both the military mission and tribal historic preservation and cultural conservation include: obtaining current information on issues of mutual concern, networking opportunities, general discussion on issues such as the DoD interest in policies that uphold tribal sovereignty, and how to more effectively consult with Tribes.

## Accomplishments:

There were over 100 participants in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual NATHPO Meeting. Representatives from over 35 Tribes were able to attend both the training and the plenary workshop sessions. Immediately after the meeting, NATHPO provided each participant with a comprehensive list of contact information for each attendee (included presenters and general attendees) and a printed copy of the new NATHPO publication, "Tribal Consultation: Best Practices in Historic Preservation."



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Acres of sunflowers surround the Fr. Berthold reservation in North Dakota

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