



Current Department of Defense Needs for Cultural Resources Management - Built Infrastructure

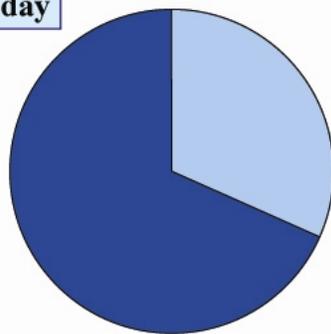


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Built Infrastructure Now and Future

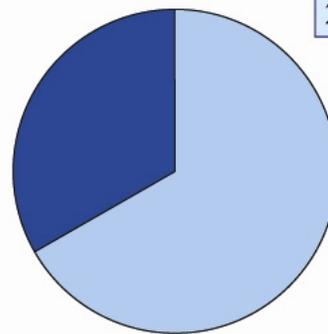
344,950 Buildings in the DoD Inventory

Today



Over 50 Years Old
Under 50 Years Old

2025



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Under 50 Years Old

Near Future: Increase in DoD Historic Properties 50 years and older

- **Near future challenges for DoD installations:**
 - **Increase number of properties eligible for listing on the National Register**
 - **Streamlined management tools and agreements that balance the needs of the mission with SHPO and Council consultation**
 - **Strategic approach to the inventory and evaluation of the DoD built environment**
 - **Improved use of technology to manage DoD assets**

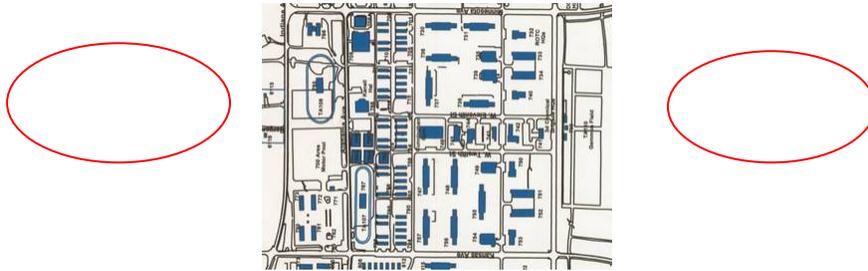
50 Year “Rule”

- **Current cutoff: 1956**
 - **Primary method of construction was permanent concrete block buildings and temporary metal buildings.**



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- These building programs took upwards of 10 years for completion.
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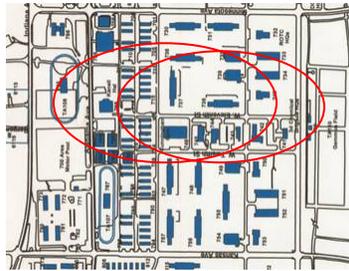
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Cult of the Beautiful

- **Common perspective: Only buildings that are aesthetically appealing or “beautiful” are historic; buildings from the Cold War period are typically described as uninteresting and therefore do not merit serious consideration**
 - Eligibility is based upon Criterion C: Architecture
 - Important historical events are downplayed

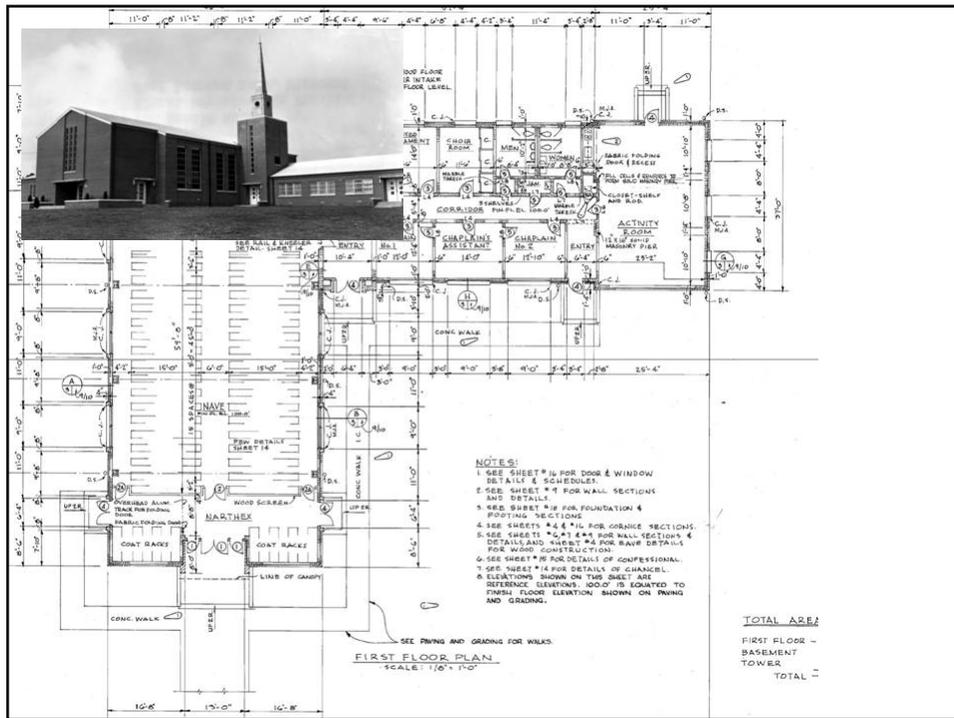
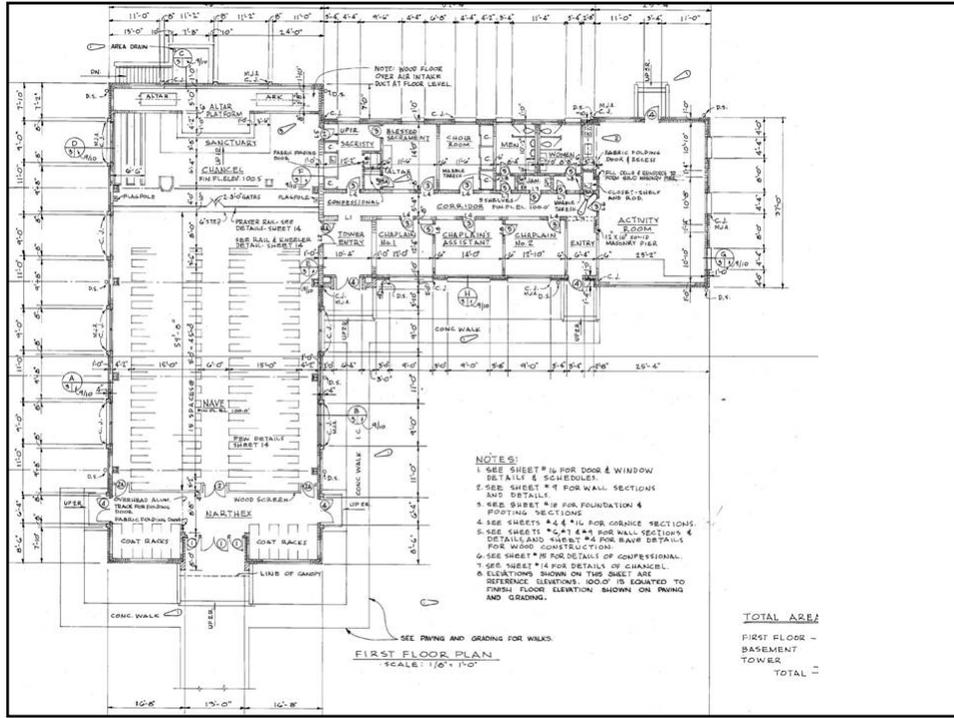


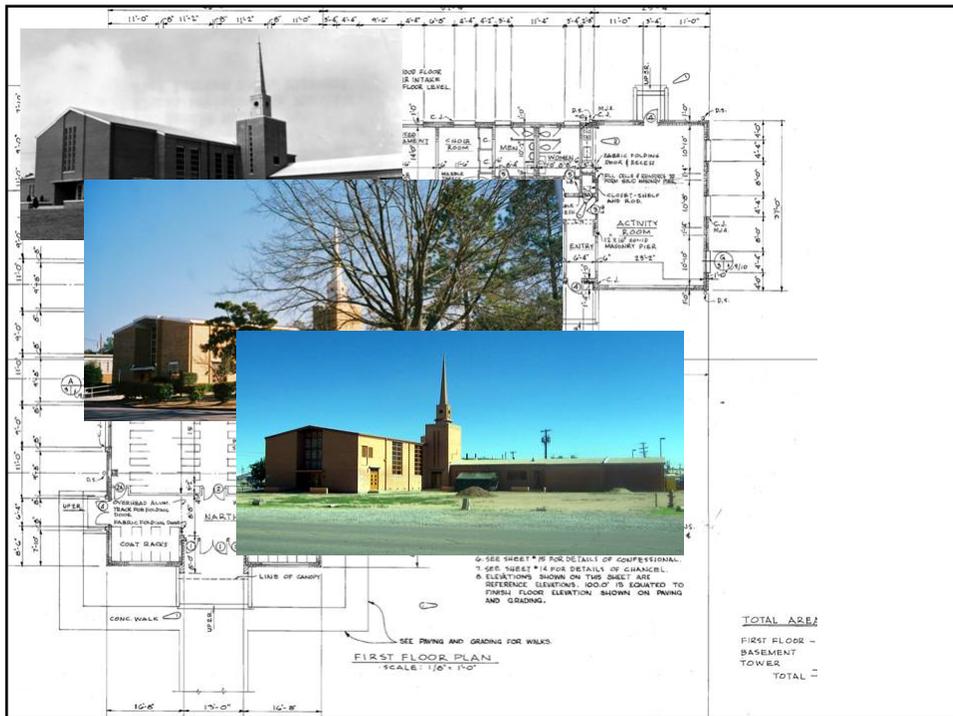
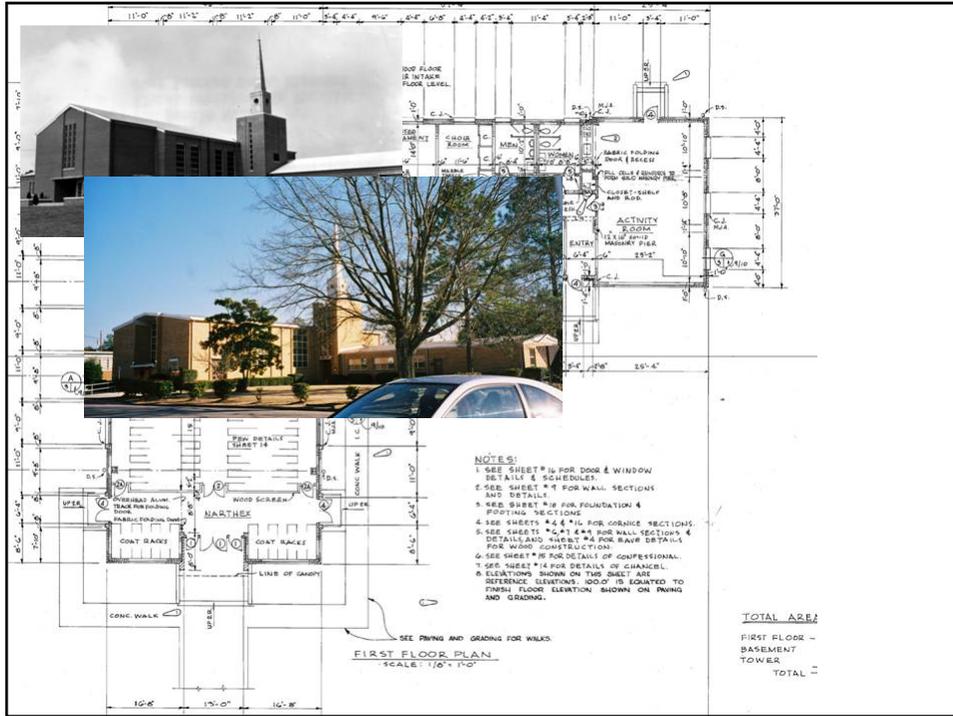
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- **Challenges**
 - **Cold War standard building architecture is not viewed as historically significant and there is resistance to those buildings that are identified as historic**
 - **Cold War historic themes do not receive the degree of emphasis that WWII and pre-WWII themes do**
 - **The Korean and Vietnam conflicts and the buildings constructed during these eras tend to be ignored and discounted**

Standardized Plans

- **Standardized plans have been utilized by the military for over 125 years**
- **Standardized plans that are utilized across the military do not automatically make them ineligible for the National Register; examples include**
 - **World War II temporary buildings**
 - **Capehart and Wherry housing**
 - **Barracks**
 - **Munitions storage**





Opportunities for Research

- **Program Comment for metal temporary and semi-permanent buildings**
- **Analysis of overall Cold War master planning to respond to the “Cult of the Beautiful”**
- **Study of Cold War standardized plans**

DoD CRM Needs and Priorities

- **Comprehensive service or DoD wide inventory of eligible and listed historic properties**
- **Improved cross service and within service sharing of information, problems and solutions that reach the field level**
- **Technical resource support**
- **Adaptive reuse of historic properties**
- **Increased visibility and representation of DoD on boards, panels and agencies and organizations that influence and impact DoD installations**

DoD CRM Needs and Priorities (cont.)

- **Application of technologies that can be shared across the services for the management and treatment of the historic built environment**
- **Development of strategic targeting in the evaluation, determination of eligibility and management of “classes” or specific types of the built environment**
- **Development of a comprehensive approach to the inventory and evaluation of the built environment**

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