



# Munitions Site Investigation Project

Former George Air Force Base

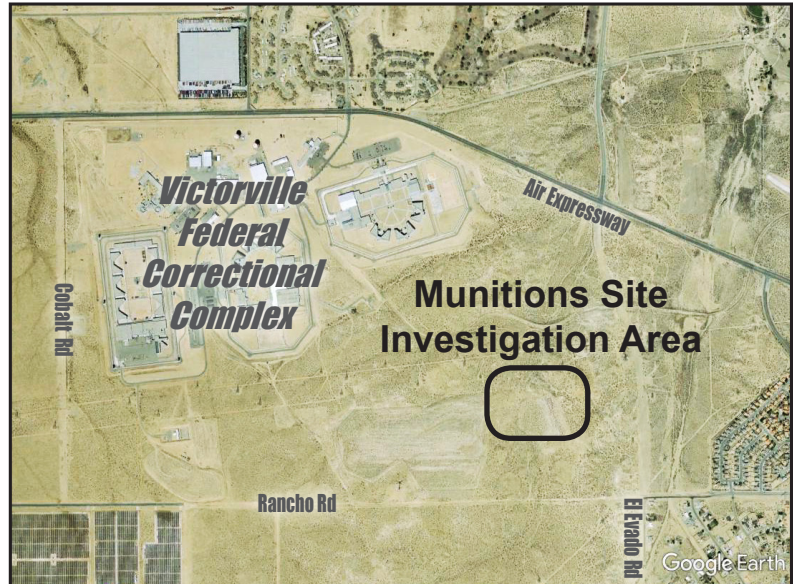
## Upcoming Munitions Site Investigation at George

The Air Force is investigating two sites located in the southeastern portion of the former George Air Force Base under the Military Munitions Response Program this spring. These sites are located in a prison buffer area on Federal Bureau of Prisons property southeast of the Victorville Federal Correctional Complex.

Site XU400 is approximately 9 acres and was once used for demolition and disposal of munitions. A total of five munitions burial areas have been identified at this site and require excavation and removal.

Site SR401 is approximately 4 acres and is a former practice grenade range. Practice grenade bodies and other munitions have been removed from the surface of the site; however, additional work is needed to remove any remaining practice grenades from the subsurface.

The Air Force has initiated a project to remove the remaining munitions in the disposal pits and practice grenade range this spring. Site work will involve excavation of the pits and surface soil at the practice grenade range. The excavated soil will be processed through a mechanized screening plant to screen out possible munitions. All items will be inspected by qualified personnel and disposed of appropriately. Soil samples will be collected and analyzed to verify there are no items in the soil that pose a risk to human health and the environment. The field work will begin in April and is expected to be completed in July 2017.



*A munitions site investigation will begin in the southeast corner of the former George Air Force Base this spring*

## Site History

George was established as Victorville Army Air Field in 1941 to train pilots and bombardiers serving in World War II. By 1943, over 1,000 pilots had completed training. In 1945, all flying operations were discontinued as part of a nationwide general demobilization following the wars' end.

The base was reactivated as George Air Force Base in 1951 and continued to serve as a pilot and aircraft maintenance training school until 1992 when it was closed under the Base Realignment and Closure Act.

Today, much of the military property has been transferred to the local community and is in various stages of redevelopment.



*Victorville Army Air Field in 1942*

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### What You Need to Know

The munitions site investigation area at George is undergoing further work to be sure the area is safe. Like other military installations across the country, when George was an active base the Air Force used a variety of munitions for military training purposes.



Occasionally, munitions are found unexpectedly in areas formerly used by the military. The area where the work will be completed is actively patrolled by the Bureau of Prisons. “No Trespassing” signs limit public access and we are asking the public to cooperate and stay out of these areas.

The Air Force is implementing all necessary measures to protect public safety throughout the project.

During the field work, you may notice an increase in personnel, noise levels, and vehicle/equipment traffic entering the southeast portion of George; however, efforts will be made to minimize disruption to area homeowners.



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