

Environmental Action UPDATE

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AIR FORCE ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES AT MCCLELLAN

New co-chair Bob Blanchard brings years of community service to McClellan RAB

The first time Bob Blanchard sat in the cockpit of an airplane he was 15-years old. It was love at first flight.

“As a kid growing up in a small town in Maine I’d hang around the airport all the time,” Blanchard said. “I’d do errands for people in exchange for flying time. I had a cousin who flew fighter planes in World War II and he showed me the ropes.”

Blanchard, who still owns three planes, has spent a large portion of his life flying. Now, at the age of 80, the longtime Elverta resident still counts flying among his many passions in life, right alongside family and serving his community.

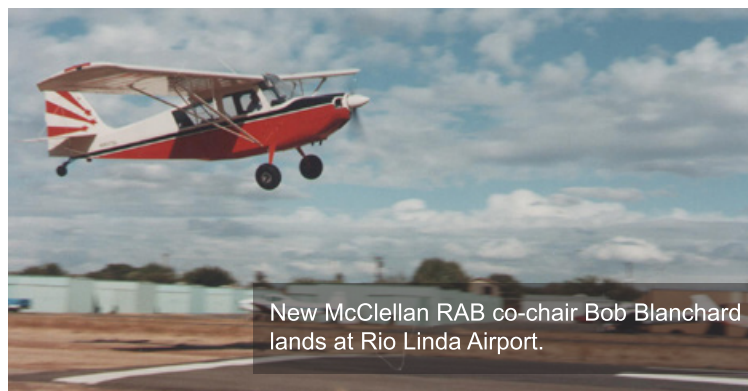
A long-time member of the McClellan Restoration Advisory Board, Blanchard was voted RAB Community Co-Chair at the September 18 meeting.

“I originally joined the RAB 16 years ago and I’ve always been active in the communities I’ve lived in,” said Blanchard. “I’m passionate and energetic about everything I do. And that includes my service on the McClellan RAB. I’ve served on a number of boards over the years and I enjoy taking what I’ve learned and passing it on to my community.”

The McClellan Restoration Advisory Board provides a forum through which the local community, regulatory agencies, and the Air Force can share information on current and future environmental cleanup programs and reuse at the former base.

“Restoration Advisory Boards are very important because they help to keep the public involved in the ongoing environmental cleanup taking place here at McClellan,” said McClellan restoration program manager Steve Mayer. “I appreciate RAB members like Mr. Blanchard doing their part to keep their communities informed.”

After serving in the Air Force for 25 years, Blanchard retired in 1976 and went back to college at Sacramento City College. In 1978 he earned a degree in aeronautics. Shortly after graduation he took a civilian job at McClellan, a position he held for the next 15 years.



New McClellan RAB co-chair Bob Blanchard lands at Rio Linda Airport.

“I’m very familiar with what’s going at the base and in the community,” said Blanchard. “I think they’ve had great leadership at McClellan and I think the RAB has done a great job making the community feel comfortable with the way the cleanup and redevelopment is going and I look forward to continuing to be a part of it.”



Long-time McClellan RAB member Bob Blanchard was voted in as co-chair at the September 18 RAB meeting. Here he stands in front of an AT-6 Texan.

The Focused Strategic Sites remedial action is under way at CS-10

The Focused Strategic Sites remedial action is under way with dirt being moved out of CS-10. Once cleared of contamination, the site will become an engineered consolidation unit that will hold contaminated soils from other areas of McClellan. Once the consolidation unit is completed at CS-10 the soil will be moved back.

“Construction of the consolidation unit is the first step in implementing the Focused Strategic Sites Record of Decision,” said Steve Mayer, Air Force remediation program manager for McClellan.

The consolidation unit is being constructed at site CS-10, a former disposal pit at McClellan. The pit will be expanded and a leachate collection system and two layers of protective liners will be installed before accepting soils.

“This is a significant milestone in the environmental cleanup program here at McClellan,” said Mayer. “It’s a good news story to see dirt moving and being cleared away for the consolidated unit to be constructed.”



Dirt from inside the tent CS-10 is being moved to a soil management site a short distance away. Once the consolidation unit is completed at CS-10 the soil will be moved back over.

The CU is scheduled to remain open through 2019 to accept soils from other McClellan sites before the final protective cap is installed. Follow-up long-term monitoring and maintenance will be required.



Using three CAT 730 articulated dump trucks, dirt is moved from the CS-10 site to a soil management site a short distance away. Each truck can carry 31 tons of soil per load.

Public comments for the Follow-on Strategic Sites Proposed Plan going on now

The Follow-on Strategic Sites Proposed Plan at the former McClellan Air Force Base is a major milestone toward selecting, designing, and implementing a cleanup program. The Air Force has begun a public comment period to give the community an opportunity to provide input on the Proposed Plan.

Members of the public were invited to provide verbal comments at a November 7 public meeting. Anyone wishing to submit written comments on the Proposed Plan can do so until November 23.

For a copy of the Proposed Plan, or for information on the comment period and how to submit comments, contact McClellan Community Relations at (916) 643-1250, ext. 232 or e-mail afarpa.west.pa@us.af.mil.

The Proposed Plan is available on the McClellan website listed at the bottom of this page.



McClellan Remediation Program Manager Steve Mayer delivers a presentation during the November 7 Follow-On Strategic Sites Public Meeting.

Three agencies merge to form Air Force Civil Engineer Center

The environmental cleanup program at the former McClellan Air Force Base is now being conducted as part of a new Air Force agency.

Formerly known as the Air Force Real Property Agency, as of October 1, AFRPA will now be known by a new name – The Air Force Civil Engineer Center.

AFCEC, a new civil engineering field operating agency, merges the Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment and Air Force Real Property Agency, both based in San Antonio, with the Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., to form a more than 1,600-person strong unit.

The Air Force anticipates this new agency will result in increased efficiencies in its civil engineering and property management programs.

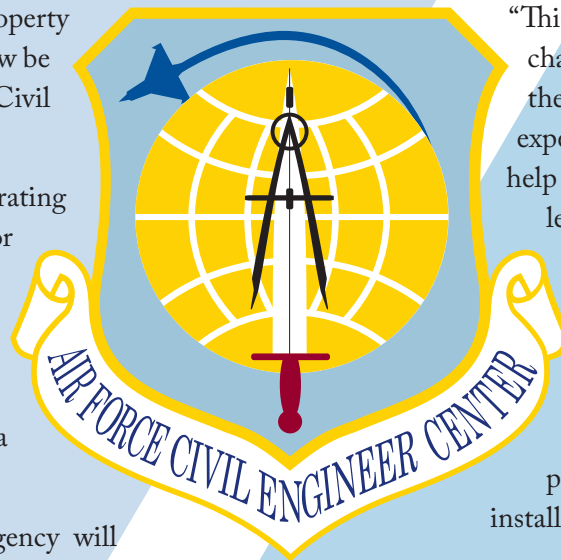
All contact information for Air Force personnel and contractors will remain the same.

The unit is subordinate to Air Force Civil Engineer Maj. Gen. Timothy Byers, who presided over the activation ceremony on October 1 at the former Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio.

“This is much more than an organizational change,” Byers said. “This is the debut of the next generation of installation and expeditionary support capabilities that will help us build ready engineers, build great leaders, and build sustainable installations. We’re forging the future of Air Force civil engineering today.”

The Air Force Civil Engineer Center, located at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, is responsible for providing responsive, flexible full-spectrum installation engineering services.

The center’s missions include facility investment planning, design and construction, operations support, real property management, energy support, environmental compliance and restoration, and audit



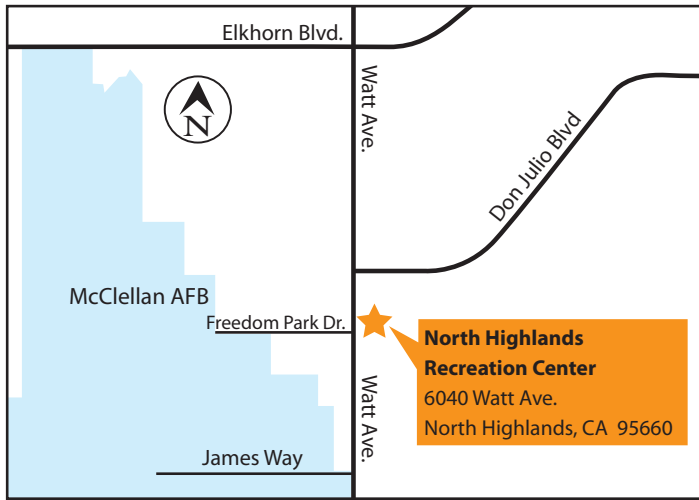
New AFCEC McClellan website is:
<http://www.afcec.af.mil/brac/mcclellanafb/index.asp>



The Next RAB Meeting is December 4

TOPICS INCLUDE:

CLEANUP UPDATE | REGULATORY UPDATE | SACRAMENTO COUNTY LOCAL REUSE AUTHORITY UPDATE



WHEN

Tuesday, December 4, 2012
5:30 p.m. Holiday Social
6:30 p.m. RAB Meeting

WHERE

North Highlands Recreation Center.
6040 Watt Ave.
North Highlands, 95660

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