

Camp Matthews FUDS area, approximately 400 acres, overlaid on an aerial map of UCSD in 2005.

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Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS)

Camp Matthews, Camp Callan, Camp Elliot

UC San Diego contains about 400 acres designated as a Formerly Used Defense Site.



Chancellor Herbert York and Major General Bruno Hochmuth. U.S. Marine Corps transfer of Camp Matthews to the University of California occurred in 1964.

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Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS)

Before the founding of UC San Diego, the main campus (including much of the surrounding properties) and Elliot Field were military training grounds and gunnery ranges. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers conducted initial inspections of the Formerly Used Defense Sites, including a search for unexploded ordnance and discarded military munitions constituents.

Inspectors found instances of soil contamination and debris remains from military activities. While the findings indicate a very low risk, UCSD has implemented a collaborative approach to construction and safety awareness.

Ensuring the protection of human health and the environment is everyone's responsibility. UCSD's Soils Management Policy and Ammunitions Awareness program safety standards shall be considered the minimum, and greater protection shall be afforded when necessary. UCSD policies do not override industry or company practices, federal, state, or local laws and ordinances which may apply in particular settings or situations; nor do they defer any liability to UC San Diego.

General Safety Precautions

- 1. Do not touch, directly or indirectly, any piece of suspected munitions at any time.
- 2. Consider all practice munitions to contain a live charge.
- 3. Never spend more time than necessary near a suspected item.
- Call Campus Police at: (858) 534-4357
- 5. Provide the following information to authorities: general description, length, width, color, and location.
- 6. Be prepared to return with the responders.
- If the ordnance is in an area frequented by people, close or guard the area to eliminate chance encounters.



Inert 3.5 and 2.36 inch rockets recovered from site.

Procedures for Personal Injury Resulting from Munitions or Ordnances

- Call for emergency help if needed. From a landline, call 9-1-1
 From a cell phone, call
 (858) 534-HELP (4357)
- If possible and if you have been trained, perform first aid. Report work-related injury or illness to Workers' Compensation: (858) 534-4785 or (858) 822-2979



Aerial view of Camp Calvin B. Matthews, 1953, with current UCSD landmarks indicated for reference.