

Introduction

The purpose of this guide is to inform you of the military training activities that took place at the former Midland Army Air Field and to raise awareness of the explosive hazards that may exist at the property.

Prior to 1941, Midland Army Air Field was known as Sloan Field. From 1941 until 1946, the U.S. Army Air Corps operated a flying school under the name Midland Army Air Field, which specialized in bombardier training. An area of the property has been identified through historical research and site visits as having two pits where munitions were buried. The munitions known or suspected to have been buried in the pits are general purpose and practice bombs.

The former Midland Army Air Field comprises approximately 1,680 acres southwest of Midland in Midland County, Texas. Today, the air field is owned by the city of Midland and is known as Midland International Airport. As depicted on the inside map, Ordnance Burial Pits No. 1 & 2 are located at the northern end of the airport boundaries and are within the airport's restricted access perimeter.

Because explosive hazards associated with military munitions from past military training may remain in the former Midland Army Air Field Ordnance Burial Pits No. 1 & 2, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recommends landowners and visitors follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety – Recognize, Retreat, and Report.



Practice bomb at former Midland AAF

Former Midland Army Air Field

For More Information



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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for identifying, investigating and, when necessary, conducting an appropriate response to address contamination and military munitions resulting from past Department of Defense activities at Formerly Used Defense Sites, also referred to as FUDS.

For information about the former Midland Army Air Field, contact the FUDS Information Center by calling the toll-free number 1-855-765-FUDS (3837). For general information about the FUDS Program, visit www.fuds.mil.

Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety

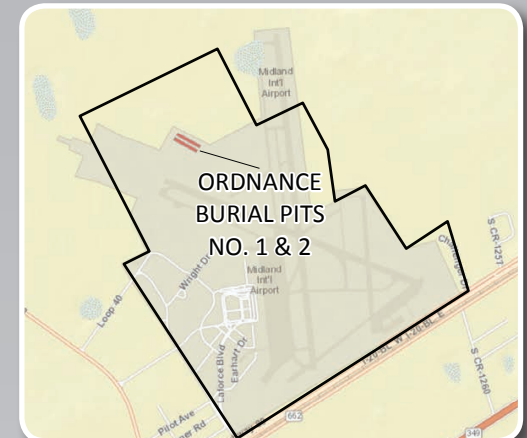


Visit the U.S. Army's Explosives Safety Education website:
www.denix.osd.mil/uxo

3Rs Safety Guide

Former Midland Army Air Field

Texas
Midland County



Ordnance Burial Pit No. 1
Ordnance Burial Pit No. 2



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Source: Britannica Online for Kids. <http://kids.britannica.com/comps/art-174920>.



Midland Army Air Field flying-school cadets in AT-11 twin-engine planes practicing their bombing skills

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: *What types of potential hazards exist?*

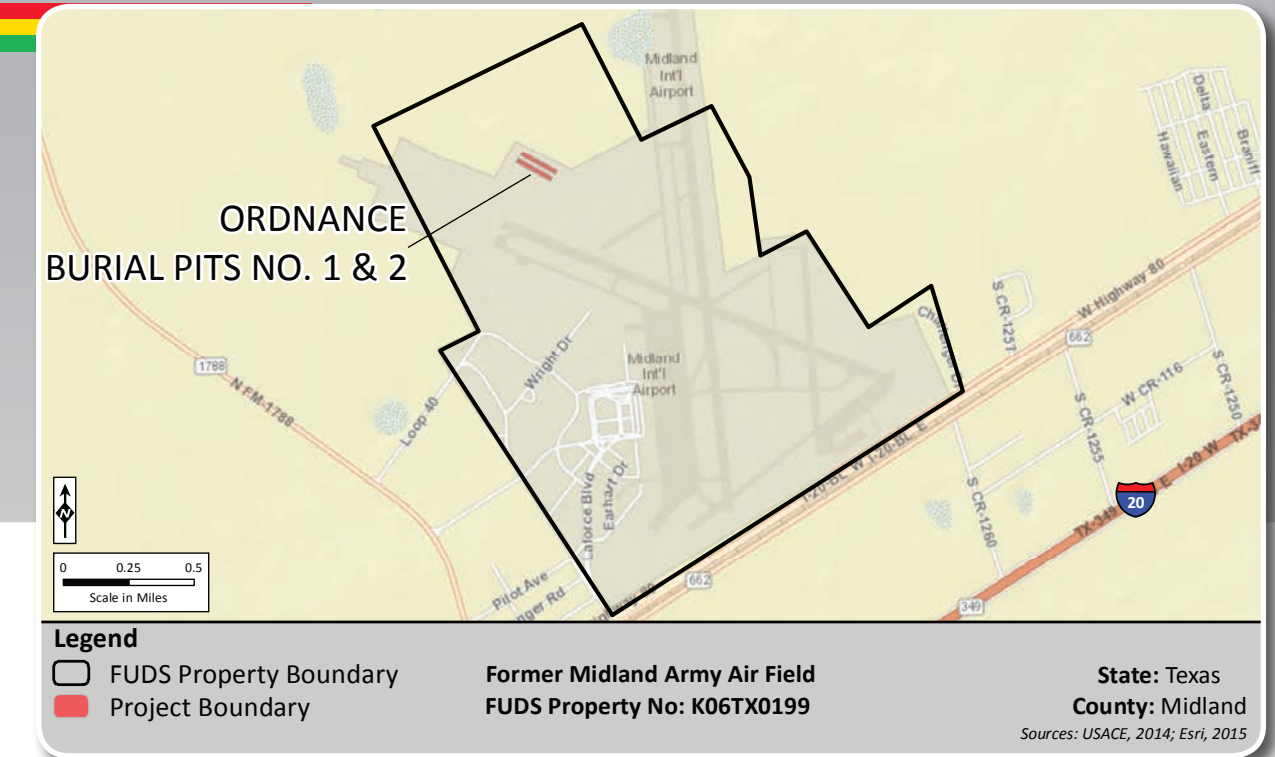
A: Military munitions such as general and practice bombs were potentially disposed of in the pits. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is unable to rule out the presence of munitions that may pose an explosive hazard.

Q: *What do I do if I suspect I may have come across a military munition?*

A: If you suspect you may have come across a military munition, the best way to ensure your safety is to follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety: **Recognize** that munitions are dangerous; **Retreat** — do not approach, touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area; and **Report** immediately what you saw and where you saw it to local law enforcement — call 911.

Q: *What are the findings of the work that the government has completed?*

A: Historical research and site inspections indicate that military munitions were previously used at this air field and some munitions may remain on the property. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has



determined that further investigation is required for the Ordnance Burial Pits No. 1 & 2 at the former Midland Army Air Field.

Q: *What will be done next?*

A: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will make explosives safety education material that is based on the 3Rs available to landowners and the community. Additionally, it will coordinate with landowners as it plans required response activities.

Q: *Where can I get more information?*

A: For more information, call the Formerly Used Defense Sites Information Center toll-free number 1-855-765-FUDS (3837). Additional information about the site can be found by using the Geographical Information System tool on the Formerly Used Defense Sites website at www.fuds.mil.

Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety

Recognize

when you may have come across a munition, and that munitions are dangerous;

Retreat

do not approach, touch, move or disturb a suspect munition, but carefully leave the area; and

Report

immediately what was found to local law enforcement — call **911**.