



## Navy OTC Revitalization Draft EIS

### Definition

Cultural resources include:

- Archaeological resources,
- Historic architectural resources, and
- Traditional cultural properties and sacred sites.

### Regulatory Framework

Cultural resources are governed by various federal laws and regulations, including the National Historic Preservation Act, Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act, American Indian Religious Freedom Act, and Archaeological Resources Protection Act. The Navy is consulting with the California State Historic Preservation Officer and other interested parties under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for potential impacts to buildings eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

### What was Studied?

The Area of Potential Effect from this project to cultural resources includes the Navy Old Town Campus (OTC) Site 1, OTC Site 2, and roughly a 2-mile radius surrounding OTC (see figure on next page).

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) considers potential impacts from this project on cultural resources from ground disturbance, vibrations from construction and operation, and undesirable noises or changes to the visual setting.

The significance of impacts from this project to cultural resources was determined considering the extent or degree to which the impacts could be reduced with impact reduction and mitigation measures.

**A cultural resources study conducted for the Draft EIS identified a historic district on OTC. The district is called the "Consolidated Aircraft Plant 2 Historic District." This historic district is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places because planes, orbiters, and missiles were designed and manufactured at the plant during World War II and the Cold War.**

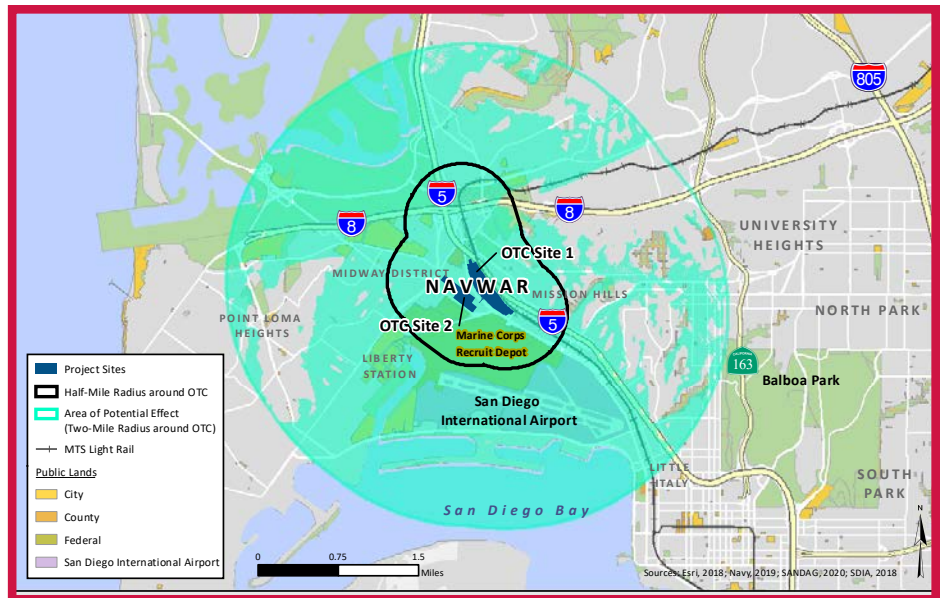
The Navy conducted inventories of cultural resources at OTC to identify properties that are listed or potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Extensive archival research was conducted on World War II and Cold War-era activities at OTC.

These studies determined there is a historic district within OTC that is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. This district, called the "Consolidated Aircraft Plant 2 Historic District," is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places due to its association with World War II and the Cold War:

- Significant World War II and Cold War planes, orbiters, and missiles were designed and manufactured at the plant
- World War II planes were built in large part by women known as "Rosie the Riveters"
- Plant was established by Reuben H. Fleet, member of the International Air & Space Hall of Fame and National Aviation Hall of Fame
- Architecturally significant as an example of the massive manufacturing complexes built for aircraft production

## Potential Impacts

- For all five alternatives, there are no identified archaeological sites located within areas designated for ground disturbance related to construction or demolition.
- Demolition activities under Alternatives 1 through 5 would result in alteration and/or demolition of historic buildings. This would result in the potential loss of the district's National Register of Historic Places eligibility.
- Alternatives 2 through 5 would result in dense development with mid- and high-rise buildings on OTC, and this type of density and building heights is not consistent with nearby historic properties such as Old Town San Diego.
- Based on previous consultations with Native American Tribes, no known Tribal Cultural Properties or sacred sites have been identified within OTC. The Navy will continue consultation with Federally Recognized Tribes during this EIS process.



## How would Impacts be Minimized?

The Navy is consulting with the California State Historic Preservation Officer and other interested parties to minimize or mitigate adverse effects to historic properties. The Navy is committed to fulfilling all of its requirements under the National Historic Preservation Act and welcomes your input.

### Public Comment Period – Your Input Matters

The Navy welcomes your comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Comments can be submitted in three ways:

1. **Via the website:** [www.NAVWAR-revitalization.com](http://www.NAVWAR-revitalization.com)
2. **By U.S. mail:**  
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3. **Provide verbal comments during a virtual public meeting:** June 8 and June 23, 2021

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Navy has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with modernization of the Navy Old Town Campus to support NAVWAR's current and future operational readiness. The 60-day public comment period begins May 14, 2021 and ends July 13, 2021. The Navy also encourages comments on historic properties consultation as a part of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The Navy welcomes your input.

Public comments must be submitted by July 13, 2021 to be considered in the development of the Final EIS.