

Introduction

This guide provides information about the military training activities that took place at the former Southern Shores Training Area. It will raise awareness of the explosive hazards that may still exist at the property.

The U.S. military used the former Southern Shores Training Area, also known as Target #29, from the early 1940s until 1945 as a bombing, strafing and rocket range. An area of the former Southern Shores Training Area has been identified through historical research and site visits as having potential explosive hazards. The munitions known or suspected to have been used at the training area include practice rockets, practice bombs with spotting charges and small arms ammunition.

The former Southern Shores Training Area is located in the town of Southern Shores, North Carolina, in Dare County. The land is publicly and privately owned, and was used primarily for residential and recreational purposes.

Because explosive hazards associated with military munitions from past military training may remain on the former Southern Shores Training Area, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recommends that landowners and visitors follow the **3Rs of Explosives Safety – Recognize, Retreat and Report.**



Example of practice bomb debris

Former Southern Shores Training Area

For More Information



US Army Corps of Engineers.

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 Southern Shores Training Area, 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 Southern Shores Training Area

North Carolina
Dare County



Southern Shores



US Army Corps of Engineers.

Source: U.S. Navy



An aircraft that dropped practice bombs on the former Southern Shores range was the F4U-1A Corsair fighter, circa 1944

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What types of potential hazards exist?

A: Our research shows military munitions, such as practice rockets, practice bombs with spotting charges and small arms ammunition, were potentially used at the former Southern Shores Training Area. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers cannot 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** — when you may have encountered a munition and that munitions are dangerous; **Retreat** — do not approach, touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area; and **Report** — call 911 and advise the police of what you saw and where you saw it.

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

A: Historical research and site inspections indicate that military munitions were potentially used at this



Legend

- FUDS Property Boundary
- Project Boundary

Southern Shores
FUDS Property No: I04NC1085

State: North Carolina
County: Dare

Sources: USACE, 2015; Esri, 2016

training area, and some munitions may remain on the property. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined that further investigation is required for the former Southern Shores Training Area.

Q: What will be done next?

A: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will make explosives safety education material, based on the 3Rs, available to landowners and the community. Additionally, we will coordinate with landowners as we plan 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 can be found by searching on the property name, Southern Shores, in the Geographical Information System tool on the Formerly Used Defense Sites website at www.fuds.mil.

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