

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 95000759

Date Listed: 6/19/95

Ammo Bunker (S-1008)
Property Name

Maricopa AZ
County State

Williams Air Force Base MPS
Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Antonieta Neo
Signature of the Keeper

6/19/95
Date of Action

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Amended Items in Nomination:

State/Federal Agency Certification: The property is evaluated at the local level of significance.

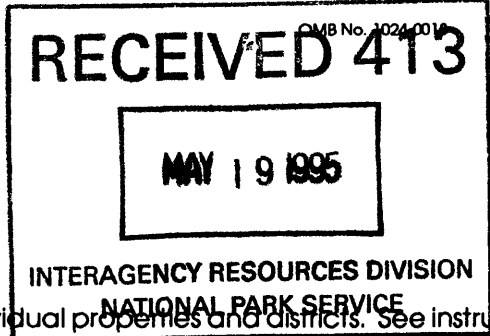
This information was confirmed with Paul Williams of the Air Force's Office of Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health.

DISTRIBUTION:
National Register property file
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM



This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Ammo Bunker

other names/site number S-1008

2. Location

street & number Southwest of Alaska Drive not for publication
city or town Williams Air Force Base vicinity
state Arizona code AZ county Maricopa code AZ 013 zip code 85225

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

[Signature]
Signature of certifying official
May 15, 1995
Date

U.S. Air Force
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

James W. [Signature]
Signature of commenting or other official
15 FEB 1995
Date

ARIZONA STATE PARKS
State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register _____
 ___ See continuation sheet.
___ determined eligible for the _____
 National Register
 ___ See continuation sheet.
___ determined not eligible for the _____
 National Register
___ removed from the National Register _____

___ other (explain): _____

Robert A. Lee
Signature of Keeper

6/19/95
Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- ___ private
___ public-local
___ public-State
 public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- ___ building(s)
___ district
___ site
 structure
___ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
___	___ buildings
___	___ sites
<u>1</u>	___ structures
___	___ objects
<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Historic Resources of Williams Air Force Base, Arizona

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)Cat: DEFENSE Sub: Arms Storage

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)Cat: VACANT/NOT IN USE Sub: _____

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)NO STYLE

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)foundation CONCRETEroof CONCRETEwalls CONCRETEother EARTH

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B. removed from its original location.
- C. a birthplace or a grave.
- D. a cemetery.
- E. a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F. a commemorative property.
- G. less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

MILITARY
ENGINEERING

Period of Significance 1941-1943

Significant Dates 1942

Significant Person (Complete only if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Webb, Del E. Construction Company

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
 previously listed in the National Register
 previously determined eligible by the National Register
 designated a National Historic Landmark
 recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
 recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data:

State Historic Preservation Office
 Other State agency
 Federal agency
 Local government
 University
 Other
 Name of repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Less than one acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northing
 1 12 436890 3683915 3 _____
 2 _____ 4 _____
 _____ See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
 A **sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name _____
 street & number _____ telephone _____
 city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____

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Ammo Bunker

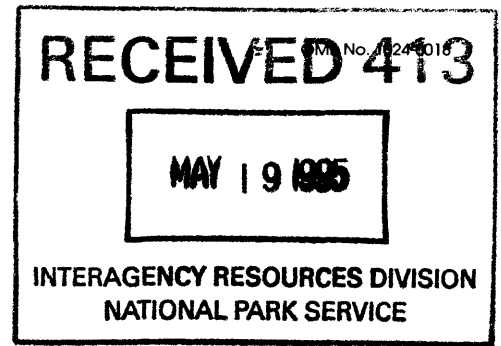
name of property

Maricopa/Arizona

county and State

Historic Resources of Williams Air Force Base, Arizona

name of multiple property listing



Description

The Ammo Bunker (S-1008) was constructed in 1942 by the Del E. Webb Construction Company. The structure was constructed in a standard military design used on both Army and Air Corps bases. The structure represents the Military Facility property type. It retains substantial integrity of design, materials, and workmanship. The Ammo Bunker is currently not in use.

The Ammo Bunker is located in an open field to the southwest of Alaska Drive, approximately one-half mile south of the original base plan. It is located on a portion of the Midvale Archeological Site, a property listed on the National Register. There is another Ammo Bunker (S-1007) located about 500 feet north of this structure. There is military family housing to the north of the field.

The Ammo Bunker is roughly elliptical in shape, one-story structure of reinforced concrete construction. The structure measures 150 X 80 feet. The arched shaped roof and walls are of reinforced concrete and covered with dirt.

Features of the structure include a reinforced concrete entry facade with a reinforced concrete blast wall. The facade is a reinforced concrete wall with a flat parapet. There is a single leaf steel door centrally located on the facade. Opposite the facade is a reinforced concrete blast wall that is tilted back at the top and is supported by a dirt mound behind it. The blast wall was constructed to contain an explosion in the bunker.

Statement of Significance

The Ammo Bunker (S-1008) is significant under *Criteria A* under the area of significance of the Military. The Ammo Bunker is significant as a good illustration of a typical utilitarian military support structure constructed at military bases in the United States during World War II. The Ammo Bunker is representative of the historic contexts "Williams Field Training Programs and Wartime Operations, 1942 to 1947" and "Williams Field Base Plan and Architectural Theme." Built in 1942 of a standard military design by the Del E. Webb Construction Company, the Ammo Bunker represents the Military Facility property type. It is a locally rare example of a once common type. The Ammo Bunker is also significant under *Criteria C* under the area of significance of Engineering. It illustrates a specialized standardized design intended to store and protect explosive ammunition. Utilitarian features include the unusual arched shape concrete structure used to house the ammunition and an opposing blast wall built to minimize damage due to accidental explosion.

The Ammo Bunker is a good illustration of the Military Facility property type and retains its integrity of design, materials and workmanship. It conveys the physical characteristics of the property type, particularly for its specialized function. Its overall design, use of materials and method of construction, clearly convey its military origins. Those characteristics visually provide an associative link to the early development of the base and its function as a bombing training facility. The bunker conveys its purpose and therefore its association with the comprehensive base operations at Williams Air Force Base and its significant mission of providing flying training programs during World War II.

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county and State

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name of multiple property listing

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Stevens, Robert Conway. History of Chandler, 1912-1953. Tucson: University of Arizona, October 1954.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The boundaries of the property are defined by lines extending five feet beyond the farthest permanent projection of the building and parallel to each facade.

Boundary Justification

The boundary encompasses the structure and its immediate setting.

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The following information is common to all photographs of the Ammo Bunker S-1008.

Name of Photographer: Nancy Christine Richards
Date of Photograph: April, 1993
Location of Original Negative: Arizona State Historic Preservation Office

Photo #1

Description of View: Ammo Bunker S-1008, looking south.

Photo #2

Description of View: Ammo Bunker S-1008, looking north.