

U.S. Army

HAWTHORNE ARMY DEPOT : NEVADA

Hawthorne Army Depot (HWAD) was established as the Naval Ammunition Depot Hawthorne in September 1930 and redesignated Hawthorne Army Ammunition Plan in 1977. After the production mission ended in 1994, it became Hawthorne Army Depot. Located in western Nevada, south of Walker Lake, Hawthorne is a government-owned contractor-operated facility. The depot is the largest ammunition storage facilities in the world, occupying 147,236 acres and housing 2,915 structures with 7.6 Million square feet of covered storage. HWAD is also home to the largest



environmental permitted Open Detonation Facility in the Department of Defense (DoD) with an authorized disposal limit of 40,000 lbs. net

explosive weight daily. Lastly, the high desert, isolated location provides ideal training facilities for thousands of Joint Force and Allied personnel.

FAST FACTS

- » Location: **Mineral County, NV (near Hawthorne)**
 - » Land Area: **147,236 acres**
 - » Special Use Airspace: **7 nautical miles²**
 - » Military Personnel: **1**
 - » Civilian Personnel: **66** (including Tenants)
 - » Contractor Personnel: **565**
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Above: Hawthorne Army Depot. (Nevada Division of Environmental Protection photo)

Left: Open Detonation (U.S. Army photo).

MISSION STATEMENT

Receive, store and issue conventional munitions; demilitarize and dispose of unserviceable, obsolete and surplus munitions; and maintain serviceability through inspection and renovation to ensure munitions readiness in support of joint forces.

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UNIT MISSIONS

- » **The Expeditionary Systems Evaluation Division:** The Marine Corps Programs Office, ESED, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane conducts many Research, Development, Test and Evaluation projects on the depot for the joint forces.
- » **Navy Undersea Warfare Center Detachment (NUWC):** NUWC conducts demilitarization activities and reclamation of mercury and silver from batteries.
- » **Defense Logistics Agency:** The DoD stockpile of elemental mercury is stored at HWAD. DLA is reflasking the mercury.
- » **Archival ammunition facility:** Hawthorne is an archival storage site, storing munitions with lower replacement rates and munitions ready to be demilitarized. It is considered the Army's premier resource recovery and recycling center of conventional ammunition.
- » **Western Area Demilitarization Facility (WADF):** WADF is a 160-acre complex that consists of nine production buildings and six support buildings with the capability to perform various remotely operated ammunition breakdown operations followed by melt-out or wash-out / steam-out of energetic material.



Above: Hawthorne Logo



Above: Western Area Demilitarization Facility (U.S. Army photo).

COMMANDER RANK

Lieutenant Colonel

TRAINING & TESTING RANGES

- » Old Bomb Test Range
- » New Bomb Open Detonation Facility
- » Freedom Ranges (small arms)

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- » Operated by private contractor, SOC NV, LLC
- » Contains the Western Area Demilitarization Facility, which is a premier resource recovery and recycling center for conventional ammunition
- » Stores a wide range of conventional ammunition on behalf of DoD

For more information, please see <<http://www.jmc.army.mil/Installations.aspx?id=Hawthorne> >