

Yuma Proving Ground

For over 70 years, this portion of Arizona's Sonoran Desert has hosted a variety of military activities to train and equip America's combat forces to ensure they are the best in the world.

This has resulted in U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground developing into one of the best multi-purpose test range facilities in the Department of Defense. The Heritage Center is proud to present a visual interpretation of the people, places, events, and objects that have comprised this intriguing history. Although representations in the galleries are of objects from our material culture, remember that the real story is about people...people who trained and worked here to research, develop, test, and evaluate the tools our nation's military personnel used to protect our freedom. Keeping these same ideals foremost in mind, YPG people will always test for the best!



The Heritage Center of U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground, a museum activity of the U.S. Army Center of Military History, is located adjacent to Cox Field on YPG's Main Administrative Area.

Mailing Address:

301 C Street
Yuma, Arizona 85365

Phone: (928) 328-3394

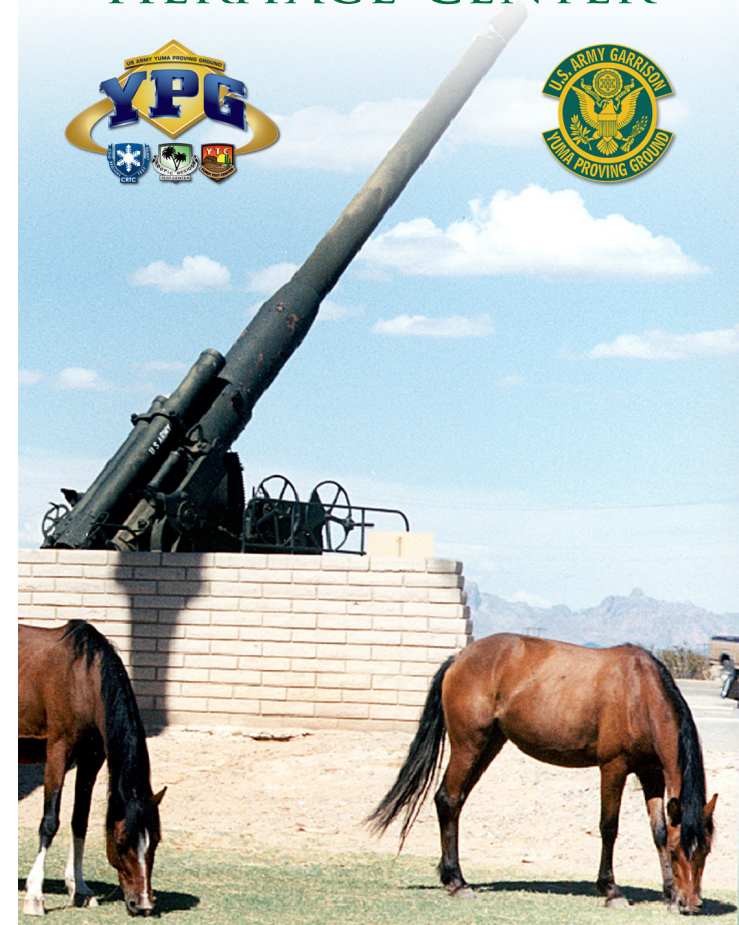
Fax: (928) 328-2507

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
For alternate times and tours, call the museum.

HC

★★ U.S. ARMY YUMA PROVING GROUND ★★
HERITAGE CENTER





Wahner Brooks Exhibit Area

The Wahner Brooks Exhibit is a popular outdoor interpretive center. Ample parking, RV access, and groomed walkways wind through exhibits of combat vehicles, rockets, and artillery systems tested at YPG. Located off of the Imperial Dam Road, it is co-located with the YPG Visitor Control Center (VCC) . To enter YPG's Howard Cantonment Area, where the Heritage Center is located, visitors need to acquire a day pass at the VCC. They will need to show their drivers license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance to obtain a day pass.



Quartzsite



Laguna Dam



Ride YPG's Heritage Trail

You may begin or end your ride through YPG's history at U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground's Heritage Center. Located in the former post headquarters building on YPG's Main Administrative Area, numerous exhibit galleries guide you through over 70 years of history. Born of the World War II necessity to train and equip America's rapidly expanding Army, Yuma Proving Ground has evolved to become a vital test center. See this fascinating history through exhibits, multi-media and theater presentations. Guided tours are available upon request.



The Big Guns

Iconic objects in their own right, YPG's "Big Guns" serve as the key gateway to YPG's Heritage Trail. The M65 Atomic Cannon, one of five such pieces on exhibit worldwide, is a favorite photo opportunity for those travelling along Highway 95. For many, this is their first stop as they continue down Imperial Dam Road to the Visitor Control Center prior to their visit to the Heritage Center. For those of you visiting on Fridays, go to Howard Gate to process for your day pass.

Yuma