

UXO

When we say "UXO", do you know what that means?

UXO is an Army acronym for "Unexploded Ordnance".

What is "UXO" exactly? UXO results from the military's use of munitions in training. Military munitions include: bullets, bombs, rockets, pyrotechnics, grenades, blasting caps, shells, fuzes, pyrotechnic and explosive simulators, and other explosive items. Most military munitions contain some form of propellants, explosives, or pyrotechnic mixes to make them function (explode, propel, or produce intense smoke or light) properly. When a military munition does not function as intended (do what it is supposed to do) during use, they normally become Unexploded Ordnance or UXO. Many people also refer to UXO as "duds."



Mad Mortar says, "If you did not drop it, do not pick it up!"

Does Fort Jackson have any "UXO"? YES. Because Fort Jackson is an Army training facility and soldiers must train with many types of weapons and equipment to ensure they get the most realistic training possible, this training takes place throughout the installation. Some areas are used for "live fire" exercises. This means that there are some areas on post that may have munitions that have failed to explode or detonate. Although this is uncommon, it still happens on occasion. The Army prohibits entry by unauthorized personnel into those areas where UXO may be found. The Army has a special team of highly trained soldiers who are actively involved in disarming any unexploded ordnance.



What should I do if I find any that might be "UXO"? These items are extremely dangerous and should never be touched or moved because they can still explode and cause serious injury or death. All anglers and hunters must learn the "**3 Rs**" of UXO:

- **Recognize** - if you think you have seen something that looks like UXO...
DON'T TOUCH IT!
- **Retreat** - Leave the area...go back the same way you came!
- **Report** - Let someone in authority know where it is!



If you should find anything that you might suspect is UXO, contact Fort Jackson's Range Control: **751-8100 or **751-8777**.**

If you would like to learn more about UXO, you can read about it by clicking on the poster below:

STOP!
DON'T
TOUCH



UXO
CAN HURT
OR KILL