

AHTNA

Stilwell Hall Demolition *Former Fort Ord, Monterey, California* *U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*

Project Description

When the abandoned 50,000-square-foot former Stilwell Hall Officers' Club was undermined by beach erosion, Ahtna was called upon by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to help prevent the historic building from sloughing into the Pacific Ocean. Due to U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service regulations, all activities had to be completed in a small time frame to protect the endangered plant and animal species in the area.

The building contained extensive amounts of asbestos and lead-based paint, which had to be abated prior to demolition. Within 24 hours, Ahtna mobilized and began to inventory and remove historic artifacts and cordon off areas of endangered plant species. Complete demolition followed abatement of the building, taking care to prevent objects from falling over the 150-foot cliff into the ocean. Clean concrete was removed to a nearby recycling facility. Contaminated materials were disposed under manifest to approved Class I or II facilities, depending on the nature of the waste. Routine construction debris was hauled to the nearby Marina Landfill.



Stilwell Hall, Ft. Ord, CA. Due to years of heavy storm activity, the cliffs were badly eroded, undercutting the former Officer's Club building, which was threatening to fall into the bay.



Stilwell Hall, Ft. Ord, CA. During demolition, there was only a narrow window of time to operate since the building was located in a sensitive habitat area.