



USCBS is dedicated to the prevention of looting of cultural property, as took place at this archaeological site in Iraq.

## Preserving the past...protecting the future.

The United States Committee of the Blue Shield was formed in 2006, in response to heritage catastrophes around the world. The name Blue Shield comes from the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, which specifies a blue shield as the symbol for marking protected cultural property. The International Committee of the Blue Shield and its affiliated national committees work together as the cultural equivalent of the Red Cross, providing an emergency response to cultural property at risk from armed conflict.

### USCBS GOALS

- ◆ Coordinate with the U.S. military, U.S. government, and other cultural property organizations to protect cultural property worldwide during armed conflict.
- ◆ Promote U.S. legal protections for and commitments to cultural property, consistent with the 1954 Hague Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and its Protocols.
- ◆ Prepare and maintain a database of volunteers to advise and assist in the protection of cultural property worldwide damaged or threatened by armed conflict.
- ◆ Raise public awareness about the importance of cultural property as the shared heritage of all humankind.
- ◆ Provide advice and assistance to cultural organizations in emergency planning for situations involving armed conflict.

### JOIN USCBS TODAY!

As a nonprofit, non-governmental organization, the USCBS depends on membership fees, along with donations. Please consider becoming a member, and make an important investment in protecting the world's cultural assets.

Membership in USCBS is open to anyone concerned about protecting cultural property during armed conflict. Through membership dues, USCBS receives critical support for programs offering cultural property training for the U.S. military, cultural emergency response teams, and educating the public about the 1954 Hague Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict.

**To join, complete the membership form on reverse »**



# USCBS Membership Form

## Thank you for your support!

Make checks payable to USCBS – If you wish to pay by credit card or PayPal, visit [USCBS.org](http://USCBS.org)

Please mail this completed form along with your membership check to:

U.S. Committee of the Blue Shield  
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\$50 Cultural Property Professionals and Students

\$75 Supporting Member

\$250 Benefactor

### Institutional Members

\$250 Institutional Member

\$500 Supporting Institutional Member

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