



## Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington National Cemetery  
Arlington, VA 22211

June 16, 2014

The Honorable John McHugh  
Secretary of the Army  
100 Army Pentagon, Room 3E700  
Washington DC, 20310

Dear Mr. Secretary,

The Arlington National Cemetery Advisory Committee (ANCAC), now a congressionally mandated non-discretionary advisory committee established under Title 10 United States Code § 4723, met on May 7, 2013 at the Women in Military Service to America.

The ANCAC is a vehicle through which the Army receives advice and recommendations which is a complement to command and staff actions, not a substitute. The Department of the Army provides support through the Army National Military Cemeteries and Arlington National Cemetery. The Executive Director, Army National Military Cemeteries and Arlington National Cemetery serve as the Principal Executive and a nonvoting member of the Committee. The committee, with DoD approval, operates through 3 authorized subcommittees:

- (a) Honor Subcommittee – to review and provide recommendations to the parent Committee on extending the future of active burial gravesites, veteran eligibility criteria and master planning.
- (b) Remember Subcommittee – to review and provide recommendations to the parent Committee on efforts to preserve and care for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
- (c) Explore Subcommittee – to review and provide recommendations to the parent Committee on efforts to preserve the historic essence of Arlington National Cemetery and development of an interactive means to share this unique history with the nation and the world.

The Committee takes seriously its mandate to provide independent advice and is encouraged by the significant progress made in the past two years by the current leadership. The agenda, attendees and Committee recommendations are included in the attached May 2014 Report of the Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery at Tab A. We look forward to working further with your staff to continue to enhance the service and experience provided to veterans and their loved ones as well as our nation at Arlington National Cemetery.

Very Respectfully Yours,

Honorable Maxwell Cleland  
Co-Chairperson, Advisory Committee on  
Arlington National Cemetery

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### 1. References.

- a. Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, Title 5, United States Code, Appendix 2.
- b. The Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. § 552b)
- c. National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2012, Advisory committee on Arlington National Cemetery (10 U.S.C. § 4723)
- d. Department of Defense Instruction 5105.04.
- e. Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery Charter, August 2012.

### 2. Background.

a. The Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery (Committee) met a total of two open sessions and rendered recommendations at its Spring 2014 Meeting at the Women in Service to America Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery on 7 May 2014.

b. Established by the Secretary of the Army as the "Army National Cemeteries Advisory Commission," Congress mandated within the NDAA 2012 that "the Secretary of the Army shall advise and consult with the advisory committee with respect to the administration of Arlington National Cemetery, the erection of memorials at the cemetery, and master planning for the cemetery."

c. The 10 U.S.C. § 4723 also stipulates that "not later than 90 days after receiving a report or recommendations from the advisory committee, the Secretary of the Army shall submit the report or recommendations to the congressional defense committees and the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives and include such comments and recommendations of the Secretary as the Secretary considers appropriate."

3. **Report.** Five of the seven re-nominated and re-appointed Committee members, a quorum, were present for the majority of meeting, including:

Honorable Maxwell Cleland, Chairperson  
Mr. Russell Davis, Lieutenant General (USAR retired)  
Mr. Thomas Chet Edwards, American Battle Monuments Commission nominee  
Mr. Thomas G. Kelley, Captain (USN retired), Veterans Affairs nominee  
Mr. James Peake, Lieutenant General (USA retired)

a. The Chairman, the Honorable Max Cleland, presided over the Spring meeting and called for a moment of reflection on the significance of the upcoming 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day in Normandy, France.

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b. Committee members discussed required actions to address the subcommittee focus areas studied throughout the year, and they also received briefs on:

(1) Highlights for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Arlington National Cemetery.

(2) An update by the ANC Engineer regarding the status of the multiple expansion projects.

(3) The Historical Mementoes Program for Section 60

(4) Burial Scheduling

(5) ANC Explorer 2.0

4. **Recommendations.** By unanimous vote, the Committee had no recommendations to the Secretary of the Army during the Spring 2014 meeting:

5. **Requested Actions.** The Committee takes seriously its mandate to advise the Secretary of the Army on Arlington National Cemetery. As such, the Committee requested to receive the following brief:

a. The Honor subcommittee requested continued updates on major construction projects, specifically the Tomb of Remembrance.

b. The Remember subcommittee requested the status of all current requests for memorial monuments to be placed at ANC.

c. The Explore subcommittee requests continual updates on the progress of the Section 60 memorial collection.

6. **Actions Pending Further Review.** To help the Committee make more informed recommendations, they also asked to receive the following information:

a. Identify requirements for a public-private partnership or foundation opportunity;

b. Develop a courses of action regarding recommendations for disposition of the proffered large marble slab in Colorado:

(1) Determine what is the exact nature of the proffer; and

(2) Provide details on the cost and logistics associated with moving and storing the large marble slab, currently in Colorado, if the Army would want to pursue this course of action.

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7. The Designated Federal Officer, Ms. Renea Yates, was present. The meeting was video recorded. Minutes and a formal Congressional report are being developed as required.

8. The Committee meeting minutes will be reviewed and approved as required by the business rules. The next full committee meeting will be at a date and time to be determined in October 2014.