

MINUTES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

EXPLORE SUBCOMMITTEE

MEMORIAL COLLECTION; ANC 150TH AND WEBSITES UPDATES

30 APRIL 2014

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, ARLINGTON, VA

1. Summary. Dr. Carney presented the Memorial Collection Update. Colonel Stewart briefed the 150th schedule of events.

2. Attendees.

a. **Explore Subcommittee.** Mr. Chet Edwards attended in person. Mrs. Debra Fix dialed in via telephone. A quorum was present for the meeting.

b. **Arlington National Cemetery.** Ms. Yates, Designated Federal Officer; Sergeant Major Curfman, Alternate Designated Federal Officer; Colonel Stewart, Chief of Staff.

3. Discussion.

a. Mr. Edwards asked if designating these items as a memorial collection constitutes that we have to keep everything as a collection. Mr. Carney related this is not so and a person who has the expertise and authority will determine this and stated there is no Army Regulation that identifies what constitutes a collection. As a result ANC will create our own policy. Discussed collection management and the fact that families are interested in leaving photographs. Stated the number of items collected in Section 60 has significantly decreased since October. Approximately 8-10 items every two weeks and that there is a host of things that will need to be done to restore this collection. Mr. Edwards asked if there was a budget to take care of associated cost. Mr. Edwards asked if someone in PAO lets veterans know about these display cases that will display the Section 60 mementoes. Also asked if this information will be put on our website and in social media channels. Mrs. Fix asked about using the acronyms on the banners and whether the younger generation would understand these. Also, asked about if we plan to recognize and highlight the MOH recipients for OIF/OEF. Mrs. Fix asked about the process of families wanting any of the collection returned to them. Dr. Carney stated that now that these items are a memorial collection it is now US Army property and they cannot claim it back.

b. Dr. Carney discussed renaming the "Old Amphitheater" to "James Tanner Amphitheater". Mr. Edwards asked if ANC does due diligence in checking for criminal records etc. on Mr. Tanner. Mrs. Fix ascertained how we intend to let the public know about Mr. Tanner and his contributions that caused us to deem him worthy of having a monument named after him. Dr. Carney discussed naming the

Memorial Amphitheater Chapel the Kimball Room. Mr. Edwards asked the same question about checking his past criminal record and if Dr. Carney was comfortable with his status. Mrs. Fix stated that she hopes we are considering diversity when selecting the individuals to name our monuments after. Last, Dr. Carney discussed the display room redesign and stated we are on time and tracking to be complete. Mr. Edwards asked about the print size on the displays to ensure they are large enough to be easily read. Mr. Edwards asked about the Vietnam Unknown plaque – wanted to know if this plaque is presently in existence. Mr. Edwards stated the ANC honors those that served not the war itself and he does not understand the commentary on this plaque and why it would be fitting. Mrs. Fix agreed with Mr. Edwards’s opinion on this as well. Mrs. Fix asked about the Indian headdress and the significance of this.

c. Colonel Stewart briefed the 150th Update. Mr. Edwards talked about visitors who come to see Congressman/women and how we communicate this message to them and the public on what is going on in ANC. Mrs. Fix asked about an inclement weather plan. COL Stewart related there was not.

d. Ms. Yates discussed updating our website and ANC Explorer. Ms. Yates also discussed ANCs “Today I Remember” site. Mr. Edwards asked about anyone desecrating this site and safeguards we have to weed out any inappropriate data. Mr. Edwards asked how we search out key words or phrases that alert us. Ms. Yates also discussed QR Codes. Mr. Edwards asked about the difference of families who can afford to get this code verses the families who cannot and that this has some power distinguishing between those that can and those that can’t. Mrs. Fix asked about the removability of these codes in the event they become damaged or the family no longer wants it there. Mrs. Fix related the “what ifs” of this endeavor such as people wanting to add a small photo or something similar.

4. Conclusion. Meeting adjourned at 1203.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chet Edwards". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chet Edwards
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