

MINUTES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ARLINGTON NATIONAL
CEMETERY EXPLORE SUBCOMMITTEE
14 October 2015
ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, ARLINGTON, VA

1. Summary. The subcommittee was presented with an update on the status of the Section 60 Memorial Collection, and the WWI exhibit concept being planned at ANC and allowed the subcommittee members to express their questions and discuss overall impressions and concerns. Also present were Ms. Renea Yates, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery (Committee), Colonel Joseph Simonelli and Lieutenant Colonel Kevin Johnson.

2. Attendees.

a. Honor Subcommittee. Mr. Chet Edwards, Subcommittee Chair, Mr. Russell Davis, Ms. Debra Fix, Mr. Mark Farley, Mr. Bob Hess, Mr. Ron Fetherson, and Ms. Rose Duval attended. A quorum was present for the meeting.

b. Arlington National Cemetery. Ms. Renea Yates, COL Joseph Simonelli, Mr. Dave Kammen, Dr. Stephen Carney and LTC Kevin Johnson attended the entire brief and discussions.

3. Discussion.

a. The open meeting for the Explore Subcommittee was called to order at 1020 hours.

b. The subcommittee chair, Mr. Chet Edwards opened the meeting reflecting on his observations that the quality of the Welcome Center and the website have improved the experience to those who travel here as well as those who are unable to travel to ANC. Dr. Carney presented a detailed briefing on the Section 60 memorial collection, the collection focus and how the 30,000 item collection will be triaged and categorized for future preservation.

c. There were questions by Mr. Kelley and Mr. Hess on the destination of the collection and how the collection was being catalogued. Dr. Carney explained the collection destination is ANC as this is where it will be stored and archived, with future display options to be determined. He also said each piece is photographed with a high resolution camera, marked and tagged with decedent's name and grave site number and entered in the database.

d. Mr. Edwards asked if the policy was having a positive effect for the cemetery and if there was any feedback from the families. Mr. Hess commented that communications have improved and he is not seeing the issues they used to see. Additionally, it was noted that there is an adherence to the policy as far as leaving unauthorized items at grave sides and affixing mementos to markers. Mr. Edwards agreed that the process and policy appears to be working well.

e. Dr. Carney presented the concept for the WWI exhibit to be displayed at the

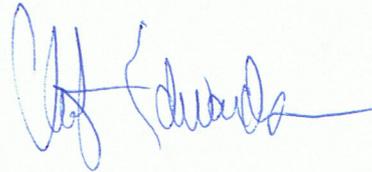
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ANC Welcome Center with an objective to tell the ANC story as well as educate the public as to the importance of the WWI repatriations, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, how borders were redrawn, the death toll and the aftermath of the Great War.

4. Due Outs. N/A

5. Conclusion. After all questions were answered and initial Subcommittee comments were provided, the subcommittee chair thanked all in attendance and the meeting was adjourned.

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