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Arlington National Cemetery's award-winning app reaches 30k downloads

ARLINGTON, Va. – The Executive Director of the Army National Military Cemeteries announced in a hearing today that Arlington National Cemetery's free app, *ANC Explorer*, has reached 30,465 downloads in less than six months.

Kathryn A. Condon testified before the House Veterans Affairs' Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, along with representatives from the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemeteries Administration and American Battle Monuments Commission to provide an update on the progress made to date at Arlington National Cemetery.

"*ANC Explorer* allows the public to honor, remember and explore this national shrine virtually whenever they want, wherever they want," said Condon.

The operational technology and app have received a number of awards from *Federal Computer Week*, *Computer World*, and *Government Computer News*. *ANC Explorer* was named, "App of the Year," at the 2013 Federal Mobile Computing Summit.

Arlington National Cemetery has transformed into an industry-leading, state-of-the art cemetery. Arlington's leadership modernized cemetery operations using existing Army capabilities and technology. In March 2012, Arlington National Cemetery became the first national cemetery to geospatially (digitally) manage cemetery operations. Arlington adapted this operational technology to benefit families and the public, enabling them to more deeply explore the cemetery's rich history.

On Oct. 22, 2012, Arlington National Cemetery released *ANC Explorer*, an application that can be used on smart phones and web browsers to allow the public to locate gravesites, view current and future events, and browse points of interests in the cemetery.

Arlington National Cemetery is committed to honoring the legacy of our fallen heroes, veterans and their families. The work that Arlington is undertaking today will further enable the cemetery to be a place for people to *Honor, Remember* and *Explore* this Nation's rich history well into the future.

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