



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
ARMY NATIONAL MILITARY CEMETERIES  
ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY  
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22211-5003

May 29, 2026

**SUBJECT:** National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Consultation for a Programmatic Agreement for the Operation, Maintenance, and Repair Activities at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia

Dear Consulting Party:

Army National Military Cemeteries (ANMC) invites you/your organization to consult on a new Programmatic Agreement (PA) for operations, maintenance and repair activities at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) located in Arlington, Virginia. The PA (enclosure 1) will be utilized as a program alternative to fulfill the requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 process, as defined in 36 CFR § 800.14(b), and will replace the previous 2014 ANC PA (enclosure 2), which expired on July 18, 2024, and the “bridge” ANC PA (enclosure 3) executed on February 06, 2025 and amended on February 6, 2026 (enclosure 4).

The bridge PA remains in full force and effect until February 4, 2027, to allow for continued consultation on a new PA. The new PA includes updates to ANC property boundaries, archaeological research, operations and maintenance policies and practices, and updated supporting documents. When the new Agreement is executed, the terms of the new Agreement will supersede the terms of the bridge Agreement.

On November 26, 2025, ANMC initiated consultation with the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on the new PA. Consultation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) was initiated on December 4, 2025. As a result of these consultations, the agency developed a pre-final draft of a new PA for Operation, Maintenance, and Repair Activities at Arlington National Cemetery (enclosure 1).

ANMC has identified you/your organization as a party with a vested interest in the historical significance and integrity of ANC and, as such, invites you/your organization to be a consulting party. By becoming a consulting party, you will be actively informed of steps in the Section 106 process, including public meetings, and your views will be actively sought.

By July 13, 2026, please confirm your interest in consulting on this PA. Interested parties may elect to participate as a consulting party at any time and may also choose to withdraw their request to be a consulting party at any time. ANMC will consider these requests throughout the consultation process. Interested parties can also request to be concurring parties to the Agreement. Concurring parties do not have the same rights as invited or entitled signatories. By concurring with the Agreement, they are expressing agreement

with the contents of the document and acceptance of the outcome of the process ([https://www.achp.gov/executing\\_agreement\\_documents](https://www.achp.gov/executing_agreement_documents)).

This notification marks the start of a 45-day review and comment period, running from May 29, 2026 – July 13, 2026. During this 45-day period, ANMC seeks input from the DHR, consulting parties, and the public to inform the NHPA Section 106 process. The consultation documents are available for public review at ANC's Welcome Center and on the agency's website: <https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Policies-and-Public-Notices/Public-Notices>.

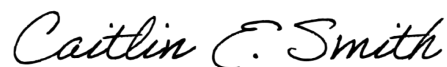
Please email your responses to Caitlin Smith, ANMC Cultural Resources Program Manager, at [usarmy.pentagon.hqda-anc-osa.mbx.cultural-resources@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.pentagon.hqda-anc-osa.mbx.cultural-resources@army.mil), and include "Arlington National Cemetery PA" in the subject line. Interested parties may request a virtual meeting in July 2026 to discuss the draft PA before providing comments.

By July 13, 2026, please provide your comments on the pre-final draft PA and let us know if you/your organization wishes to:

1. Participate as a consulting party;
2. Participate as a concurring party; and
3. Requests a virtual consulting parties meeting to discuss the draft PA.

Thank you for your continued support of Arlington National Cemetery.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

1. PRE-FINAL DRAFT: Programmatic Agreement Among Army National Military Cemeteries, the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for the Operation, Maintenance, and Repair Activities at Arlington National Cemetery (2026)
2. Programmatic Agreement Among Arlington National Cemetery, the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for the Operation, Maintenance, and Repair Activities at Arlington National Cemetery (July 18, 2014)

3. Bridge Programmatic Agreement Among Arlington National Cemetery, the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for the Operation, Maintenance, and Repair Activities at Arlington National Cemetery (February 6, 2025)  
(Available at <https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Portals/0/Docs/Public-Notices/ANC-Operations-Maintenance%20Bridge%20PA-2025-Final.pdf>)
4. Amendment to the Bridge Programmatic Agreement Among Arlington National Cemetery, the Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for the Operation, Maintenance, and Repair Activities at Arlington National Cemetery (February 6, 2026)  
(Available at <https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Portals/0/Docs/Public-Notices/2-Amendment-ANCBridgePA-20260206.pdf>)

### **Background Information:**

Arlington National Cemetery Public Notices:

<https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Public-Notices>

Arlington National Cemetery Historic District National Register Nomination:

<https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-registers/000-0042/>

Information about Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act:

<https://www.achp.gov/protecting-historic-properties>