

# **Arlington** **National Cemetery**

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### **Commemorative Monuments and Memorials**

### **November 2017**

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3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division Monument (1988)

Argonne Cross (WWI)

Battle of the Bulge Memorial (2006)

Beirut Barracks

Canadian Cross of Sacrifice Memorial (1927)

Chaplains Hill and Monuments

Civil War Unknown Monument

Coast Guard Memorial

Confederate Memorial

Iran Rescue Mission Monument

Korean War Contemplative Bench (1987)

McClellan Gate (1864 or soon after)

Nurses Memorial (Section 21)

Pan Am Flight 103 Memorial Cairn

9-11 / Pentagon Group Burial Marker

President John F. Kennedy Gravesite

President William Howard Taft Monument

Robert F. Kennedy Gravesite

Rough Riders Monument (1907)

Space Shuttle Challenger Memorial

Space Shuttle Columbia Memorial

Spanish-American War Monument

Spanish-American War Nurses

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

USS Maine Mast Memorial

USS Serpens Monument

USS Forrestal

Woodhull Memorial Flagstaff

## Key

Traditional monument – No remains associated

Monument or memorial near the fallen it represents

Monument or memorial marking remains of the fallen

Memorial “In Memory of” specific person(s) or singular tragedy

### Memorial Markers -

ANC preserves space specifically for memorializing individual service members whose remains are missing, never recovered, scattered, or buried at sea (Public Law 112-154).

There are currently 2,809 memorial headstones at ANC for these missing or never returned service members (380 spaces remain for future missing or lost).



### Group Markers -

There are hundreds of group burial markers at Arlington National Cemetery, ranging in size.

However, it is important not to confuse a group burial with that of an Unknown. In a group burial, the individuals are known, but because of the circumstances of their deaths, they are individually unidentifiable. When this occurs, the DoD directs that all remains be interred together and a headstone be erected with each person's name and other data engraved upon it.





### Memorial Arboretum and Horticulture –

Arlington National Cemetery boasts a large collection of memorial trees throughout its grounds. These trees serve as living monuments commemorating military units and battles, veterans, families, and others who serve.

Other than this large collection of trees, Arlington has few commemorative works that do not memorialize the individual service member. In total, there are 163 commemorative works – **142 being commemorative tree monuments\***. Due to the dwindling capacity of the cemetery, these works have been more closely regulated in recent times – and only three have been placed within the last quarter of a century.

Other trees include: #1, American-Armenian Volunteers at Argonne; #2, American Defenders of Bataan and Corregidor; #3, Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge; #4, Beirut Victims of Terrorism; #5, U.S. Colored Troops and Freed Slaves...along with another 137 living monuments.

\*One tree is currently approved for a monument, but it has not been placed by the sponsor organization (VHPA).



**Memorial areas. The Secretary may set aside a suitable area to honor the memory of those:**

- ☐ Missing in action
- ☐ Remains not recovered
- ☐ Buried at sea
- ☐ Remains donated to science
- ☐ Ashes scattered without interment of any portion of the ashes



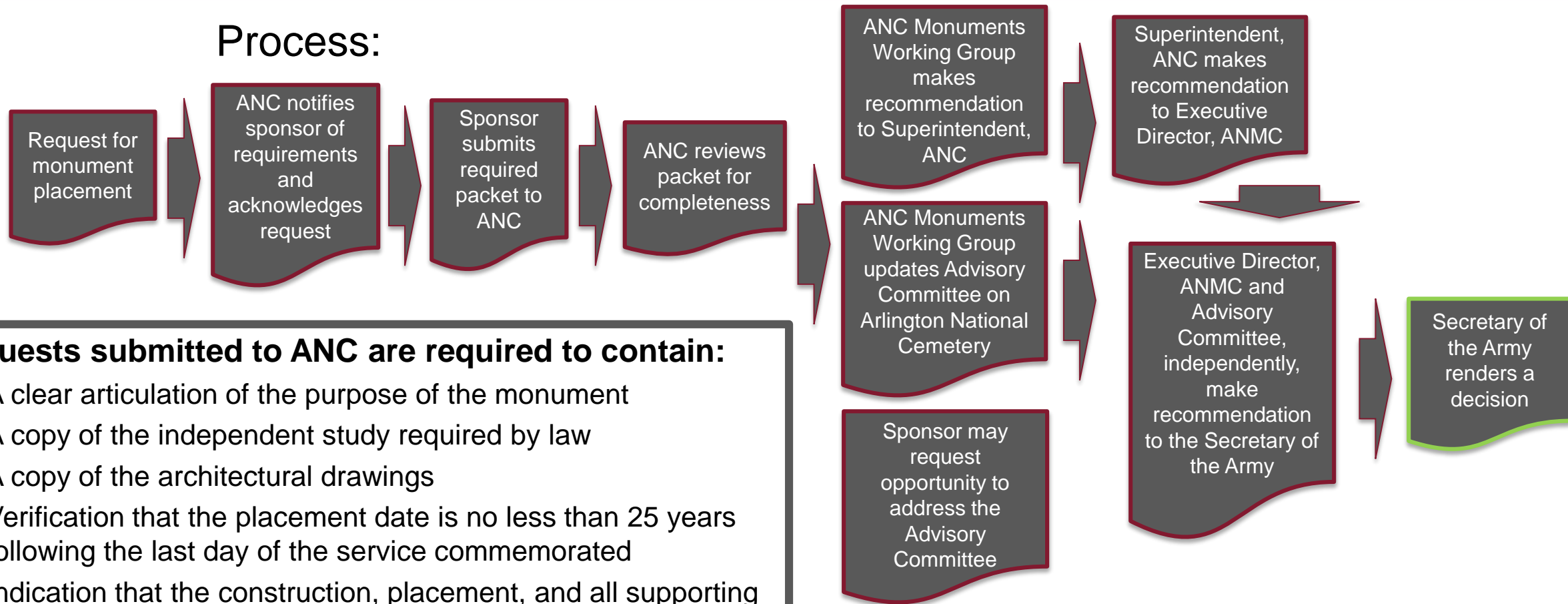
**Except for a monument containing or marking remains, no monument may be placed except if the following criteria are met:**

- ☐ The monument commemorates an individual, or individuals, whose memory is to be honored or a particular military event that occurred more than 25 years in the past
- ☐ The monument can be placed in an area not suitable for burial and the Commission of Fine Arts must be consulted regarding the design
- ☐ A non-governmental entity pays for 100% of costs and provides rationale for placement at ANC
- ☐ SecArmy must notify Congressional Oversight Committees (if approved) and must allow 60 days (for Congressional disapproval) before placement



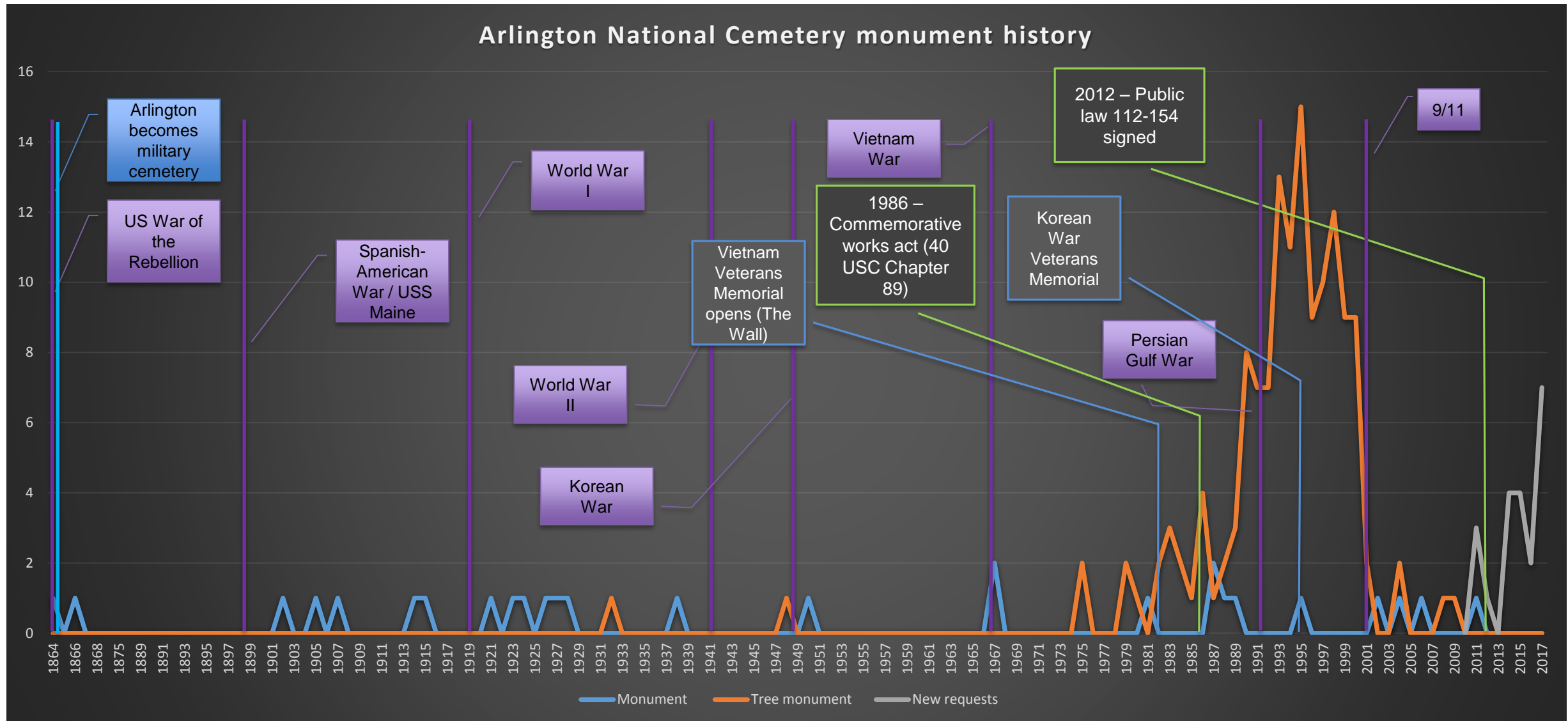
# Commemorative works at ANC

## Process:



### Requests submitted to ANC are required to contain:

- ☐ A clear articulation of the purpose of the monument
- ☐ A copy of the independent study required by law
- ☐ A copy of the architectural drawings
- ☐ Verification that the placement date is no less than 25 years following the last day of the service commemorated
- ☐ Indication that the construction, placement, and all supporting activities for the installation of the monument will be paid for and sustained in perpetuity from the sponsoring organization's privately-sourced funds. Certification of funds must be included.



## Current and recent commemorative works requests

Commemorative works update							
Congressionally sponsored	Pending sponsor action	Pending ANC action	Pending ACANC recommendation	Pending SecArmy action	Approved	Disapproved	Closed
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<p>Congressionally sponsored:            Apollo 1 – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary            Korean Defense Service Memorial</p> <p>Pending sponsoring organization action:            Society of the Honor Guard (2013)            Freedman's Village (2016)            USS Thresher (2012)            Protestant Chaplains update (2017)            Office of Strategic Services (2015)            USS F4 crew (2017)            Benches of Liberty (2017)            USS Liberty (2017)            28<sup>th</sup> ID (PAARNG) (2017)            Khobar Towers (2017)            Counterparts – Advisors and Allies (2017)</p>				<p>Approved:            Vietnam Helicopter Pilots &amp; Crewmembers</p> <p>Disapproved:            National Army Security Agency Association</p> <p>Closed:            24<sup>th</sup> ID MOH recipients            1<sup>st</sup> BN 5<sup>th</sup> CAV Regiment/ 2<sup>nd</sup> BN 12<sup>th</sup> CAV Regiment            USS Cole            8<sup>th</sup> AD Association            12<sup>th</sup> AD Veterans            254<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment</p>			





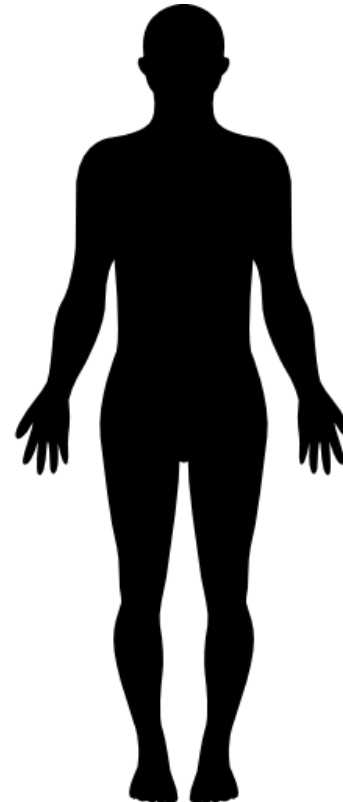
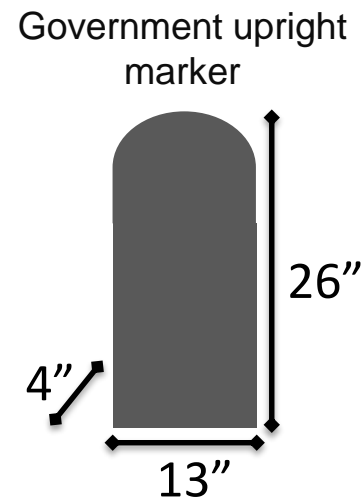
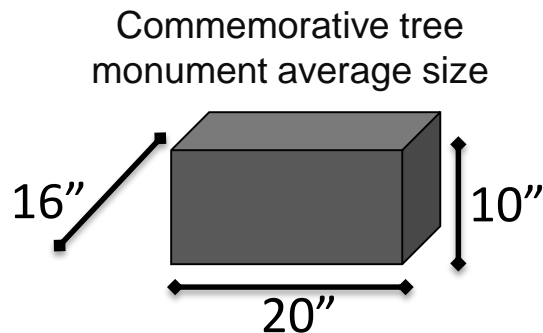
# Comparison of physical size

Existing commemorative tree monuments vs. proposed NASAA monument

**Average face area:**

Existing tree monuments  
– 317 square inches

NASAA monument  
– 2,736 square inches



80"

