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**Arlington National Cemetery
Strategic and Operational Initiatives Update**

for the

Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery

7 May 2018

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➤ Review past initiatives:

- Elective rescheduling
- Modify population that the local commander must provide funeral escort (FMFH) to

➤ Review current initiatives:

- HASC MILPER
- ANMC Strategic Plan

➤ Review proposed initiatives:

- Caring for an aging Veteran population at ANC
- Update on funeral escort requests (FMFH)

- Families that electively defer scheduling dates cannot elect FMFH
 - ACANC advised that this is operational policy, and should be considered by ANC
 - Remains under consideration by the Superintendent, ANC
 - Has not become policy at ANC as of this briefing
 - Exceptions for family tragedy or impacts of a natural disaster

- Recommending that funeral escorts (FMFH) at ANC be provided to E9>, CW4>, O4> *(36% of AUG2017 AD eligible persons)*
 - No advisement
 - Will provide updated information for consideration

HASC MILPER NDAA 2019 Mark (H.R. 5515 – FY19 National Defense Authorization Bill):

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MILITARY PERSONNEL SUBCOMMITTEE MARK

WASHINGTON, DC – Led by Chairman Mike Coffman (R-CO) and the Ranking Member Jackie Speier (D-CA), the Committee on Armed Services Subcommittee for Military Personnel today released its proposals for the Fiscal Year 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The Subcommittee will meet at 11:00 AM on Thursday, April 26th, in Rayburn 2212. The markup will be webcast on the committee's website < <https://armedservicesforms.house.gov/components/redirect.aspx?ID=479377-60470726> > . The Subcommittee's mark is available here < <https://armedservicesforms.house.gov/components/redirect.aspx?ID=479377-60470726> > .

The Military Personnel proposal is an integral part of the NDAA, supporting and protecting our warfighters with the care and benefits they need, deserve, and have earned. Specifically, this year's proposal:

Begin to Rebuild Readiness by helping to recruit and retain America's best and brightest while also growing the force by:

- Enabling the full funding of the by-law pay raise for the troops, the highest in 8 years;
- Authorizing increased end-strength across the Army, Navy, Air Force, Naval and Air Reserve, and Air Guard;
- Extending special pay and bonuses for servicemembers;
- Expanding the Department's authority to award nondestructive service credit for those entering the military with advanced education, experience, and training to help the military compete with the private sector in recruiting talent with specialized skills;
- Making permanent the Career Interruption Program, which allows servicemembers to take a break from active service to pursue personal interests, family needs, professional education, or career opportunities.

Caring for our troops and their families by:

- Enhancing ongoing Military Health System organizational reforms for the Services to transition military medical treatment facilities to the Defense Health Agency by ensuring no military medical treatment facility will be closed or downgraded until the completion of the transition to the Defense Health Agency;
- Requiring DOD to assess the ability of the Defense Health Agency to deliver mental health care services and review research efforts involving Traumatic Brain Injury, chronic traumatic encephalopathy, and post-traumatic stress disorder;
- Requiring the Secretary of Defense to update and review the policy and procedures related to wounded warrior care coordination, administrative support, and facility standards;
- Requiring the Department of Defense to establish a prescription drug monitoring program and share information with state prescription drug monitoring programs;
- Overhauling the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) to provide servicemembers tailored resources and information as they prepare to enter civilian life.

Oversight of critical issues, including:

- Requiring the Department of Defense Education Agency (DDEA) to consolidate juvenile misconduct data into one centralized reporting database;
- Directing the Secretary of the Army to take steps to extend the life of Arlington National Cemetery;
- Requiring the Army Marketing Group to implement measures to improve advertising and marketing campaign effectiveness and also to uphold accountability by withholding a portion of funding until required action is taken;
- Improving crime reporting by requiring DOD to establish centralized oversight to ensure criminal data is transmitted to the FBI database.

Protecting Servicemembers and their families from Sexual Assault by:

- Expanding eligibility for the expedited transfer process following sexual assault to include additional Active Duty personnel and cadets at military service academies;
- Requiring DOD to establish a comprehensive oversight plan for implementation of the Department's new harassment prevention and response policy;
- Mandating increased DOD oversight of those required to register as sex offenders.

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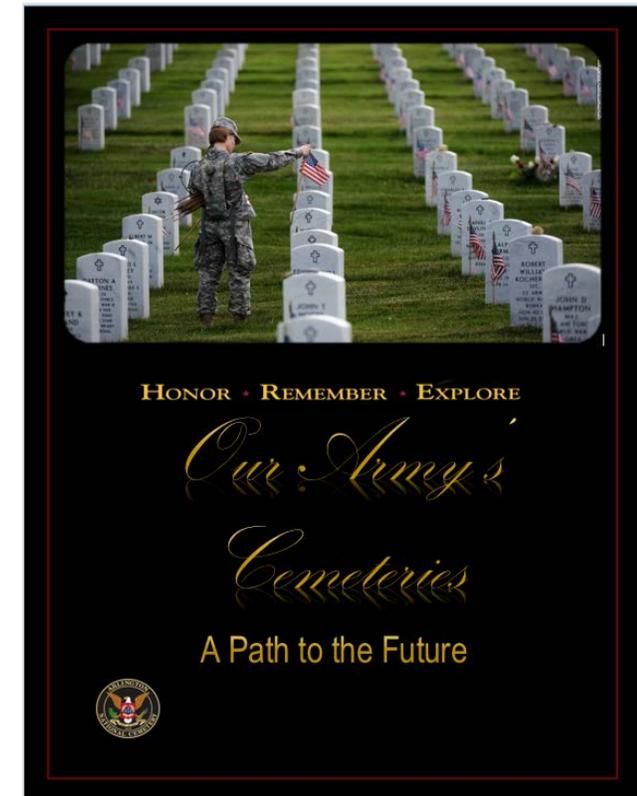
SEC. 5 [log 67203]. CRITERIA FOR INTERMENT AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY.

(a) CRITERIA.—The Secretary of the Army, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, shall prescribe revised criteria for interment at Arlington National Cemetery that preserve Arlington National Cemetery as an active burial ground “well into the future,” as that term is used in the report submitted by the Secretary of the Army to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs and the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate, dated February 14, 2017, and titled “The Future of Arlington National Cemetery: Report on the Cemetery’s Interment and Inurnment Capacity 2017”.

(b) DEADLINE.—The Secretary of the Army shall establish the criteria under subsection (a) not later than September 30, 2019.

Initiative – ANMC Strategic Plan *Our Army's Cemeteries – A Path to the Future*

- Requirement:
 - A long-range planning document that is useful to both internal (DoD, OGA) and external audiences (MSO, VSO, public)
 - A pinnacle document in the family of plans
- Status:
 - Final stages of staffing with Superintendent, ANC, and Executive Director, ANMC
 - Expect publication before summer outreach begins (VFW, American Legion, etc.)
 - New vision statement approved
 - “Great people honoring service and sacrifice to a Grateful Nation”
- Expected outcome:
 - Mission statement for ANMC and a revised mission statement for ANC
 - Strategic framework that includes strategic efforts in the mid-to-long range
- For consideration:
 - Situational awareness for ACANC only, advise as desired



Initiative - **Caring for an aging Veteran population**

- Requirement: Consider ways that we might accommodate the aging in our Veteran population as wait times get longer
- Key points:
 - ANC pre-scheduling wait times have been progressively growing longer
 - Subsequent interment requests are likely to be a more elderly population (already lost a spouse)
 - Approximately 1/6th of those currently waiting on a service are subsequent interments of an eligible dependent
 - Of the 3000+ families awaiting scheduling, 505 are awaiting a subsequent interment of an eligible dependent
 - Last FY, there were 1,834 more 1st interments than subsequent interments
 - May result in some prolonging of the life of ANC due to equalization of 1st/subsequent interment rates
- For consideration:
 - Should ANC consider operationally adjusting the funeral schedule to increase the number of subsequent interment opportunities available daily? This will shorten wait times for the more aged portion of our population, while prolonging wait times – to some degree – for 1st interments.

Initiative – Modify funeral escort eligible population

- Requirement:
 - Reduce wait time for those requesting funeral escort (FMFH)
- Key points:
 - Many of those who are eligible for funeral escort at the company grades, are not ground eligible
- For consideration:
 - Should ANC consider recommending that funeral escorts (FMFH) at ANC be provided to E9>, CW4>, O4>?

