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**SUBJECT:** National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 for the Main Entrance Gate Wing Wall Reconstruction on the Grounds of Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, Washington, DC

Army National Military Cemeteries (ANMC), which maintains and operates Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery (SAHNC), proposes restoring the masonry wings wall of the cemetery's original Main Entrance Gate. In May 2023, the southern wing wall was struck by vehicle, demolishing the masonry structure, damaging the attached iron fencing, and creating a break in the cemetery's boundary. As a temporary solution, ANMC's facilities maintenance staff temporarily installed black-painted aluminum fencing along the perimeter. The proposed new construction project would remove the northern wing wall and southern temporary fencing, replacing both with a replica of the original wing walls (ca. 1883-84). The proposed project is considered a federal undertaking with the potential to cause adverse effects on historic properties pursuant to 36 C.F.R. 800.3(a).

On June 13, 2025, ANMC initiated the consultation process with the DC State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. § 470f, and its implementing regulations, 36 C.F.R. Part 800. ANMC also submitted the concept design to the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (CFA). The Commission approved the concept design on 20 March 2025.

With this notice, ANMC provides the public the opportunity to view materials submitted to the SHPO as part of the Section 106 compliance process for the proposed undertaking. The documentation accompanies this notice. It shows the area potentially affected by the proposed project, contains a project description, identification of potential consulting parties, lists the historic properties contributing to National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) which are in the area of potential effects, and the agency's findings of no adverse effects.

This notice initiates a 30-day comment period. During this period, ANMC invites review and comment from the public on this project. Please send your comments to the 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 "SAHNC Wing Walls" in the subject line. Comments are due no later than July 18, 2025.

Thank you for your interest in Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery.