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Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) and Air Force District of Washington (AFDW), co-leads on this project, propose rehabilitation of the lights illuminating the Air Force Memorial. The project includes two banks of lights mounted on stanchions; in-ground flush-mounted luminaires for the base of the memorial Spires; in-ground flush-mounted luminaires for the granite walls and the Honor Guard Statute; specialty internal lighting of the glass Contemplation Wall and the star points under the Spires.

The reason for the change is to replace dimming bulbs, irreparable fixtures and numerous incorrectly mounted ground fixtures. Additionally, the project replaces lighting components no longer manufactured or not readily available in the USA. The proposed project replaces the in-place bulbs and existing fixtures for approximate 185 different fixtures and associated light mechanisms.

ANC invites review and comment from the public on this project. We do this in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and The 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.

The document “Air Force Memorial Lighting Rehabilitation, Arlington, Virginia, Project Description, Area of Potential Effects, And Assessment of Effects” accompanies this notice. It describes the undertaking, shows the area affected by the project, contains annotated photographs of the area, and lists the historic properties contributing to National Register of Historic Places Historic Districts which are in the area of potential effects.

ANC’s Cultural Resource Manager assessed the effects of the proposed undertaking using the criteria of adverse effects (36 C.F.R. 800.5(a)(1)) and determined the project will have No Adverse Effect on the characteristics which qualify Arlington National Cemetery, Robert E. Lee Memorial, and Memorial Bridge and related Avenue for listing in the National Register of Historic Place.

Please send your comments to Cultural Resources Manager at usarmy.pentagon.hqda-anc-osa.mbx.cultural-resources@mail.mil and include “Flagpole Illumination” in the subject line. Comment are due no later than February 4, 2021.

Thank you for your interest in Arlington National Cemetery.