



Arlington National Cemetery Confederate Memorial Removal

> Consulting Parties Virtual Meeting

October 18, 2023

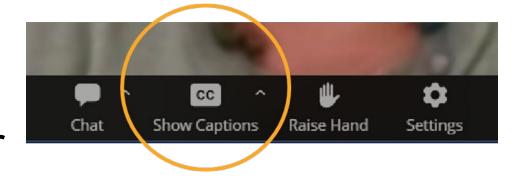
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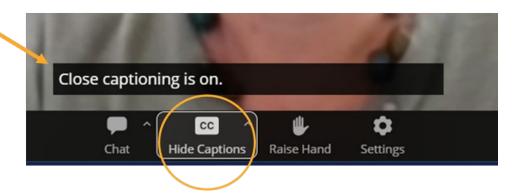
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Meeting Presenters

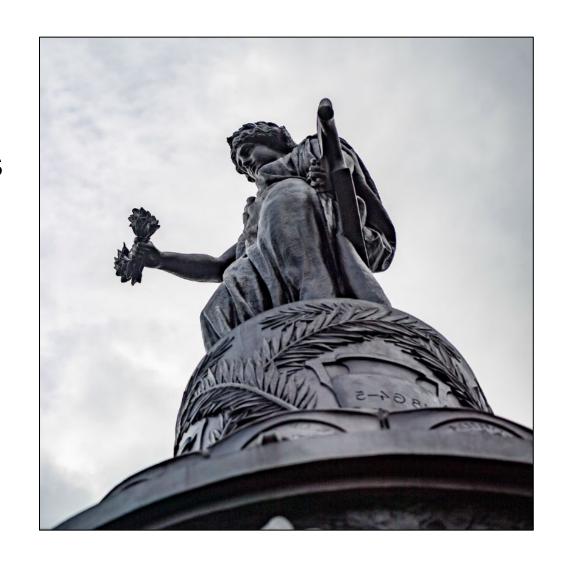
- Host: ANMC Director of Engineering, COL Andrew Wiker
- Compliance Lead: ANMC Cultural Resources Program Manager, Ms. Caitlin Smith

Project Information

- Website & Comment Form:

 https://www.orlingtoncometer.cmil/About/Confederate
 - https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Confederate-Memorial-Removal/NHPA-Section-106
- Email: anc-commemorative-works@army.mil

- Introductions
- Roles of Consulting Parties
- Current NEPA and Section 106 Steps
 - Revised APE
 - Assessment of Effects
 - Comment Period
 - Resolution of Adverse Effects
 - Comment Period
- Next Steps



Consulting Party Attendees

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RIGHTS OF CONSULTING PARTIES:

- Share their views
- Receive and review pertinent information/documentation to support consultation
- Offer ideas
- Consider possible solutions together with ANMC and other consulting parties

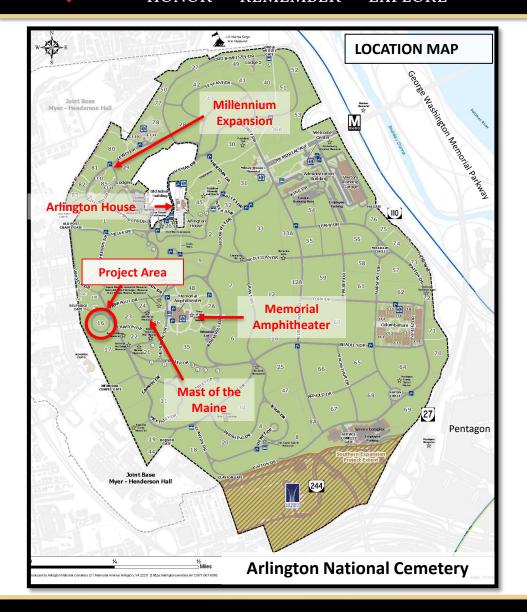
The agency is not obligated to carry out the preferences and recommendations of invited consulting parties.



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Project Description & Location Map



- Proposed Project: To remove the Confederate Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery (ANC).
- The Naming Commission, established by Congress, recommended removal of the bronze elements of the monument, leaving the granite pedestal in place. This became law in 2022.
- There are no remains under the memorial. The remains of those buried near or in the section will be protected and will not be relocated.
- ANC mandated to comply with the law by Jan.1, 2024.
- The entire process, including disposition, must occur according to applicable laws, policies and regulations.
- https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Confederate-Memorial-Removal

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires all federal agencies to evaluate potential environmental impacts of proposed major actions and to inform and involve the public in the decision-making process.

An environmental analysis is being prepared under NEPA for the removal of the bronze elements of the memorial.

The analysis will consider the impacts of three stages of the proposed action: the decision to remove the bronze elements, the disassembly of the bronze elements from the stone base, and the storage of the bronze elements.

NHPA: Section 106 Process

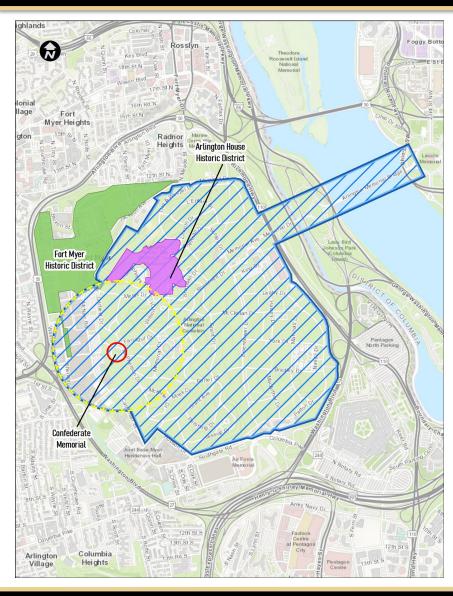


Public Input Is Welcome Throughout the NHPA Section 106 Process

For more information or to provide a written comment:

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Revised Area of Potential Effect



The revised APE is expanded to include the entirety of the Arlington National Cemetery Historic District.

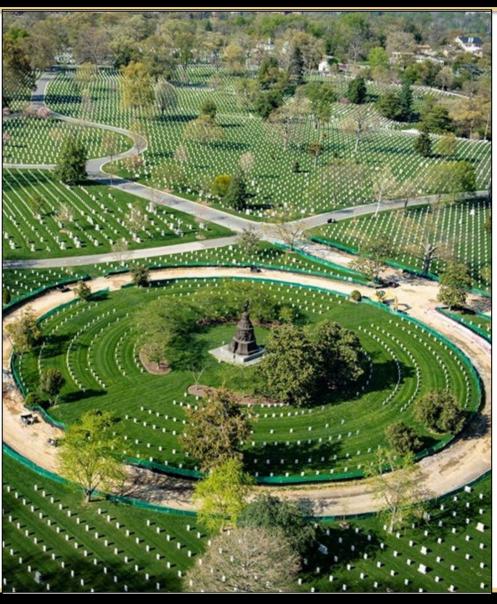
Historic Properties within or Adjacent to the APE

- Arlington National Cemetery Historic District
- Arlington House Historic District
- Fort Myer Historic District
- Confederate Memorial

Map View of Revised APE & Project Area. APE outlined in BLUE. Viewshed impacts outlined in YELLOW. Proposed project location in RED.



Identification of Historic Properties



The Confederate Memorial is visible from the following sites:

- Custis family gravesite (ANC)
- Section 13, white Civil War (enlisted) soldiers' primary burial ground (ANC)
- Grave markers and burial sections 1, 3, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 35, 37, and 46 (ANC)
- Boundary walls and gates (ANC)
- U.S.S. Maine Memorial (Mast of the Maine [ANC])
- Spanish-American War Memorial (ANC)
- Spanish-American War Nurses Memorial (ANC)
- Battle of the Bulge Memorial (ANC)
- Rough Riders Memorial (ANC)
- Selfridge Gate (ANC)
- McNair Rd. (Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall [JBM-HH])
- Fort Myer Memorial Chapel (JBM-HH)

To view the complete Section 106 submission to DHR, and to provide a written comment, please visit:

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ADVERSE EFFECTS

When an undertaking may directly or indirectly alter any of a properties characteristics that qualify it for inclusion in the National Register.

ANMC has determined that the proposed <u>removal</u>, <u>disassembly</u>, <u>and storage</u> of the Confederate Memorial will cause or have the potential to cause **adverse effects** on the following resources:

Confederate Memorial Arlington National Cemetery Historic District

Do the consulting parties believe there are effects to historic properties that have been previously identified in addition to the Confederate Memorial and the Arlington National Cemetery Historic District?

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Current Topic: Assessment of Effects

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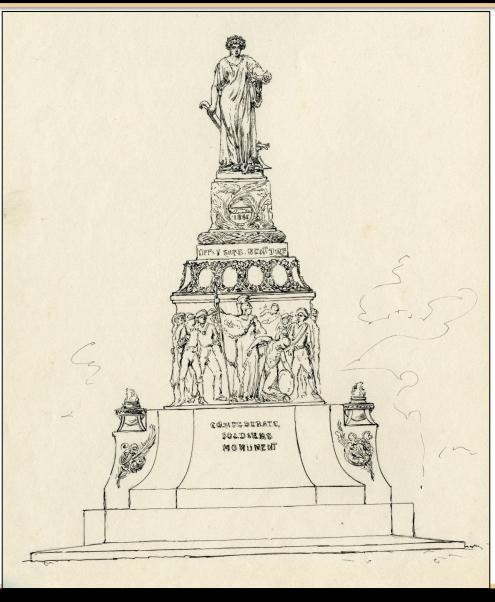
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Resolution of Adverse Effects



Potential Mitigation Measures: Confederate Memorial Removal, Disassembly, & Storage

- 1. Documentation
 - Historic American Building Survey (HABS)
 - Condition Assessments before, during, and after disassembly
 - Disassembly documentation
- 2. Disassembly & Storage Performance Standards
 - Disassembly methods, cleaning, storage, annual inspections
- 3. Interpretation
 - Web page, story map
 - Interpretative panels at ANC and a future reassembly location
- 4. Consultation

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Those not able to attend today's meeting, but who still wanted to have their comments read, were requested to provide written comments ahead of this meeting.

- If comments were submitted by parties not in attendance, we will now read the written comment(s).
- If all parties that submitted written comments had the opportunity to speak at today's meeting, we will not be reading the written comment(s).

All consulting party comments submitted to the commemorative works email will be included in full as an attachment to the meeting minutes.

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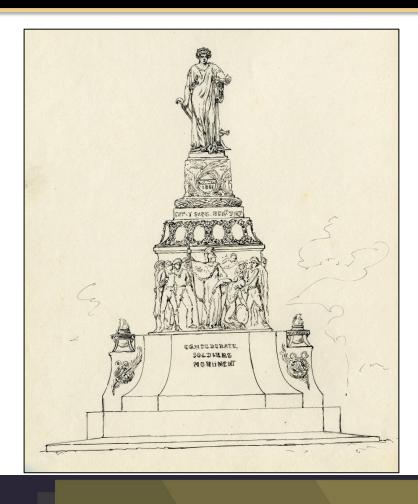
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Section 106 Process: Next Steps



ANMC received from the DHR:

- Concurrence on the APE
- Comments on the list of potential consulting parties
- Concurrence on individual eligibility of the Confederal Memorial
- Request to revise the APE

ANMC awaits the DHR's response on the following submissions:

- Revised APE & Identification of any other Historic Properties
- Assessment of Adverse Effects on Historic Properties

Public comment period open through Nov. 3, form available on the ANC website:

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Next steps in the Section 106 Process:

Step 4: Resolution of Potential Adverse Effects

NHPA INITIATE

IDENTIFY

ASSESS

RESOLVE

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA)

Section 106 Process: Next Steps

Three types of consulting parties:

- Entitled Signatories
- Invited Signatories
- Concurring Parties

Entitled Signatories: sole authority to execute, amend or terminate any agreement between the parties.

Include: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPO),

Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPO), Federally-recognized tribes

Invited Signatories: same rights to amendment or termination of the agreement document as other signatories.

Include: local governments; applicants for federal funds, licenses, permits, and/or other approvals; individuals or

organizations adversely affected; any party that assumes a responsibility under an agreement document

Concurring parties: do not have the rights of signatories.

Include: parties invited to sign the document; approval is not needed to execute, amend, or terminate an agreement

document; express agreement with the document and acceptance of the outcome of the process





Thank You for Your Time

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Questions about the project or process? Email: anc-commemorative-works@army.mil