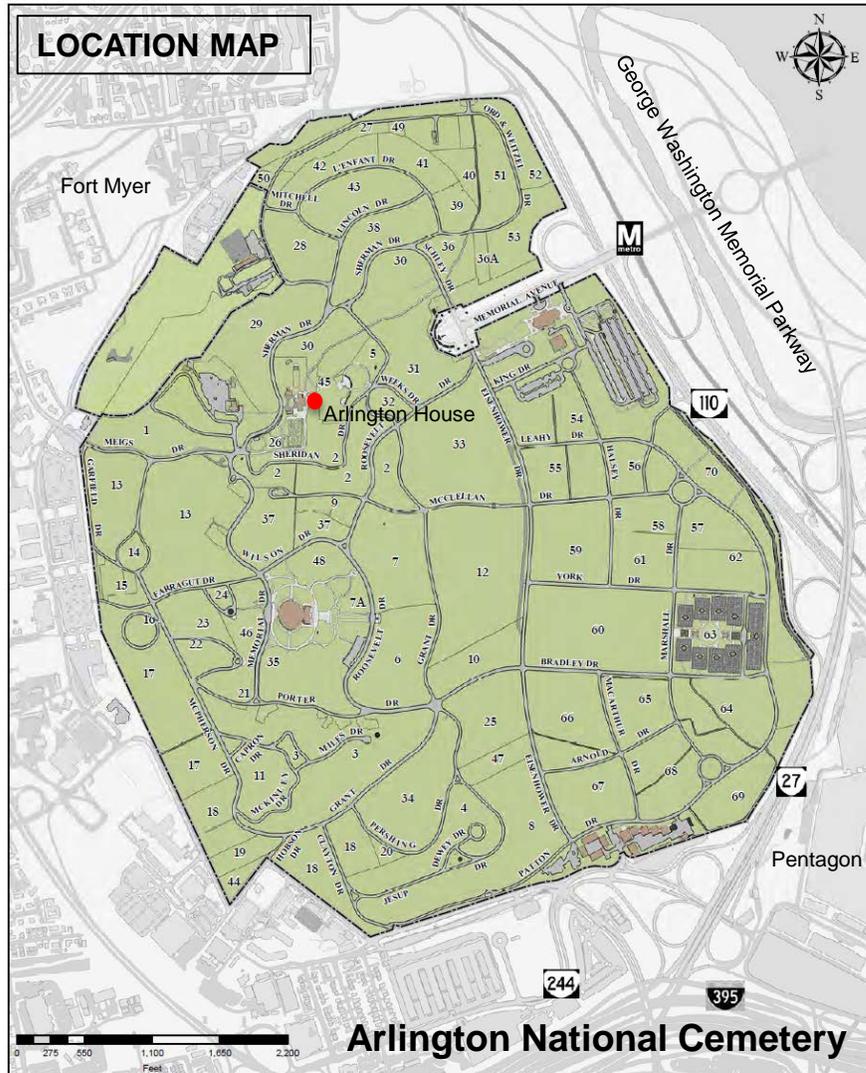


Arlington House Flagpole Illumination Arlington National Cemetery Arlington, Virginia

PROJECT DESCRIPTION,
AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS, and
ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT

December 18, 2020



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

We propose permanently retaining two spotlights installed during the summer of 2020 to illuminate the historic flagpole which stands at the east front of Arlington House. The spotlights are ten feet away and to the north and south of flagpole. The work to install the illuminations included digging a shallow trench from the existing in-ground junction box to the light post locations, installing two eighteen-inch high light posts, installing electrical wiring in PVC conduit to the light posts, mounting spotlights on posts, and backfilling trenches.

Raising and lowering the flag is a traditional daily practice to honor those buried at Arlington National Cemetery. In the past the presence of the flag indicated whether the cemetery is open or closed for burials. The flag will fly day and night once the flagpole is permanently illuminated.

The flagpole is located on a flat grassy grade in front of the east main entrance to Arlington House and overlooks the John F. Kennedy gravesite and Memorial Avenue entrance to the cemetery.

Arlington House, Kennedy grave sites, Memorial Avenue, and Memorial are the noteworthy historic properties in the Area of Potential Effects. They contribute to Arlington National Cemetery's, Robert E. Lee Memorial's, and Memorial Bridge's National Register of Historic Places historic district. The landscape surrounding the proposed spotlight locations also contributes to the historic district.

AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS

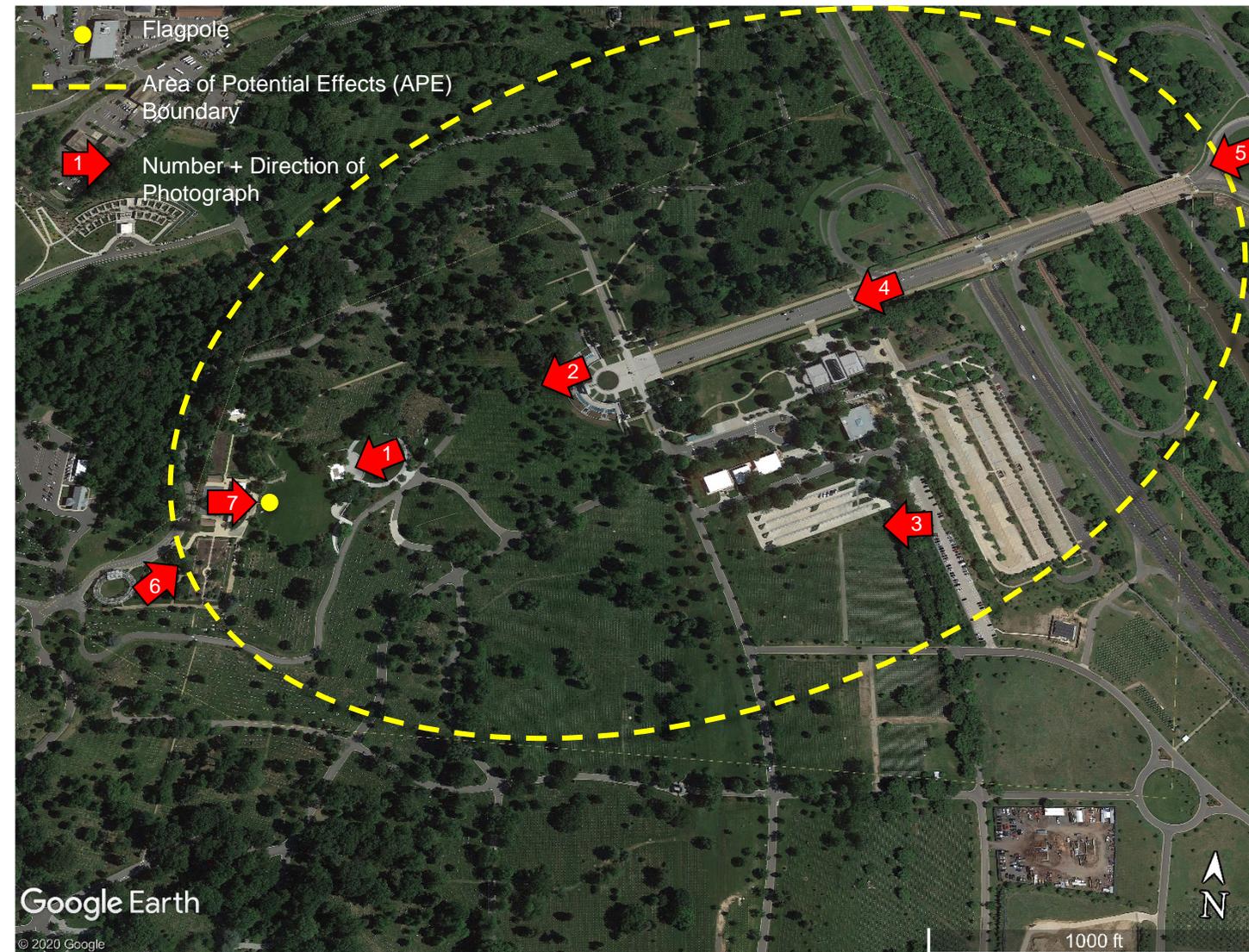
AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS

The Area of Potential Effects (APE) for the proposed illuminated flagpole is shown on satellite image to the left. The area is the boundary from which one can see the illuminated flagpole at nighttime. The extent of the APE is approximately a 1300 yards in length and 1000 yards in width. The eastern extent of the APE is Memorial Circle and the western extent is the Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns.

NATIONAL REGISTER CONTRIBUTING PROPERTIES IN THE APE

The historic properties in the APE's which contribute to Robert E. Lee Memorial (Arlington House), Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington Memorial Bridge and Related Avenue National Register (NR) Districts are:

- Arlington House (DHR #000-0001)
- Kennedy Gravesites (DHR #000-0042-0033)
- President Howard Taft Monument (DHR #000-0042-0051)
- Robert Todd Lincoln Monument (DHR#000-0042-0035)
- John Wingate Weeks Monument (DHR#000-0042-0050)
- Tomb of the Civil War Unknowns (DHR#000-0042-0014)
- General Sheridan Monument, Pierre L'Enfant Monument, General Horace Wright (DHR # not found)
- Headstones and Grave Markers (DHR #000-0042-0021)
- Burial Sections 2, 32, 33, and 45 (no DHR#)
- Eisenhower, Schley, Sheridan, Grant, and Weeks Drives (no DHR #)
- Arlington Memorial Bridge and Related Avenue (NR # 80-000346)
- Memorial Avenue ((DHR # 000-0014)
- Hemicycle (no DHR #)
- Richard Bryd Memorial (DHR #000-0014-1236)
- Armored Division Memorial (DHR #000-0014-1240)
- 101st Airborne Division Memorial (DHR #000-0014-1241)
- Ivy Division Memorial (no DHR # found)
- Welcome Center (DHR #000-0042-0014)



DETERMINATION OF EFFECTS

I assessed the effects of the proposed permanent illumination of the existing flagpole and have determined the undertaking will have **No Adverse Effect** on the characteristics which qualify ANC's, Robert E. Lee Memorial's (Arlington House) and Memorial Bridge's historic districts for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

The east exterior façade of Arlington House has been illuminated for decades. The house during the day and night provides a visual link with the Lincoln Memorial located 1.3 miles away across the Potomac River. This visual link between these historic properties has been maintained for 100 years. Lighting the flagpole is a minor, but important, visual change.

The area for the two spotlights has been disturbed previously and trenching had no effect on archeological sites.

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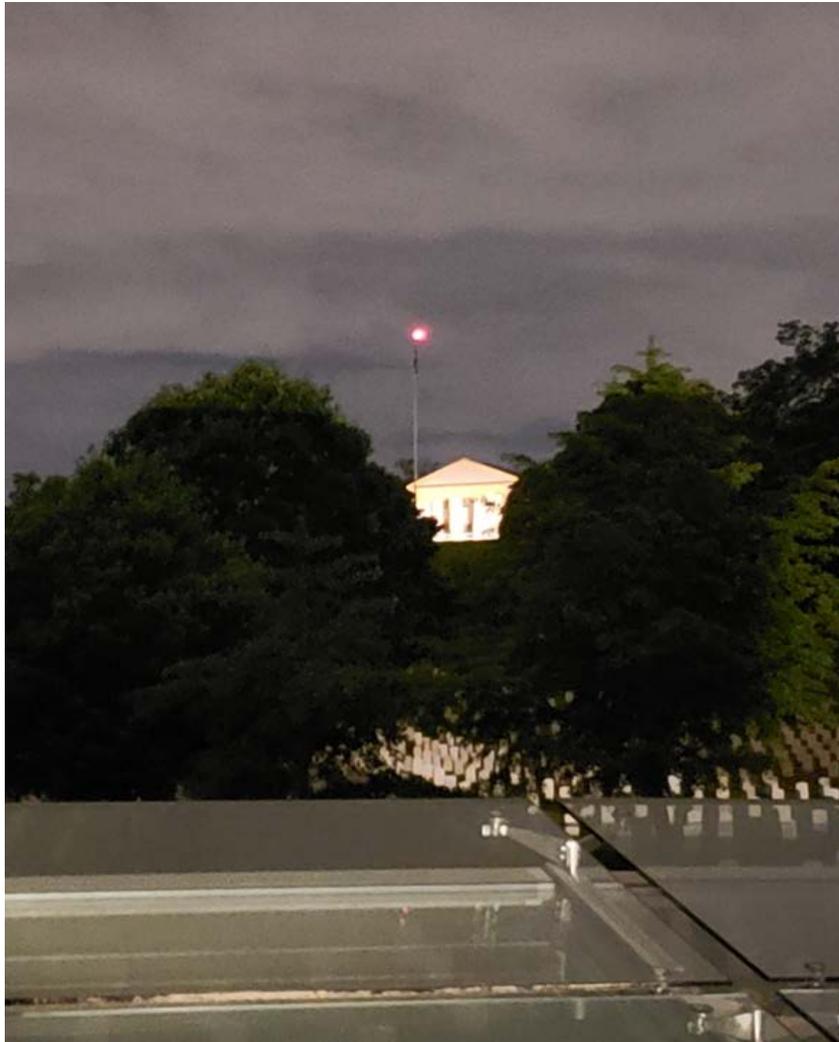




1 View from JFK Gravesite with pole lit (Distance: 108 yd)



1a View from JFK Gravesite (with zoom).
Flagpole illuminated.



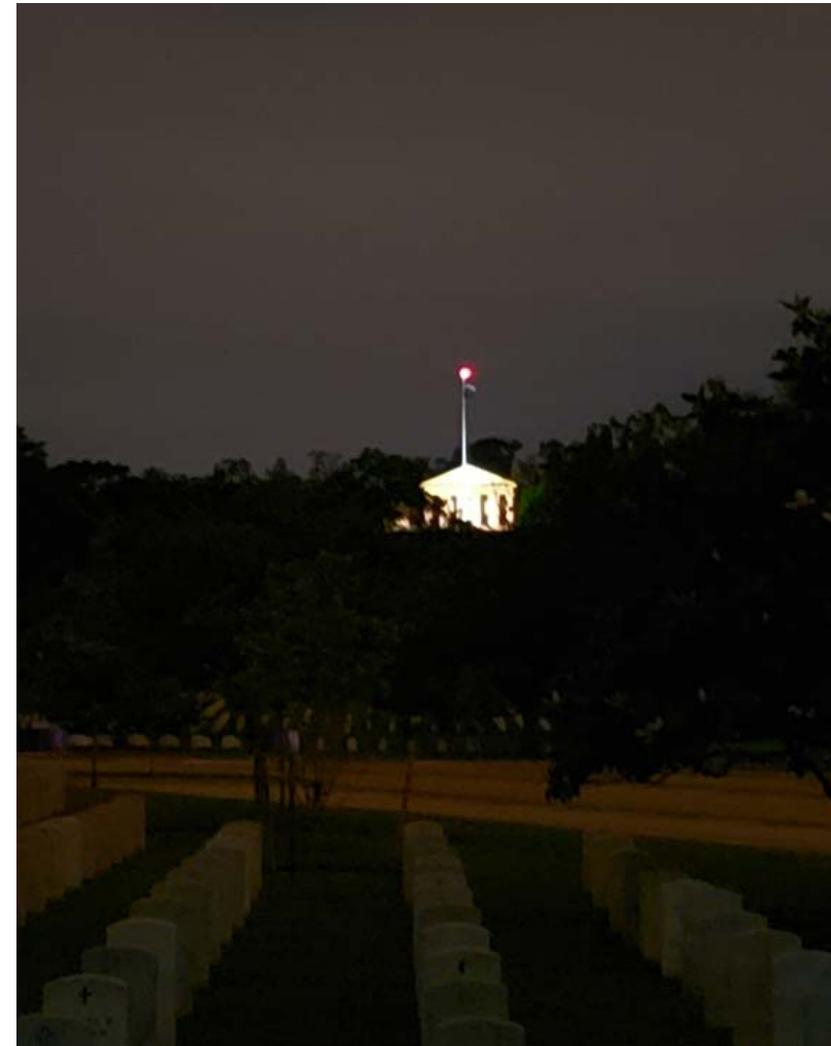
2 View from Women in Military Service to American Memorial
(Distance: 383 yd)



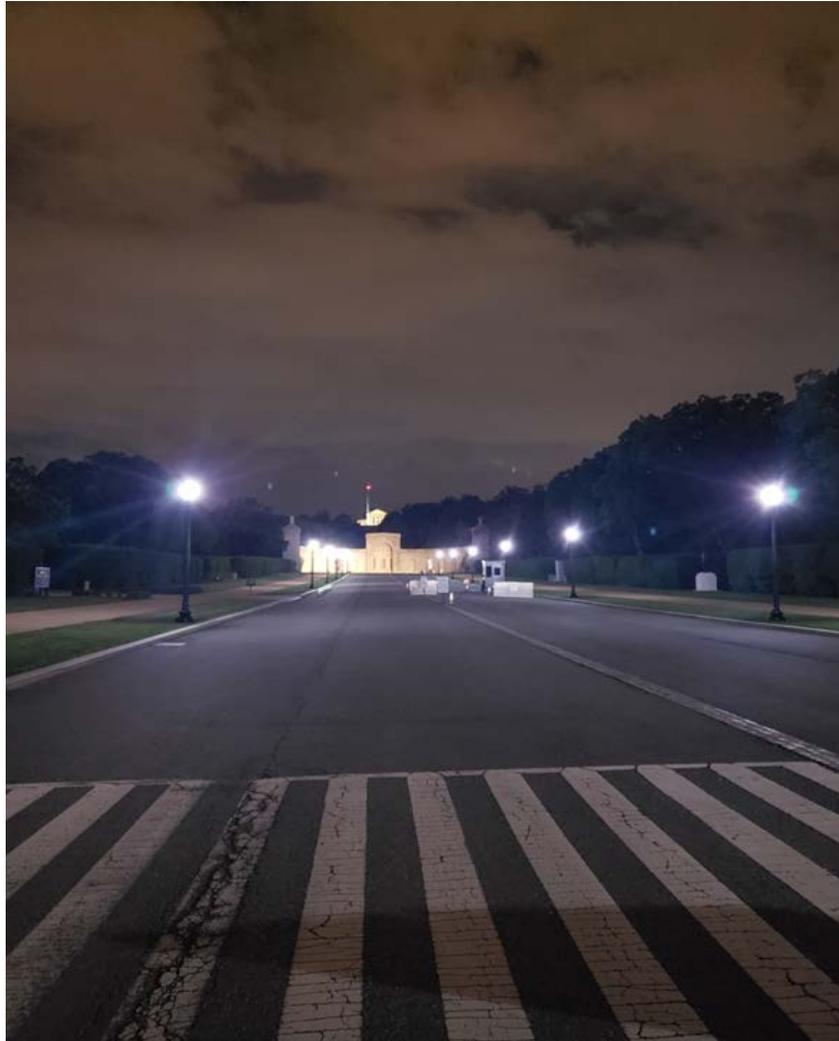
2a View from WIMSA (with zoom).
Flagpole illuminated.



3 View from Halsey Drive (Distance: 710 yd)



3a View from Halsey Drive (with zoom).
Flagpole Illuminated.



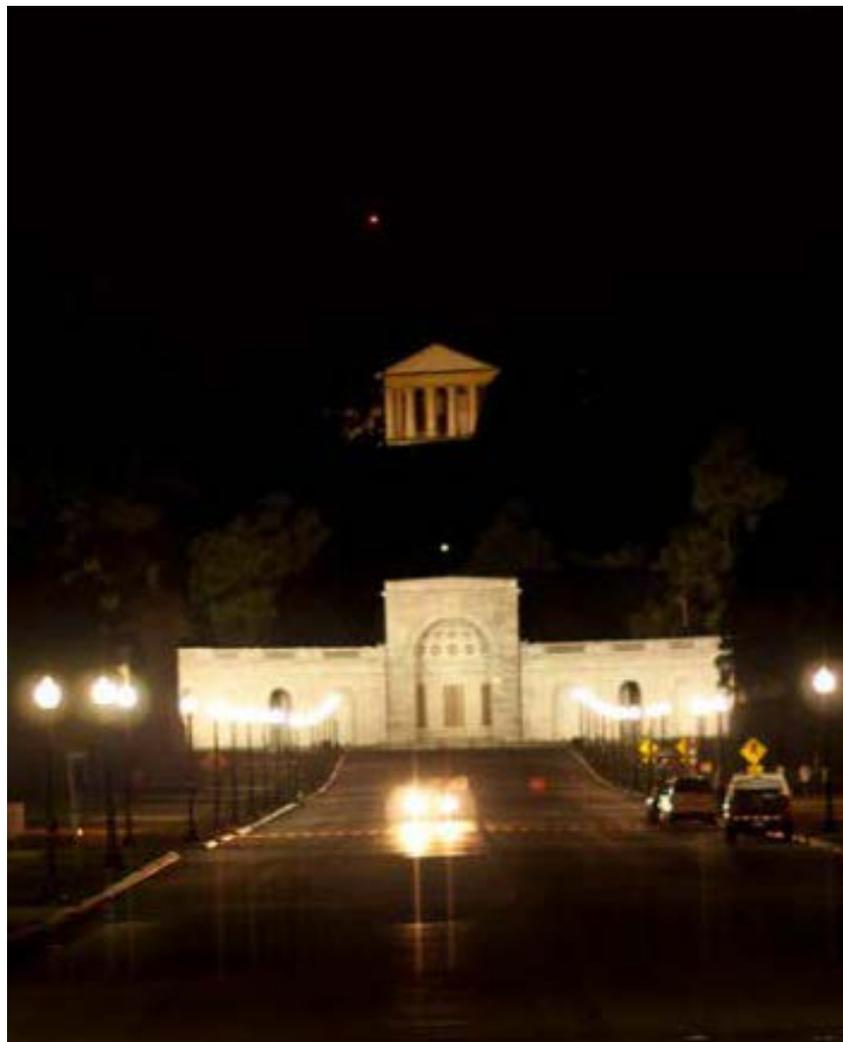
4 View from Memorial Ave crosswalk at Metro Station
(Distance: 730 yd)



4a View from Memorial Ave crosswalk (with zoom).
Flagpole illuminated.



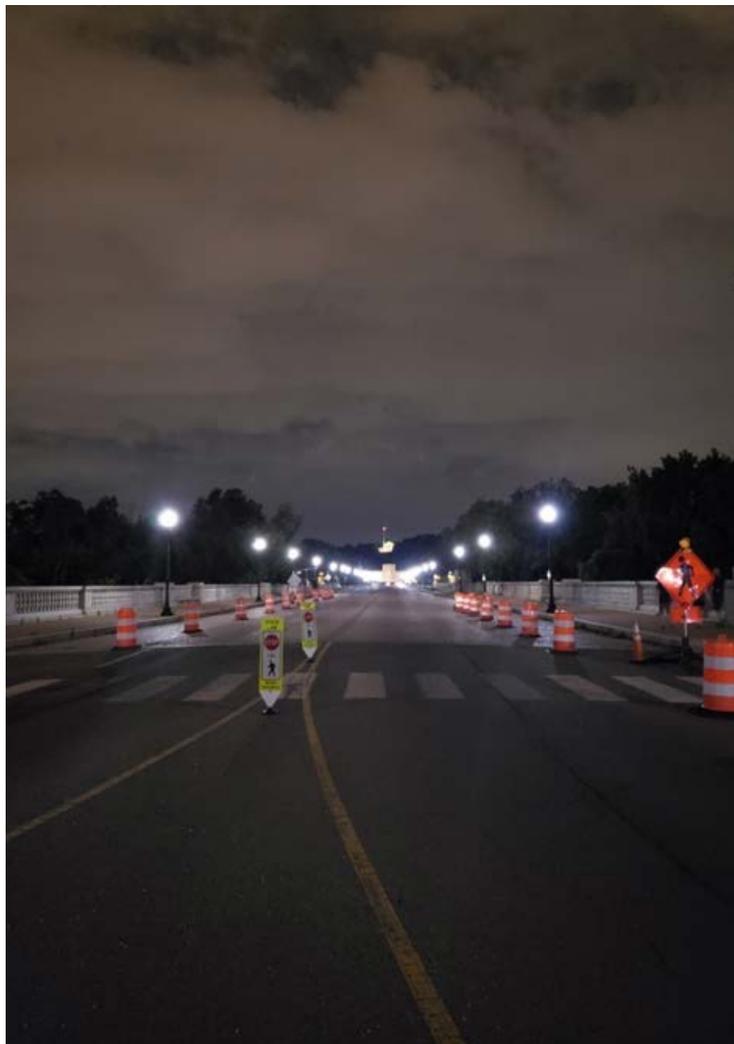
4a View from Memorial Ave crosswalk (with zoom).



4b Similar view taken August 16, 2011. Note that flagpole is not illuminated and Only the beacon light on top of the pole is visible.

(Photo courtesy of Flickr user "momathew")

PHOTOGRAPH LOCATIONS



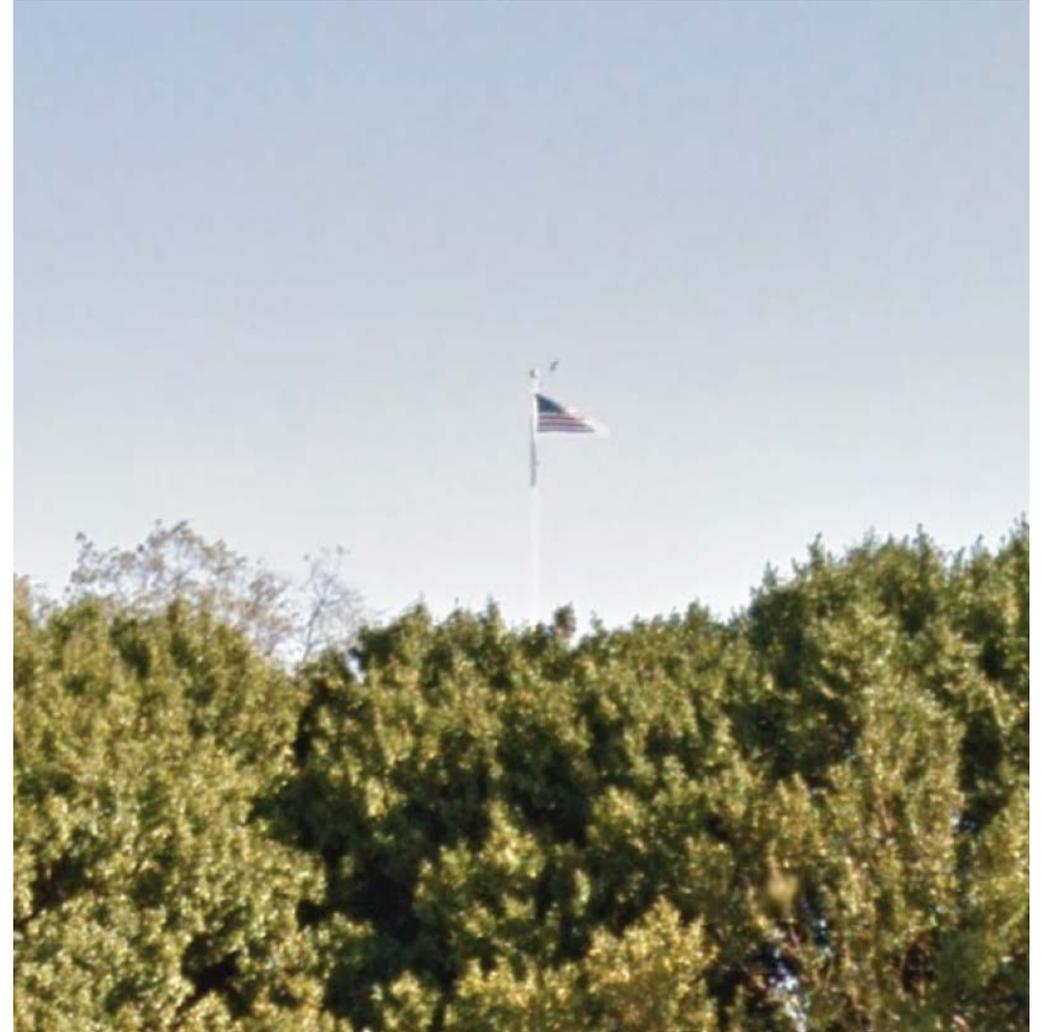
5 View from Memorial Circle (Distance: 1200 yd)



5a View from Memorial Circle (with zoom).
Flagpole illuminated.



6 View from Civil War Unknowns Memorial (Distance: 128 yd)



6a View from Civil War Unknowns Memorial (with zoom).



7 View of flagpole lights (arrows) facing east.