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SUBJECT: MILITARY WOMEN'S MEMORIAL (MWM) GUARDRAILS PROJECT, ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) proposes the installation of two (2) guardrails at the Military Women's Memorial (MWM). The guardrails will be constructed out of stainless steel, using cross-sections and finishes similar to those of existing rails around the Hemicycle, Memorial Amphitheater and Mast of the Maine ramps, and the Millennium Expansion.

The new guardrails will increase safety by preventing adults and children from walking through the hedges and falling over a drop of more than 19 feet. The guardrails will protect both visitors and the horticulture staff that maintain the hedges.

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 "Military Women's Memorial (MWM) Guardrails, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, Project Description, Area of Potential Effects, and Assessment of Effects" accompanies this notice. It shows the area affected by the project, contains annotated photographs of those areas, illustrates the proposed work, and lists the historic properties contributing to National Register of Historic Places Historic Districts which are in the area of potential effects.

There are no known archaeological resources 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 and Arlington Memorial Bridge Historic Districts for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Please send your comments to the Cultural Resources Manager at <u>usarmy.pentagon.hqda-anc-osa.mbx.cultural-resources@army.mil</u> and include "Military Women's Memorial (MWM) Guardrails" in the subject line. Comments are due no later than October 7, 2022.

Thank you for your interest in Arlington National Cemetery.