



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
ARMY NATIONAL MILITARY CEMETERIES  
ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY  
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22211-5003

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**SUBJECT: SECTION 106 PROCESS SUBMISSION, REVISED AREA OF POTENTIAL EFFECTS AND ASSESSMENT OF EFFECTS FOR PROPOSED UNDERTAKING, CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL REMOVAL, ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA**

As required by Congress and implemented by the Secretary of Defense, Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) is required to remove the Confederate Memorial at ANC. On 9 February 2023, Army National Military Cemeteries (ANMC) initiated the consultation process with the Virginia 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 notified the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) of the proposed undertaking to remove and relocate the bronze elements of the Confederate Memorial, which currently sit on a granite base in the center of Section 16. 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 October 3, 2023, ANMC transmitted to the DHR a revised Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the proposed project. Due to comments received during the scoping period, it is recommended that the original APE be extended to include the entire Arlington National Cemetery Historic District. Furthermore, the agency submitted its assessment of effects for the proposed undertaking. During the public comment and consultation process, members of the public will be asked to share their perspectives. ANMC welcomes input from all interested parties during the public comment process.

With this notice, ANMC provides the public with the opportunity to view materials submitted to the DHR as part of the Section 106 process for the proposed undertaking. The agency letter and supporting documentation accompany this notice. Please visit the project website for more information about the project, the processes that will be followed, and other ways the public can be involved:

<https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Confederate-Memorial-Removal>.

Thank you for your interest in Arlington National Cemetery.