



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
ARMY NATIONAL MILITARY CEMETERIES
ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY
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**SUBJECT: SECTION 106 PROCESS INITIATION 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).

ANMC will continue to follow this process. In the coming weeks, ANMC will initiate meetings with interagency partners to develop a consultation plan, including outreach to the public and consulting parties. The first step in this process is the identification of historic properties and evaluation of historic significance. 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 the opportunity to view materials submitted to the DHR as part of the Section 106 process initiation for the proposed undertaking. The initiation document accompanies this notice. It shows the area potentially affected by the proposed project, contains a project description, identification of potential consulting parties, and lists the historic properties contributing to National Register of Historic Places Historic Districts which are in the area of potential effects. In addition, the public can view correspondence between the DHR and ANMC, updates to the DHR's statewide electronic cultural resources database (V-CRIS), and the Phase II Intensive-Level Survey of the Confederate Memorial requested by the DHR to aid in determination of eligibility.

Thank you for your interest in Arlington National Cemetery.