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**SUBJECT: JAMES R. TANNER AMPHITHEATER HANDRAILS, ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA**

Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) proposes the installation of three (3) pairs of handrails at the James R. Tanner Amphitheater. The handrails will be metal and match the appearance of existing handrails at the amphitheater rostrum and along Crook Walk. All three (3) sets of handrails would be located on the northwest elevation, adjacent to Sherman Drive. One (1) set of handrails would flank the staircase leading from the amphitheater to the Sherman Drive sidewalk. Two (2) of the handrail sets would flank the stairs on either side of the rostrum. To minimize impacts to the historic structure, the new handrails will anchor into the ground adjacent to the stairs, with small concrete footers. The project involves ground-disturbing activities in previously disturbed areas. The new handrails increase safety and accessibility, by preventing falls over previously unprotected edges and providing ABA compliant grips for visitors.

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 "James R. Tanner Amphitheater Handrails, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, Project Description, Area of Potential Effects, and Assessment of Effect" 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 House National Register District for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Please send your comments to the Cultural Resources Manager at [usarmy.pentagon.hqda-anc-osa.mbx.cultural-resources@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.pentagon.hqda-anc-osa.mbx.cultural-resources@army.mil) and include "James R. Tanner Amphitheater Handrails" in the subject line. Comments are due no later than July 16, 2022.

Thank you for your interest in Arlington National Cemetery.