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Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) invites review and comment from the public on the Ord and Weitzel Gateway Rehabilitation 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.

Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) proposes to rehabilitate the gateway on the north side of the cemetery. As a part of the project, we are reassembling the historic Ord and Weitzel Gate columns. The columns served as the original northern-most gateway to the cemetery from 1879 to 1971. The reassembled columns constructed from the original sandstone drums match the 1879 configuration of the gate. The location of the reassembled gate sets back approximately 30 feet from Ord & Weitzel Drive; perpendicular to & near their original location.

The rehabilitation of the gateway area includes a one-story 15-foot x 12-foot security guard house with a hipped roof & an eight-foot roof overhang. In addition, scored concrete to match the western section of Custis Walk will replace the 1970s asphalt section of the path. The concrete path extends across north Ord & Weitzel Drive to join with an entrance plaza at the guard house. ANC standard site furnishings set on the plaza. The guard house and plaza are east of the existing entrance and south of the cemetery's boundary wall.

The document Areas Of Potential Effects And Assessment Of Effect accompanies this notice. It shows the areas affected by the project, contains annotated photographs of those areas, illustrates the proposal, and lists the historic properties contributing to ANC's and Arlington Ridge Park's National Register of Historic Places Historic Districts which are in the areas of potential effects;

ANC conducted a reconnaissance of the Ord & Weitzel Gateway Rehabilitation area in accordance with Archeology and Historic Preservation: Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines and the Virginia Department of Historic Resources Guidelines for Conducting Historic Resources Survey in Virginia. The nature of the finds at the project area indicates no significant archaeological resources in the areas of potential effects.

ANC's Cultural Resource Manager assessed the effect of the proposed project 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's or Arlington Ridge Park's National Register Historic District for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Place.

Please send your comments to Cultural Resources Manager at usarmy.pentagon.hqda-anc-osa.mbx.cultural-resources@mail.mil and include "Ord & Weitzel Gateway" in the subject line. Comment are due no later than February 10, 2020.

Thank you for your interest in Arlington National Cemetery.