

MINUTES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY (ACANC)
HONOR SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

March 13, 2019

1. DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER'S REMARKS: Ms. Renea Yates, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery (ACANC), initiated the meeting noting that present in person were Major Shannon Way, ANC Strategic Planner and. Ms. Yates stated for the record that the subcommittee meeting is pursuant to the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012, codified in 10 U.S.C. § 4723. The subcommittee operates under authority and provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2, and 41 Code of Federal Regulation 102-3.50(d). The DFO, nominated by ANC Executive Director and appointed by the Secretary of the Army, is provided by ANC. Additionally, ANC provides administrative support to the subcommittee.

Ms. Yates reminded subcommittee members not to conduct any formal business by deliberating on any substantive matters which are before the Committee as a whole for vote. Additionally, the subcommittee will report to the Committee any recommendations or information relevant as a result of the day's work. She also noted that the meeting was open to the public and reminded the attending public that they were not allowed to present questions from the floor or speak to any issue under discussion by the subcommittee without permission of the Chair. She noted that any member of the public was eligible to file a written statement with the subcommittee in accordance with the published Federal Register notice provided in the binder at the entrance of the meeting room. Ms. Yates also noted that the proceedings were being recorded in written form, and that minutes of the meeting will be prepared.

The meeting was called to order at 0900

2. ROLL CALL: Ms. Yates noted a quorum for the record, with the following members in attendance:

Secretary of the Army Nominees: Mr. Gene Castagnetti (Chair), Mr. James Peake, Ms. Ann Rondeau, Ms. Elizabeth Harrell, Mr. Thomas Kelley, Mr. Mark Farley, and Mr. Robert Hess.

Secretary of the American Battle Monuments nominee: Mr. Chet Edwards

The following members were not present:

Secretary of the Army Nominees: Ms. Rose Duval

3. PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: The DFO announced that the minutes from the November 7, 2018 meetings were available for review in the strategic documents binders on the meeting tables.

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4. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS: Mr. Gene Castagnetti opened by welcoming the newest member – VADM Rondeau, acknowledged his new role as the new Subcommittee chair.

5. PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE: Ms. Barbara Lewandrowski, ANC Public Affairs Officer, presented the subcommittee an update on media outreach and initiative. She and the staff provided an update on initiatives related to advertising and sharing the word with the greater community, for example ANC will be advertising our ANC Explorer Application using the Arlington metro stop. Members asked how ANC Tours promote our goals and if we have a larger thirst for information outside of the NCR. Members recommended ANC look at ways to share our messages beyond the NCR using satellite media tours and possible opportunities to tie messages to our strategic effort.

Due outs:

Suggested – plot out road from 2010 to present (media coverage at ANC 2010-2019)

Provide App downloads and usage (# from last 3 years). Provided at the end of the meeting -- total downloads was 428,255

6. SOUTHERN EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE: COL Peloquin, ANC Engineering presented the subcommittee an update on Southern Expansion project 15 % design. Discussion included the minimum ground burial goal of 32,000 to meet life expectancy in accordance with the ongoing eligibility and capacity changes being considered in order to meet the Congressional requirement in the 2019 NDAA. Over all the goal is for ~50,000 total interment opportunities. Discussion included the Subcommittee's emphasis to ensure the iconic character of ANC is maintained. The design includes efforts for the USAF Memorial to be incorporated into ANC in an esthetically pleasing manner. It was noted that ANC anticipates relocating the current operations complex to the southern side of Columbia Pike and that would open the current space for interment opportunities. Discussion included input from the Subcommittee on the USACE traffic study and how ANC will mitigate concerns of local housing issues, for example, Foxcroft Heights. It was noted that actual construction is estimated for FY25 and beyond. COL Peloquin noted that due to the status of the Air Force Memorial, it is included in the required Sec 106 /NEPA assessment which was initiated in Jan 2019

Due out Requests for information included:

-Summary of engagements and future impacts to Foxcroft Heights / Arlington County Area

-Request for better understanding of Visitor and Family access

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-Concern that Operations Complex is well planned and sufficient size to ensure we do not grow out of it before it is built

7. **ACANC REPORTS STATUS:** MAJ Way, ANC Strategic Planner presented the subcommittee an update on the status of Eligibility and Capacity, he highlighted that the Army and DoD intends:

- ANC to remain an iconic cemetery for next 100 years
- Use a Public Process – being transparent and responsive
- Make effort to communicate with prior survey takers when CFR is published
- Ensure media highlights ensure key messages are included with proactive means

8. **Due Outs:**

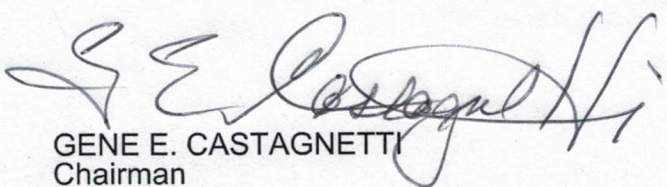
a. Visual of media interest and engagements (plot) from 2010 to present (media coverage at ANC 2010-2019)

b. Update on current SE design to include:

- Summary of engagements and future impacts to Foxcroft Heights / Arlington County Area
- Request for better understanding of Visitor and Family access

9. **MEETING ADJOURNED.** The Chair then called for any other business. Hearing none, he called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made and seconded. All members voted in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 1400


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Chairman