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SUBJECT: National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 for the Air Force Memorial Temporary Ceremonial Storage Facility on the Grounds of Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia (DHR File # 2025-4810)

Army National Military Cemeteries (ANMC) and the Air Force District Washington (AFDW) propose construction of a temporary ceremonial storage facility to replace an existing shed currently located on part of the Air Force Memorial (AFM) site incorporated into the Arlington National Cemetery Southern Expansion. The temporary storage will be needed for approximately five years. During this time, ANMC and AFDW will develop a permanent solution to be operational by the completion of the Southern Expansion project. 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, which operates Arlington National Cemetery (ANC), is the landholder for the lands where the Air Force Memorial (AFM) sits. Therefore, ANMC is the lead agency for the proposed undertaking. The memorial site is operated and maintained by the Air Force District Washington (AFDW). ANMC and AFDW are coordinating the project design to minimize impacts to resources managed by both agencies.

On September 17, 2025, ANMC initiated the consultation process with Virginia State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 16 U.S.C. § 470f, and its implementing regulations, 36 C.F.R. Part 800. ANMC previously initiated the design review process with the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) and the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC).

With this notice, ANMC provides the public the opportunity to view materials submitted to the SHPO as part of the Section 106 compliance process for the proposed undertaking. The documentation accompanies this notice. It shows the area potentially affected by the proposed project, contains a project description, identification of potential consulting parties, lists the historic properties contributing to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) which are in the area of potential effects, and the agency's findings of no adverse effects.

This notice initiates a 30-day comment period. During this period, ANMC invites review and comment from the public on this project. Please send your comments to the Cultural Resource Manager at usarmy.pentagon.hqda-anc-osa.mbx.cultural-resources@army.mil and include "Air Force Memorial Temporary Ceremonial Storage Facility" in the subject line. Comments are due no later than October 18, 2025.

Thank you for your interest in the Air Force Memorial and Arlington National Cemetery.