

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

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SUBJECT: National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 for the Sheridan Gate Reconstruction, part of the Southern Expansion Project, in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia (DHR Project No. 2025-3335)

Army National Military Cemeteries (ANMC), which maintains and operates Arlington National Cemetery (ANC), proposes reconstructing the historic Sheridan Gate along the cemetery's southern boundary as part 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).

On February 21, 2025, 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. The SHPO previously reviewed the Southern Expansion Project (Project Review No. 2014-1094). The review concluded in the execution of a project-specific Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) stipulating how ANMC would address the adverse effects to historic properties caused by its undertaking.

The assessment of effects for the Sheridan Gate reconstruction focuses on impacts to the historic gate and its components, which could not be fully determined until the agency completed the reconstruction design. ANMC proposes rehabilitating most of the masonry and metal components, replacing components that are not structurally sound, and rebuilding the gateway with a new internal support structure. As much original material will be reused as possible, while restoring the operability of Sheridan Gate and meeting current building code and engineering requirements.

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 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 Resources Program Manager at <a href="mailto:usarmy.pentagon.hqda-anc-osa.mbx.cultural-resources@army.mil">usarmy.pentagon.hqda-anc-osa.mbx.cultural-resources@army.mil</a> and include "Sheridan Gate" in the subject line. Comments are due no later than March 28, 2025.

Thank you for your interest in Arlington National Cemetery.