



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
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ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY  
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ATTN: Marc E. Holma  
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Dear Ms. Langan:

Army National Military Cemeteries (ANMC) would like to take this opportunity to formally initiate the consultation process with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources 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. ANMC proposes the removal of the bronze elements of the Confederate Memorial, which currently sit on a granite base in the center of Section 16. 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).

In a memorandum dated 6 October 2022, the Secretary of Defense directed several DoD Components, including Arlington National Cemetery, to implement the recommendations of the Commission on the Naming of Items of the DoD that Commemorate the Confederate States of America or Any Person Who Served Voluntarily with the Confederate States of America (the Naming Commission). The Naming Commission was established pursuant to Section 370 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021. This undertaking is a direct result of the Secretary of Defense's directive.

As a result, ANMC expects to carefully deconstruct the Confederate Memorial bronze statue in a deliberate manner, so that it may be securely stored and safeguarded for reassembly. It will be moved to a storage facility pending a final disposition determination. The granite pedestal on which the memorial sits will be left in-situ and will become a possible location for interpretation. ANMC will develop mitigations with input from consulting parties and the public, which will shape the disposition of the site and the form of the interpretation. ANMC will solicit input from consulting parties and the public regarding the proposed removal of the Confederate Memorial bronze elements at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) which will also inform

the final disposition location of the Memorial. The proposed project is considered a federal undertaking with the potential to cause adverse effects on historic properties pursuant to 36 CFR 800.3(a).

The following files are being transmitted via DoD SAFE:

1. Section 106 Initiation Document: Project Description, Identification of Consulting Parties, Identification of Historic Properties, & Area of Potential Effects
2. Virginia Cultural Resource Information System (VCRIS) Intensive Survey (Evaluation/Phase II survey) for the Confederate Memorial (DHR ID #000-1235) – concurrent with online VCRIS submission
3. Digital images
4. Site plans

Hardcopies of these documents are being mailed concurrently to the DHR.

Note that ANMC is developing a Phase II Intensive-Level Survey report for the Confederate Memorial, in support of the VCRIS survey. This will be complete no later than February 28, 2023. This will also be transmitted digitally and in hardcopy format.

By way of this submission, ANMC is requesting that the DHR:

1. Assign a project review number to project
2. Respond to ANMC's request for review of finding of effect on historic properties
3. Respond to ANMC's request for review of determination of eligibility

Army National Military Cemeteries looks forward to beginning the Section 106 consultation process with our agency partners, consulting parties, and the public. Should there be any questions, please contact Caitlin Smith, ANMC Cultural Resources Program Manager, [usarmy.pentagon.hqda-anc-osa.mbx.cultural-resources@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.pentagon.hqda-anc-osa.mbx.cultural-resources@army.mil). Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

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