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SUBJECT: NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT SECTION 106 FOR THE OPERATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE PENTAGON MEMORIAL FUND VISITOR EDUCATION CENTER ON THE GROUNDS OF ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

The Pentagon Memorial Fund (PMF), with Army National Military Cemeteries (ANMC) as the lead federal agency, is proposing the construction of a Visitor's Education Center (VEC) on Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) property for the existing 9/11 Pentagon Memorial. The proposed VEC would include exhibits and programs to engage visitors and educate the public as to the effects and broad impact of the tragedy from a variety of perspectives. The proposed VEC would provide details of the 184 individuals who lost their lives on 9/11, interpretive displays discussing the symbolism of the memorial design, permanent restrooms, shelter for visitors, a café, bookstore, and conference space.

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), ANMC invites review and comment from the public on this project. Supporting documents for the proposed undertaking have been made available for public review on ANMC and PMF websites. These documents include the proposed conceptual design of the building and site, a Visual Impact Assessment, additional background documentation developed for the Southern Expansion project, and the Section 106 initiation package submitted to the Virginia Department of Resources (DHR).

ANMC hosted a public meeting to allow for consulting party comments on the undertaking. This meeting took place on September 6, 2023. A recording of the meeting has also been made available at the ANMC and PMF websites.

To address the comments that were received at this public meeting, ANMC is initiating a secondary comment period to allow for review of updated documentation and the inclusion of additional consulting parties. The updated documentation includes changes made to the Visual Impact Assessment, conceptual design of the building and site, and the US Commission of Fine Arts and National Capitol Planning Commission approval letters for the proposed designs.

Please view the documents here:

<https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Policies-and-Public-Notices/Public-Notices>.

The documents are also available on the PMF website: <https://pentagonmemorial.org/>.

At this time, ANMC is seeking comments on the determined APE and identification of historic properties in accordance with Section 106 of the NHPA. Please send your comments to Ms. McLaughlin of JMT via email: smclaughlin@jmt.com and include "Pentagon Memorial Visitor Education Center" in the subject line. Comments are due no later than December 14, 2023.

Thank you for your interest in Arlington National Cemetery.