MINUTES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY (ACANC)

REMEMBER AND EXPLORE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

October 24, 2016

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY (ANC), ARLINGTON, VA

1. **DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER'S REMARKS:** Ms. Renea Yates, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for the Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery (ACANC), opened the October 2016 Remember and Explore Subcommittee Meeting. Ms. Yates noted that present in person were Major Shannon Way, ANC Strategic Planner and Mr. Timothy Keating, Alternate Designated Federal Officer, ACANC. 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 Committee still operates under authority and provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C.), the 5th US Code Appendix 2 and 41 Code of Federal Regulation 102-3.50(d). ANC is the agency that receives the benefit of the Committee's advice and recommendations. 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 Committee.

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 Committee without permission of the Chair. She noted that any member of the public was eligible to file a written statement with the Committee in accordance with the published Federal Register notice as 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 1500.

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

Secretary of the Army Nominees:
Mr. Russell Davis (Subcommittee Chair)
Mr. Mark Farley
Mr. Robert Hess
Ms. Ryan Manion
Ms. Debra Fix

Secretary of the American Battle Monuments nominee
Mr. Chet Edwards

The following members were not in attendance:
Mr. Ronald Fetherson
Ms. Rose Duval

3. CHAIRMAN OPENING REMARKS: Mr. Russell Davis, Chairman, ACANC Remember and Explore Subcommittee opened by welcoming all members, thanking them for their service, and sharing his thoughts regarding the extremely important issues before the Subcommittee.

4. PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: The DFO announced that the minutes from the July 6, 2016 Remember Subcommittee meeting were available for review in the members' binders at the table.

5. REPORTS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The DFO reported that there were no reports or any unfinished business from the Remember Subcommittee meeting on July 6, 2016. The Chairman then requested the meeting proceed with the agenda of the day.

6. SECURITY INITIATIVES / VISITOR EXPERIENCES: Mr. David Kammen, ANC Events and Ceremonies provided the Subcommittee with a briefing on the latest security enhancements at ANC. As background he informed the members that in 2014 the Secretary of the Army directed that Joint Base Myer/Henderson Hall provide law enforcement, security, and fire support to ANC. In 2015, USNORTHCOM directed increased security measures and issued FP Directive 15-011, based in part on incidents and concerns with extremists. ANC receives over 3 million visitors annually requiring significant effort to comply with the FP Directive. ANC contracted for visitor screening as part of a risk mitigation strategy and as a result, a waiver was granted by USNORTHCOM for ANC in March 2016.

The current procedures were reviewed, including pedestrian access screening at ingress points, screening (and express lines for disabled visitors) queues with a combination of ID checks, magnetometers, bag x-ray and visual screenings. Additionally, drivers will require a valid government issued ID (license or passport) and may be subjected to random vehicle inspections. A phased implementation is planned to minimize the impact on the public. A public notification campaign began in September 2016.

Discussion / Comments. Public outreach for awareness is also made with social media and in discussion with families and funeral homes. High volume visitation periods (Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Wreaths Across America) are planned with augmented security personnel. It was noted that although Virginia law authorizes open and concealed carry of firearms, they are not allowed at ANC – or any other Federal property.

7. AMPHITHEATER / TRAM PLAZA / TUS REPAIRS: COL Peloquin, ANC Engineering began the presentation with an update to the work in progress at the ANC Amphitheater. He expressed concern by ANC and the National Park Service (NPS) with an on-going issue endemic with monuments in the local area referred to as "bio-film", an organic bacterial / fungi growth. He noted the challenge of cleaning the growth without damaging the structures / monuments. He then addressed the challenges at the Amphitheater regarding physical access to various levels noting that there were currently no ramps and only one elevator to support disabled visitors. He emphasized that the elevator was problematic with age, size, location, and function. Finally he noted that the ANC Historians maintain office space in the lower level of the Amphitheater which requires upgrades. He then briefed ongoing planning and work at the Tram Plaza and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Discussion / Comments. Regarding the bio-film issue, ANC is working in conjunction with the NPS. Various methods of cleaning are being evaluated. Other studies by the NPS, such as cleaning the Jefferson Memorial are ongoing and may lead to improved methods to be used at ANC.

- Design concepts for upgrades to access to Amphitheater levels are being considered. Ongoing discussions include the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) input regarding ramp building materials and design. Additionally, the CFA has encouraged elevator access to various levels thus not changing the appearance of the structure from the outside by adding ramps.

- Tram Plaza repairs / upgrades are planned to upgrade infrastructure, improve vehicle and pedestrian flow, as well as enhance public safety and accessibility. A challenge to the design is NPS concurrence in since part of the land is managed by the NPS. The design discussions include enhanced visitor experience, perhaps that similar to "Battlefield tours" as well as consideration of the Capitol Visitor's Center as examples.

-While reviewing the ongoing work at the TUS, it was noted the April 2010 repair was the first attempt since the 1990s. However this effort was largely unsuccessful with a rapid failure of the materials used. From June to September of 2011 a study was undertaken to determine the best material to use for the repair. The repairs made in 2011 have been monitored and evaluated and have lasted to date. Another repair is being considered in the 2017 timeframe.

8. PRESENTATION BY PUBLIC PARTIPANT: In accordance with governing directives of the Advisory Committee and the chartered Subcommittees, and as articulated in the Federal Register Notice, the DFO notified the Subcommittee Chairman that a member off the public had requested to address the Subcommittee. The Chairman acknowledged Mr. Cecil Carver, representing the National Army Security Agency Association (NASAA). Mr. Carver made a presentation to the Subcommittee with respect to NASAA efforts to place a memorial to the Army Security Agency at Arlington National Cemetery. After the presentation, the Chairman thanked Mr. Carver and acknowledged the efforts of the Association. The Chairman reminded Mr. Carver,

and other visiting members of the NASAA, that an Independent Study was still required before the Subcommittee could forward the proposal to the Full Committee to consider. Once the Full Committee receives a complete proposal, a vote can be taken to recommend that the Secretary of the Army either approve or disapprove the request. 10 U.S.C. § 4723 stipulates that "not later than 90 days after receiving a report or recommendations from the advisory committee, the Secretary of the Army shall submit the report or recommendations to the congressional defense committees and the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives and include such comments and recommendations of the Secretary as the Secretary considers appropriate."

The Chair then called for any other business. With none noted, he called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Edwards made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Hess seconded. All members voted in favor.

1630 Meeting Adjourned.

RUSSELL DAVIS
Chairman

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