2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of Defense	2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery	73697

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	08/08/2022	08/08/2024	

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No	10 U.S.C. § 7723	

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Commitee Type	14c. Presidential?
10 U.S.C. § 7723	09/17/2010	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a. Open 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	$0.00	$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	$0.00	$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	$0.00	$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	$0.00	$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	$0.00	$0.00
18d. Total	$0.00	$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery (ACANC) provides the Secretary of Defense, through the Secretary of the Army, independent advice and recommendations with respect to the administration of Arlington National Cemetery, the erection of memorials at the cemetery, and master planning for the cemetery by periodic reports and recommendations.. Not later than 90 days after receiving a report or recommendations from the ACANC, the Secretary of the Army submits the report to the Chairs and Ranking Members of the Congressional Defense Committees and the Congressional Committees on Veterans' Affairs. Comments and recommendations that the Secretary of the Army

considers appropriate are included. The ACANC was codified into law by NDAA 2012 and 10 U.S.C. § 446.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The ACANC shall be composed of no more than nine members. Members shall be prominent authorities in their respective fields of interest or expertise, specifically bereavement practices and administrative oversight to organizational management, veterans' services, the erection of memorials, and master planning for extending the life of a cemetery. The Secretary of the Army, in consultation with the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for White House Liaison, may request that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of the American Battle Monuments Commission each nominate one individual for appointment.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Meeting at an estimated quarterly frequency allows the ACANC adequate time to study and research strategic issues, provide input to the development of relevant agenda items, and prepare timely input for the Secretary of the Army to consider regarding strategic planning, policy, and future of Arlington National Cemetery.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 § 591 (Public Law 112-81) § 591, established the Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery (ACANC), a non-discretionary advisory committee to provide the Secretary of Defense, through the Secretary of the Army,

independent advice and recommendations, with respect to the administration of Arlington National Cemetery, the erection of memorials at the cemetery, and master planning for the cemetery.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

Meetings are not closed.

21. Remarks

The ACANC provides independent advice and recommendations with respect to the overall administration of Arlington National Cemetery, the erection of memorials at the cemetery, and master planning for the cemetery. No later than 90 days after receiving a report or recommendations from the ACANC, the Secretary of the Army must submit the report to the Chairs and Ranking Members of the Congressional Defense Committees and the Congressional Committees on Veterans' Affairs. Comments and recommendations that the Secretary of the Army considers appropriate are included.

Designated Federal Officer

Renea Yates DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Castagnetti, Gene	10/05/2022	10/04/2026	Bereavement Practices	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Edwards, Thomas	10/05/2022	10/04/2026	Organizational Management	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Farley, Mark	11/07/2022	11/06/2026	Organizational Management	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Harrell, Elizabeth	10/05/2022	10/04/2026	Veterans' Services	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kelley, Thomas	10/05/2022	10/04/2026	Veterans' Services	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Peake, James	10/05/2022	10/04/2026	Organizational Management	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Torrence, Gerald	10/06/2022	10/05/2026	Memorials, bereavement practices	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Williams, Rosemary	10/06/2022	10/05/2026	Veterans' Services	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Duffman-Duval, Rose [Honor Subcommittee]	06/09/2022	06/08/2026	Bereavement Practices	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hess, Robert [Honor Subcommittee]	06/09/2022	06/08/2026	Bereavement Practices	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Miller, Nicholas [Remember and Explore Subcommittee]	06/09/2022	06/08/2026	Veterans Services	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 11

Narrative Description

The Committee shall provide the Secretary of Defense, through the Secretary of the Army, independent advice and recommendations, with respect to the administration of Arlington National Cemetery, the erection of memorials at the cemetery, and master planning for the cemetery.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	☐
Trust in government	✓
Major policy changes	☐
Advance in scientific research	☐
Effective grant making	☐
Improved service delivery	✓
Increased customer satisfaction	✓
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	✓
Other	☐

Outcome Comments

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	☐
Unable to Determine	✓
Under $100,000	☐
$100,000 - $500,000	☐
$500,001 - $1,000,000	☐
$1,000,001 - $5,000,000	☐
$5,000,001 - $10,000,000	☐
Over $10,000,000	☐
Cost Savings Other	☐

Cost Savings Comments

Nature of Committee is not designed to be a committee which has goals/objectives toward cost savings.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

17

Number of Recommendations Comments
The Committee made 0 recommendations in FY 2023 because the Committee is deliberating on topics that were not finalized in 2023.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?
88%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments
The Committee made 1 recommendation in FY 2012, and the agency implemented the 1 recommendation. The Committee made 2 recommendations in FY 2013 and the agency implemented both (2) recommendations. 1) Arlington National Cemetery to further institutionalize efforts to preserve the cemetery's cultural and natural history by pursuing designation as an arboretum. 2) Army enact policies to remove of all non-natural items (e.g., wind chimes, lights, trinkets, etc.) from the trees, shrubbery and bushes in Section 60. The Committeee made 2 recommendations in FY 2014 and the agency implemented both (2) recommendations. 1) The Army end the current Section 60 Mementos collection program no later than 31 Dec 2014 or upon withdrawal of combat troops from Afghanistan. 2) The Army designate all items previously collected and retained as part of the Section 60 Mementos Program as a historical memorial collection. The Committee provided comments to the SecArmy with a split vote in FY2015 and the agency did not fully implement the proposed action and approve placement of the VHPA commemoraive monument.In FY16 the Committee made 3 recommendations: (1) Approve revising the Committee Charter to: (a) reflect Co-Chairs for the Full Committee, (b) Combine the Remember and the Explore Subcommittees, and (c) appoint Mr. Davis as Chair of the combined subcommittee; (2) Disapprove proposed commemorative monuments as requested by both the 8th and 12th Armor Division Associations; and (3) Approve naming a new street and loop in the Millennium Project separately in honor of GySgt Jonathan Gifford (U.S. Marine Corps) and Ms. Ida Lewis (U.S. Lighthouse Service which would be later absorbed into the U.S. Coast Guard. The Agency implemented all three recommendations.In FY17 the Committee made two recommendations (1) Disapprove a request by the National Army Security Agency Association to place a commemorative monument within ANC and (2) Appoint CSM Mark L. Farley, USA (Ret) as Chair of the Remember and Explore Subcommittee in relief of LtGen Russell Davis USAF (Ret) who retired from the Committee on July 31, 2017. The Agency implemented both recommendations.In FY18 the Committee voted unanimously to recommend SecArmy approve a change to ANC policy of providing Funeral Escorts for grades E-9 and above to a policy of providing Funeral Escorts to the grades of E-9, W-4 and above, and O-4 and

above to reduce waiting time for families scheduling services, increase operational efficiency, and conserve limited resources. The Agency implemented this recommendation on 11 January 2019. The Agency implemented the recommendation for placement of a commemorative monument in honor of those lost aboard the USS Thresher on 25 Sep 2019.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?
15%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments
The agency partially accepted the recommendation regarding placement of the VHPA commemorative monument in Sep 2017 by allowing a smaller size tree monument adjacent to the living memorial at ANC. The agency partially accepted the recommendations rendered regarding extending the life of active burials at ANC in Sep 2019 in accordance with the NDAA. The Agency implemented 2 of the 4 recommendations submitted in FY 20. 1) The SECARMY approved and memorial was placed honoring fallen servicemembers that served with the Office of Strategic Services in World War II and 2) SECARMY approved and memorial was placed honoring the crew of Apollo 1.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?
Yes ☑ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments
Agency feedback is made via reports and memoranda and notifications to Congress. Oversight of implementation of ACANC recommendations is continuous. Many recommendations, if adopted, may not be measured for implementation within the same fiscal year as presented to the ANC, as the implementation of such requires more than a year's time to effect. Agency feedback is available by request by sending an email request to the ACANC DFO.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	☐
Reallocated resources	☐
Issued new regulation	☐

Proposed legislation	☐
Approved grants or other payments	☐
Other	☐

Action Comments

N/A

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

None

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	☑
Online Agency Web Site	☑
Online Committee Web Site	☑
Online GSA FACA Web Site	☑
Publications	☐
Other	☐

Access Comments

None