

Section 106 Consulting Parties Meeting Concerning the Proposed World War I Memorial

To be held on:

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 1:30-3:00 p.m. 401 F Street NW, Washington, DC ACHP Large Conference Room 3rd Floor

The World War I Centennial Commission (Commission), in cooperation with the National Park Service (NPS), proposes to establish a design for the memorial to further honor those who served as members of the United States Armed Forces during World War I. The World War I Memorial site, previously known as Pershing Park, is bounded by N. Pennsylvania Avenue NW to the north, S. Pennsylvania Avenue NW to the south, and 15th Street NW and 14th Street NW to the west and east, respectively, in Washington, DC. Located one block southeast of the White House, the memorial site is a component of the Pennsylvania Avenue National Historic Site, an administrative unit of the National Park Service (NPS) and managed by the National Mall and Memorial Parks.

In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Commission and the NPS are notifying you of adverse effects and invite you to participate in the Section 106 consultation process to consider mitigation of these effects. The Section 106 process is being undertaken concurrently with the environmental review process mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13, at 1:30 p.m. at <u>401 F Street NW</u> in Washington, DC. The meeting will provide an opportunity to consider the refinements to the design concept based on comments received and to discuss potential mitigation measures for the adverse effects. Materials will be distributed in advance of the meeting.

The Consulting Parties most recently met on June 28, 2017, at which time participants reviewed and offered comments on the memorial design, as well as reviewed determinations of effects.

The Commission, established by P.L. 112-272, approved January 14, 2013, is responsible for planning, developing, and executing programs, projects and activities to commemorate the centennial of World War I. By Public Law 113-291 (Section 3091), approved December 19, 2014, the Commission is also responsible for the overall planning, design and construction of enhancements to Pershing Park and the General Pershing Commemorative Work as a World War I Memorial. Enhancement of the site and the General Pershing Commemorative Work may include appropriate sculptural and other commemorative elements, including landscaping.

As part of design refinement process, supportive comments for the design were received at meetings of the Commission of Fine Arts (May 18, 2017) and the National Capital Planning Commission (July 13, 2017). The letters and the supporting presentation materials are posted to the National Park Planning (PEPC) website: <u>http://parkplanning.nps.gov/WWIMemorial</u>

If you require additional information or special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting, please contact Catherine Dewey at the NPS at (202) 245.4711.