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Mr. David Maloney State Historic Preservation Officer District of Columbia, Office of Planning 1100 4th Street SW, Suite 650 East Washington, D.C. 20024

Subject:

Section 106 Consultation for the Wall of Remembrance at the Korean War

Veterans Memorial

Dear Mr. Maloney:

The National Park Service (NPS), in cooperation with the Korean War Veterans Foundation, Inc., wishes to formally initiate consultation with the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office, in accordance with 36 CFR 800.3 of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, regarding the proposed addition of a Wall of Remembrance at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on the National Mall. The United States Congress authorized, in Public Law 114-230, a Wall of Remembrance as part of the Korean War Veterans Memorial. The Wall must be consistent with the Commemorative Works Act which ensures that commemorative works in areas administered by the NPS in Washington, D.C. are appropriately designed, constructed, and located.

The project area is located on federal land in Ash Woods, between Independence Avenue and Ash Road, east of Daniel French Drive SW, and west of the U.S. Park Police Stables. The National Mall and Memorial Parks (NAMA) administers the project area. The project will construct a Wall of Remembrance at the site of the Korean War Veterans Memorial. The wall will include a list of names of members of the Armed Forces of the United States who died in the Korean War. The Wall of Remembrance may also include other information about the Korean War, including those from the United States and other countries killed, wounded, missing in action, or prisoners of war. The project area is located in the National Mall and the East and West Potomac Parks Historic Districts, which are listed in the National Register of Historic Places and the DC Inventory of Historic Sites.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the NPS will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) that will address this project. The NPS intends to coordinate consultation and NEPA review per Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) regulations (36 CFR 800.8) and to consult the public per 36 CFA 800.3(e) in public meetings and through our Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website (https://parkplanning.nps.gov/). It is anticipated that these outreach efforts will accommodate both NEPA and the Section 106 processes, although NEPA and the Section 106 processes are on two separate, but parallel tracks.

The proposed Area of Potential Effect is shown in the attached map. However, at this early stage, we are unable to make any determination of effect. The NPS is seeking ways to avoid and minimize the potential for adverse effects on historic properties. Once determined, the NPS will prepare a formal Assessment of Effects for the project.

We look forward to consulting with you on this project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Catherine Dewey, Chief of Resource Management for NAMA at 202-245-4711 or via email at catherine dewey@nps.gov.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey P. Reinbold Superintendent

Enclosure: Proposed Area of Potential Effect