

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

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Mr. Thomas Luebke, Secretary U.S. Commission of Fine Arts 401 F Street, N.W., Suite 312 Washington, DC 20001-2728

Dear Mr. Luebke:

Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) requests a final design review in June 2019 by the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts for the installation of a commemorative monument sponsored by the USS Thresher Arlington National Cemetery Memorial Foundation. The monument is proposed for installation at Arlington National Cemetery.

The request for your review is based on the requirements outlined in 38 USC 2409 that the Secretary of the Army consult with the Commission of Fine Arts before installation of memorials or monuments within the cemetery. The USS Thresher Foundation received support from the ANC monuments working group, the Executive Director, and the Advisory Committee on ANC regarding the installation of the monument within ANC. Subsequently, the monument was approved by the Secretary of the Army. We look forward to working with the sponsoring organization once we receive feedback from the Commission.

The package provided by the USS Thresher ANC Memorial Foundation details the purpose and intent of the project as well as the location and design for the monument. The monument, a simple granite stone with graphics and wording to honor service, sacrifice, and legacy of those lost on board the USS Thresher, will be placed in a manner similar to other commemorative monuments in the cemetery.

Thank you for your consideration of this request by Arlington National Cemetery on behalf of the USS Thresher ANC Memorial Foundation. We look forward to your feedback and response.

Sincerely,

**David Fedroff** 

**Deputy Chief of Engineering**