



Delegated Action of the Executive Director

PROJECT Memorial Chapel Roof Canopies Joint Base Myer – Henderson Hall Arlington, Virginia	NCPC FILE NUMBER 7425
	NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER 1.61(38.00)43657
SUBMITTED BY United States Department of Defense Department of the Army	ACTION TAKEN Preliminary and final approval of site and building plans
	REVIEW AUTHORITY Advisory per 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1)

The U.S. Department of the Army has submitted preliminary and final site and building plans for the construction of two new roof canopies at the Memorial Chapel located at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall (JBM-HH) in Arlington, Virginia. The Chapel is located in the central part of the installation near the eastern perimeter it shares with Arlington National Cemetery. The Memorial Chapel is a newer, larger facility that holds ceremonies that require more space than the existing Old Post Chapel also located at JBM-HH. Additionally, the Memorial Chapel will become the primary ceremonial space for funerals during the anticipated renovations to the Old Post Chapel during 2013. The proposed canopies are an intended improvement to prepare for the increased influx of services during that time.

The proposed roof canopies will attach to the two existing main entrances of the Memorial Chapel to better provide shelter for chapel guests, funeral processions, and to protect the wooden entrance doors from exposure to the elements. The larger of the two canopies will run the length of the main chapel entry way and extend out to the vehicle drop-off area. The second, smaller canopy will cover the length of the main entry to the fellowship hall. Building materials for the canopies will match the existing façade materials.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Army determined in their Record of Environmental Consideration, dated September 2012, for the Memorial Chapel Alterations that all proposed actions are categorically excluded (CatEx) under the provision c(1) CFR Part 651, Appendix B. Also, said actions do not involve any extraordinary circumstances, as defined in 32 CFR 651.29 (b) that would preclude the use of a CatEx. NCPC does not have an independent NEPA responsibility for projects in the environs.

In compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), the Army submitted a no adverse effect determination to the Virginia State Historic Preservation Office (VA SHPO) for review. The VA SHPO concurred with the Army's no adverse effect determination on April 9, 2012. NCPC does not have an independent NHPA responsibility for projects in the environs.

Additionally, the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts (CFA) included this proposal on the consent calendar agenda at its October 18, 2012 meeting.

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Pursuant to delegations of authority adopted by the Commission on October 3, 1996 and 40 U.S.C. § 8722(b)(1), I approve the preliminary and final site and building plans for the construction of two roof canopies at the Memorial Chapel at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, in Arlington, Virginia.

Marcel Acosta
Executive Director

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