

concerning the national dialogue and public survey in response to Public Law 114–158.

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**Written Comments and Statements:** Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140 and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments or statements to the Committee, in response to the stated agenda of the open meeting or in regard to the Committee's mission in general. Written comments or statements should be submitted to Mr. Timothy Keating, the Alternate Designated Federal Officer, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Each page of the comment or statement must include the author's name, title or affiliation, address, and daytime phone number. Written comments or statements being submitted in response to the agenda set forth in this notice must be received by the Designated Federal Officer at least seven business days prior to the meeting to be considered by the Committee. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submitted written comments or statements with the Committee Chairperson, and ensure the comments are provided to all members of the Committee before the meeting. Written comments or statements received after this date may not be provided to the Committee until its next meeting. Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.140d, the Committee is not obligated to allow a member of the public to speak or otherwise address the Committee during the meeting. Members of the public will be permitted to make verbal comments during the Committee meeting only at the time and in the manner described below. If a member of the public is interested in making a verbal comment at the open meeting, that individual must submit a request, with a brief statement of the subject matter to be addressed by the comment, at least three (3) business days in advance to the Committee's Designated Federal

Official, via electronic mail, the preferred mode of submission, at the addresses listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. The Designated Federal Official will log each request, in the order received, and in consultation with the Committee Chair determine whether the subject matter of each comment is relevant to the Committee's mission and/or the topics to be addressed in this public meeting. A 15-minute period near the end of meeting may be available for public comments. Members of the public who have requested to make a comment and whose comments have been deemed relevant under the process described above, will be allotted no more than three (3) minutes during this period, and will be invited to speak in the order in which their requests were received by the Designated Federal Official.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### **Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery, Honor Subcommittee and the Remember and Explore Subcommittee Meeting Notice**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of open subcommittee meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to announce the following Federal advisory subcommittee meetings of the Honor subcommittee and the Remember and Explore subcommittee of the Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery (ACANC). These meetings are open to the public. For more information about the Committee and the Subcommittees, please visit: <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/About/Advisory-Committee-on-Arlington-National-Cemetery/ACANC-Meetings>.

**DATES:** The Honor subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Remember and Explore subcommittee will meet on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Honor Subcommittee and the Remember & Explore subcommittees will meet in the Welcome Center Conference Room, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA 22211.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Timothy Keating; Alternate Designated Federal Officer for the subcommittees, in writing at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA 22211, or by email at [timothy.p.keating.civ@mail.mil](mailto:timothy.p.keating.civ@mail.mil), or by phone at 1–877–907–8585.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These subcommittee meetings are being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (U.S.C. 552b, as amended) and 41 Code of the Federal Regulations (CFR 102–3.150).

**Purpose of the Meetings:** The Advisory Committee on Arlington National Cemetery is an independent Federal advisory committee chartered to provide the Secretary of the Army independent advice and recommendations on Arlington National Cemetery, including, but not limited to, cemetery administration, the erection of memorials at the cemetery, and master planning for the cemetery. The Secretary of the Army may act on the committee's advice and recommendations. The primary purpose of the Honor subcommittee is to accomplish an independent assessment of methods to address the long-term future of the Army national cemeteries, including how best to extend the active burials and what ANC should focus on once all available space is used.

The primary purpose of the Remember & Explore Subcommittee is to recommend methods to maintain the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Monument, including the cracks in the large marble sarcophagus, the adjacent marble slabs, and the potential replacement marble stone for the sarcophagus already gifted to the Army; accomplish an independent assessment of requests to place commemorative monuments; and identify means to capture and convey ANC's history, including Section 60 gravesite mementos, and improve the quality of visitors' experiences now and for generations to come.

**Agenda:** The Honor subcommittee will receive an update concerning the national dialogue and public survey in response to Public Law 114–158; an update to the renovation plans for the ANC Administrative building; and a presentation regarding timelines involved with Full Military Honor Funerals at ANC. The Remember and Explore subcommittee will receive a presentation on how "Smart City" technology developments might be used to enhance the visitor experience at ANC; an update to the horticultural plan

supporting the iconic image of ANC; and a briefing on the status of all commemorative monuments within and proposed for erection at the cemetery.

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Designated Federal Officer in consultation with the subcommittee Chairperson, may allot a specific amount of time for submitters to present their comments verbally.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

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#### Negotiation of a Follow on Reciprocal Defense Procurement Memorandum of Understanding With the Ministry of Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and With the Republic of Finland

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** On behalf of the United States Government, DoD is contemplating negotiating and concluding two follow on Reciprocal Defense Procurement (RDP) Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with the Ministry of Defence of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and with the Republic of Finland, respectively. DoD is requesting industry feedback regarding its experience in public defense procurements conducted by or on behalf of the United Kingdom (UK) Ministry of Defence and by or on behalf of the Republic of Finland (Finland) Ministry of Defence.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by November 20, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Attn: Ms. Patricia Foley, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Room 5E621, Washington, DC 20301–3060; or by email to [patricia.g.foley.civ@mail.mil](mailto:patricia.g.foley.civ@mail.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Patricia Foley, Senior Procurement Analyst, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (OUSD(AT&L)), Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Contract Policy and International Contracting; Room 5E621, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–3060; telephone 703–693–1145.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DoD has concluded RDP MOUs with 27 “qualifying” countries at the level of the Secretary of Defense and his counterpart. The purpose of a RDP MOU is to promote rationalization, standardization, and interoperability of

conventional defense equipment with allies and other friendly governments. These MOUs provide a framework for ongoing communication regarding market access and procurement matters that enhance effective defense cooperation.

RDP MOUs generally include language by which the Parties agree that their defense procurements will be conducted in accordance with certain implementing procedures. These procedures relate to—

- Publication of notices of proposed purchases;
- The content and availability of solicitations for proposed purchases;
- Notification to each unsuccessful offeror;
- Feedback, upon request, to unsuccessful offerors concerning the reasons they were not allowed to participate in a procurement or were not awarded a contract; and
- Provision for the hearing and review of complaints arising in connection with any phase of the procurement process to ensure that, to the extent possible, complaints are equitably and expeditiously resolved.

Based on the MOU, each country affords the other country certain benefits on a reciprocal basis consistent with national laws and regulations. The benefits that the United States accords to the products of qualifying countries include—

- Offers of qualifying country end products are evaluated without applying the price differentials otherwise required by the Buy American statute and the Balance of Payments Program;
- The chemical warfare protective clothing restrictions in 10 U.S.C. 2533a and the specialty metals restriction in 10 U.S.C. 2533b(a)(1) do not apply to products manufactured in a qualifying country; and
- Customs, taxes, and duties are waived for qualifying country end products and components of defense procurements.

Both countries have been listed as “qualifying countries” in the definition of “qualifying country” at Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement 225.003(10), and offers of products of the UK and Finland, or that contain components from these countries, would continue to be afforded the benefits available to all qualifying countries. This also means that U.S. products would be exempt from any analogous “Buy National” laws or policies applicable to procurements by the Ministry of Defence of each country.

While DoD is evaluating laws and regulations in this area, DoD would