



September 26, 2016

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Subject: Vietnam Veterans Memorial Center Annual MOA Update (2016)

Dear Mr. May:

The National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center was executed on June 25, 2012 and remains valid for five years until June 25, 2017. During the ensuing five-year period, the National Park Service (NPS) is required to update the MOA Signatories, Invited Signatories, Consulting Parties, and the public on the Visitor Center and the actions taken to implement the terms of the MOA.

As of August 2016, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Visitor Center, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (Fund) has completed the design approval process set forth in the Commemorative Works Act. The final design of the Visitor Center, consistent with the MOA, was approved by the Commission of Fine Arts on May 21, 2015, and the National Capital Planning Commission on July 9, 2015. The approvals are posted on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment site (see attachments).

At present the area of West Potomac Park bounded by Constitution Avenue, Henry Bacon Drive, Lincoln Memorial Circle and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street NW remains unchanged from June 2012. Further, development of the project into construction plans and documents remains a responsibility of the Fund. Similarly, it remains the responsibility of the Fund to raise the necessary funds, more than \$100 million, to construct the center so that a construction permit may be requested of the NPS. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund has posted information concerning the project at <http://www.vvmf.org/education-center>. Currently, the legislative authorization for the memorial, per Public Law 113-21, approved July 18, 2013, unless extended, will lapse on November 18, 2018.

Sincerely,

Jim Knotts  
President and CEO