

Public Notice & Request for Input

*Drafting of a Programmatic Agreement
(In accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act)
& Preparation of an Environmental Assessment
(In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act)
For the Proposed Construction of a New Conference and Events Center
U.S. Army Garrison Joint Base Myer Henderson Hall, Arlington, Virginia*

All Interested Parties: In anticipation of Congressional approval of the National Defense Authorization Act, Joint Base Myer Henderson-Hall (JBM-HH) is proposing a new undertaking related to Patton Hall (Building 214) at Fort Myer in Arlington, Virginia, in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate potential environmental, cultural, and socioeconomic effects associated with the Proposed Action in accordance with the National Environment Policy Act (NEPA). The proposed undertaking will include the demolition of a portion of Patton Hall and construction of a new community club and conference center somewhere within a prescribed limit of work (LOW) adjacent to present day Building 214.

Over the years Patton Hall has played a significant role as the premier conferencing center and events hub in the greater Washington, D.C. area for the military community, hosting family members and visitors attending activities at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) as well as senior military leadership. The proposed project is needed due to Patton Hall's deteriorated condition. If the Patton Hall continues to exist in its current state, the building's supporting systems will continue to fail, and the facility will likely be condemned.

As part of this undertaking, a new conference facility to replace Patton Hall will be built within the LOW, Custer Road may be realigned, and Buffalo Soldier's Lane and Johnson's lane may be graded, milled, and resurfaced within the LOW. Parking within the LOW (existing and/or new) will not exceed 154 spaces. The sidewalk in front of Patton Hall may be removed and replaced within the LOW. The pools to the north of Patton Hall will remain in place, but their operation may be temporarily impacted during construction. The pool house function within the current building will be relocated within the newly constructed conference center or will be placed within a new smaller building (no larger than 4,000 SF) adjacent to the pools. Any new construction will not exceed a total of 70,600 SF and will not exceed a height of 65 feet. The exact footprint location of new construction within the LOW has not been identified. There is potential for impacts to any resources within the LOW. This includes historic resources contributing to the Fort Myer National Historic Landmark (NHL) District and/or eligible for inclusion to it. JBM-HH will work with the Virginia State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and other consulting parties to fully identify all historic properties, both above and below ground including landscape features, within the area of potential effect as the project moves forward.

The full scope and understanding of the level of the effects to historic properties has not been fully defined. The determination of effects will be made further in the project design process as information is available and ready for analysis. JBM-HH intends to work with the consulting parties to develop a project specific Programmatic Agreement (PA), in accordance with 36CFR Part 800.14(b). The PA will stipulate mitigation for known adverse effects, how the consulting parties will participate in the design review process and provide guidance for the design team on how to avoid or minimize potential adverse effects to the NHL District.

This Public Notice is for organizations and individuals that could have an interest in consulting on this undertaking and/or providing input on the proposed action to be considered in our analysis of each alternative in the forthcoming EA. If you are interested in participating in the development of the PA or providing information to consider for the EA, please send all responses via email to:

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