

Arlington National Cemetery Monumental Makeover 14 May 2024

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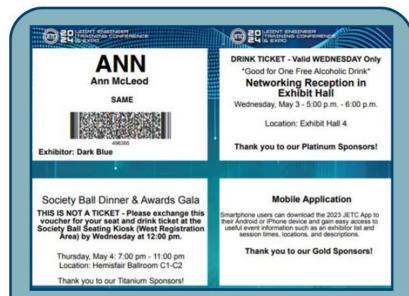






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Arlington National Cemetery Monumental Makeover: Leaning Pylon Foundation Repairs

Moderator: Mike Darrow, P.E., USACE Norfolk District

Speakers:

- Karen Durham-Aguilera, P.E., *Executive Director*, Office of Army Cemeteries and Army National Military Cemeteries
- Babur Mian, P.E., *President*, Terra Constructs
- Matt Karlinchak, P.E., Branch Chief, USACE Norfolk District
- Andrew Farver, P.E., *COR*, USACE Norfolk District









## Moderator



Michael Darrow, P.E., PMP USACE Norfolk District Deputy District Engineer

## Fun Facts

- Retired Army Engineer Officer 2 of 3 kids + wife are engineers
- Long Suffering Buffalo fan Go Bills! Go Sabres
- A "wanna be" professional sandcastle builder – lots of holes on the Outer Banks
- Love being on the water



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Karen Durham-Aguilera, P.E. Army National Military Cemeteries Executive Director

## Fun Facts

- Road to Bionic: replacing/repairing one body part at a time
- Spare time: riding my Harley-Davidson and supporting veterans
- First two bullets not related S
- Vacation time: Beach and tequila!







## Babur R Mian, P.E. Terra Constructs

President and CEO

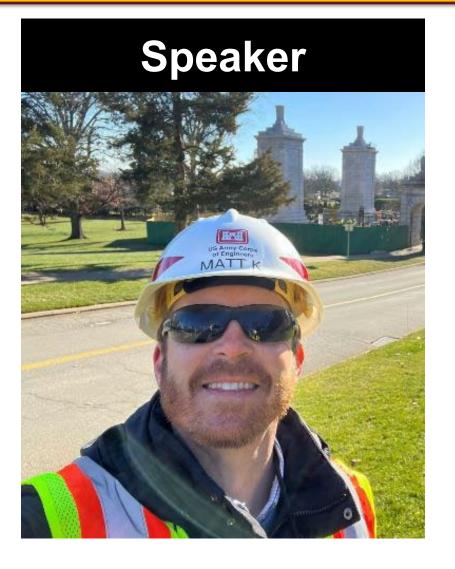
## Fun Facts

- Traveled to 60+ countries
- Welcome to America
- Met Eric Clapton
- Millenia Concord Ride
- Keeping up with a 6-year-old









Matthew Karlinchak, P.E. USACE Norfolk District Branch Chief, ANC Program

## Fun Facts

- Lived in Europe for 11 years
- Maryland Native Go Ravens and Terps
- Running 1<sup>st</sup> marathon in Berlin this year
- Regular ball donor to the ponds and forests of America's golf courses!





# US Army Corps Of Engineers ® Afghanistan District

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Andrew Farver, P.E.

Project Engineer / COR, ANC Program

**USACE** Norfolk District

• Chicago Native (Go Bears and Cubs!!).

Getting married this November!

**Fun Facts** 

• Trying to visit every baseball stadium.







- 1. History of the Arlington National Cemetery and the Pylons, Ms. Karen Durham-Aguilera, P.E.
- 2. Understanding USACE Sole Source Procurement Process, Mr. Matthew Karlinchak, P.E.
- 3. Engineering Challenges in Monument Preservation, Mr. Babur Mian, P.E.
- 4. Expertise in Structural Stabilization, Push Piers and Helical Piles, and Structure Lifting, Mr. Babur Mian, P.E.
- 5. Video of Pylon Lifting Process, Mr. Babur Mian, P.E.
- 6. Construction Management Best Practices in a National Cemetery, Mr. Andrew Farver, P.E.
- 7. Completion Photos, Mr. Andrew Farver, P.E.



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## Honoring Our Veterans and Families





## Vision, Mission, and Priorities

**Army National Military Cemeteries Mission** 

### Great people honoring service and sacrifice to a Grateful Nation

#### Office of Army Cemeteries Mission



As the Army's cemeterians, OAC provides oversight and expertise for all Army cemeteries through policy, program management, inspections, training, and assistance, honoring those laid to rest in perpetuity.



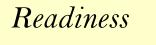
Arlington National Cemetery represents the American people for past, present, and future generations by laying to rest those few who have served our nation with dignity and honor while immersing guests in the cemetery's living history.



#### Modernization



Our cemeteries are a perpetual tribute to those at rest. We focus on **Modernization** to sustain and extend this tradition for future generations





We deliver on our sacred mission by maintaining **Readiness** through the optimal management of our valuable resources

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## Connecting Visitors to a Rich History

#### Over 3M Visitors a Year Open 365 Days

- National Observances:
  - Memorial Day
  - Veterans Day
- Wreaths Across America
- Historic Tours

#### Distinguished Visitor/ Public Events

- Congressional Engagements
- ~200 Distinguished Visitor
  Wreath Ceremonies
- ~400 Honor Flight Buses
- ~3100 Wreath Laying Ceremonies
- Symbolic Visit for World Leaders





Education and Interpretation Program

Webinars, Lectures, Blogs, And Display Room Tours Physical Interpretation Plan Online Educational Modules Tomb of the Unknown Centennial

Hundreds of Engagements with Congress and the Media

International, National, & Local Photographers & Film Crews Responses to Queries

A continuous challenge to strike a balance: Funeral services (private) & a National Shrine (public)

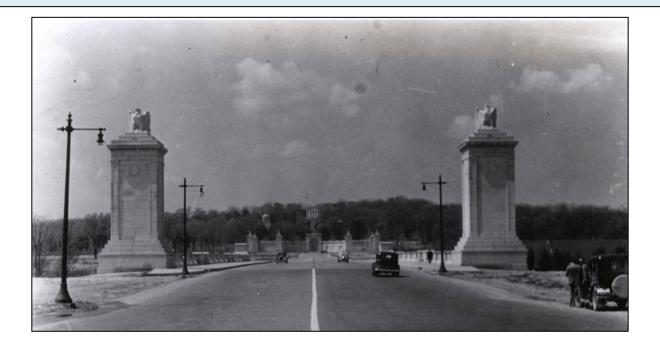
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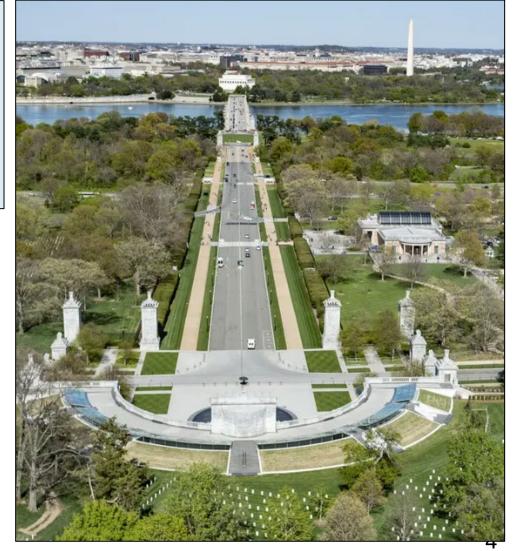




## History – "Avenue of Heroes"

1901 Senate Park Commission conceived an "Avenue of Heroes" from the Lincoln Memorial to a "Court of Honor" at the ANC entrance



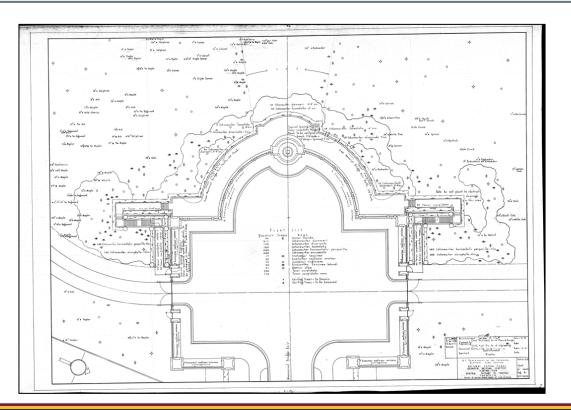




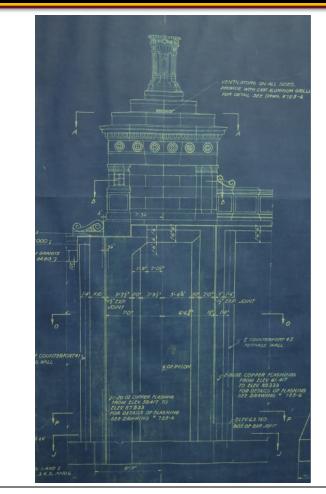
## History – ANC "Court of Honor"

#### The "Court of Honor" design included a hemicycle,

#### pylons and gates. Dedicated in 1932.



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The pylons are 59' foot tall, 17' square granite clad octagons poured-in-place mild steel reinforced concrete foundations.





# Since the 1932 dedication, Memorial Avenue and the "Court of Honor" has welcomed all processions and funeral attendees





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## History - Toppled Pylon (1996)



July 1996, Pylon 2 toppled due to the excavation of a utility trench







In 2016, NPS began monitoring Pylons 1, 3, & 4, assessing overall condition as poor

In 2020, portions of Memorial Avenue and the "Court of Honor" transferred from NPS to ANC including project designs to straighten pylons

Temporary fencing placed around Pylon 1 to protect public in event of collapse





## Understanding Sole Source Design-Build Contracts

## Big push to execute before a Pylon tipped over!!!

- Transfer of Property from NPS brought with it an existing design.
  - Execute work as a **Design-Build (Firm Fixed Price Sole Source 8A)** 
    - Most efficient way to utilize an existing design
    - Sole Source 8a enabled Government to pick the right firm based on: <u>Qualifications</u> and <u>Project/Management approach</u>

Acquisition Process:

- Evaluation of the Project Scope and Complexity.
- Market Research and <u>Sources Sought</u> through SAM.gov.
- Promotion of Opportunity at events such as SAME Small Business Conference, JETC, and National/Local Industry Events to engage industry.
- Review of Sources Sought Market Research and determination of available <u>qualified firms</u> to perform the contract with Small, Socio-Economic Disadvantaged, HUBZone and Veteran Owned businesses.
- <u>Perform interviews with potential firms meeting the qualifications and past performance</u> <u>requirements</u>. Verify with the SBA of eligibility. Make final selection determination.
- Issue RFP documents, conduct site visit, respond to RFI's, review proposal, enter negotiations, finalize proposal and cost, issue contract.



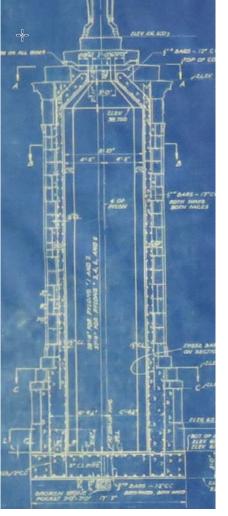




## Challenges

#### Identified Project Challenges:

- 1. 750 Ton Monument installed on 3' D Foundation
- 2. Shallow Foundations on Unsuitable Soils; Foundation dimensions same as Pylon Base dimensions
- 3. Pylon settled 6"-10"- Tilting as much as 5 Degrees.
- 4. Temporary stabilization as Pylon continued to move during the RFP process- Potential of Pylon Collapse during construction
- 5. Design to withstand seismic events, extreme temperatures and excessive rainfall
- 6. Historic integrity of structure; Lidar Scanning to document conditions
- 7. Prevent cracking of stone cladding while jacking and lifting the Pylon
- 8. Protecting ANC Visitors and Staff



As-Built Blueprint

#### Lidar and Existing Photos



Pylon #1 - Eastern Elevation



Pylon #1 Western Elevation



Pylon #1 - Southern Elevation



- Special thanks to the Sub-Contractors involved:
  - » Alpha Corporation
  - » Colliers Engineering & Design
  - » Atlas Foundations of Washington, LLC
  - » Janeiro, Inc.
  - » Empire Landscape, LLC
  - » Muller, Inc.
  - » Ruppert Landscape Inc

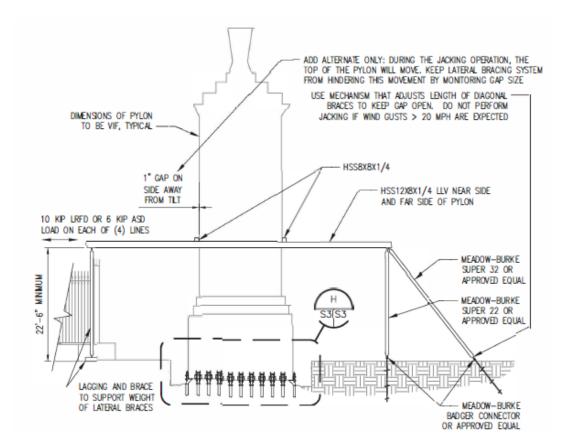




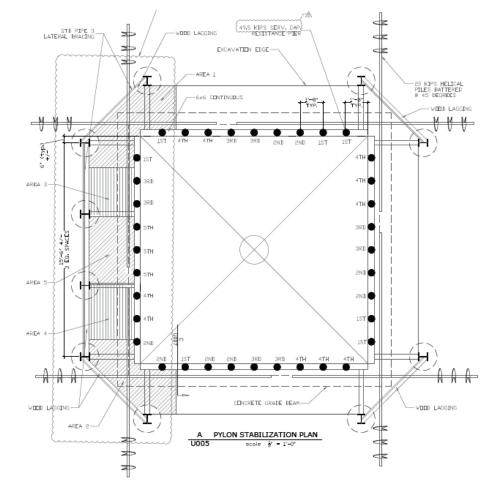
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**Design-Build Solutions** 

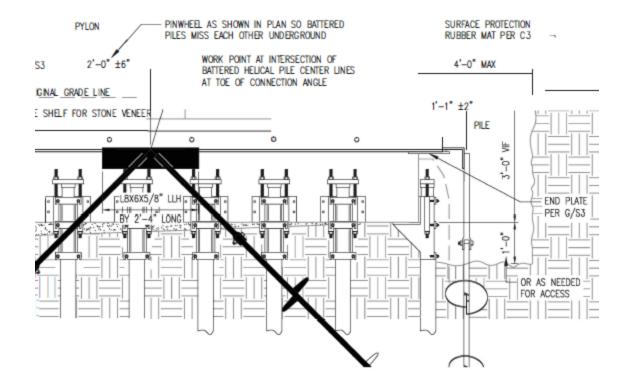


RFP Concept Drawing for Temporary Stabilization of Monument. Potential Monument Damage.

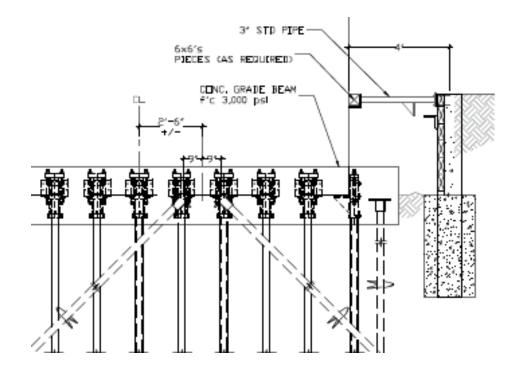


Final Design Utilizing Piles and Horizontal Bracing Beams Below Monument Face. Eliminated Potential Damage.





RFP Concept Drawing for Permanent Stabilization of Monument. Push Piers, Brackets, and Helical Anchors.



Final Design Added Reinforced Grade Beam and Perimeter Base Extension. Pressure Grouting Completed After Grade Beam Installation.



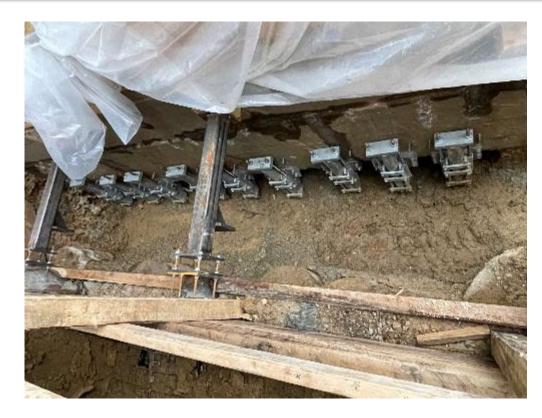
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H Piles & Support Beams



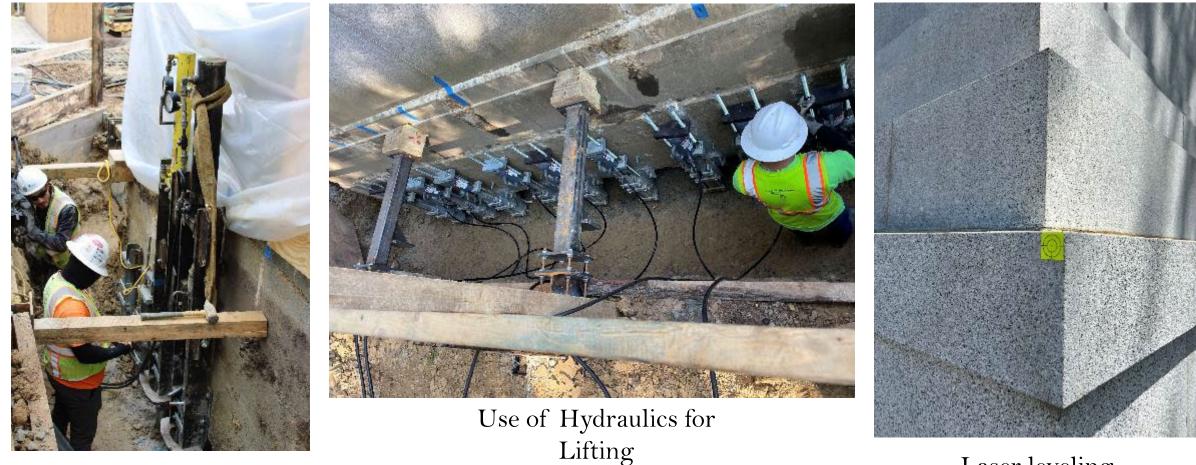
Support Bracket and First Push Pier



Completed Support Bracket Installation



## Construction – Pylon Leveling



Push Pier Installation

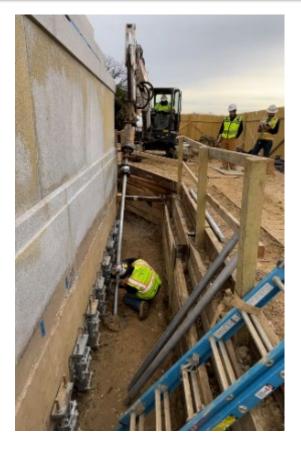
Laser leveling



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## Construction – Pylon Stability



Helical Anchor Installation



Concrete Grade Beam Reinforcement



Concrete Grade Beam Placement



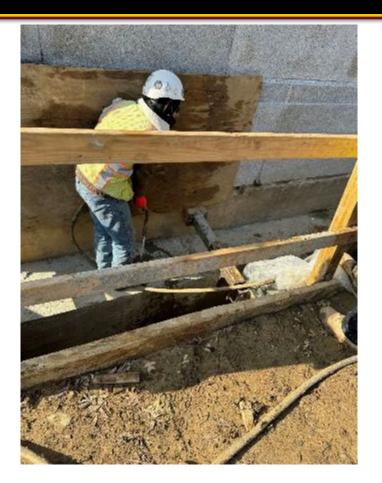
## Construction – Pylon Stability



Clay Foundation



Placed Grade Beam with High Pressure Grout Ports



High Pressure Grout Placement



## Construction Management Best Practices in a National Cemetery.

Respect the mission of national cemeteries; coordinate effectively.

- Funerals, Honor Flights, Special events.
- Security, Operations, Horticulture, Plumbing, Electrical, Cultural Resources, Conservation, Public Relations.

Strong communication partnership between ANC, USACE, and Terra Constructs field teams.

- Coordinate work stoppages during funerals.
- Immediate communication if unaware of a funeral nearby.
- Maintain site security and cleanliness.
- Camouflage project site with temporary fencing and controls.-Minimize intrusion on visitor experience.
- Enforce professional conduct, no yelling or unbecoming behavior.
- Integrate conduct requirements into preparatory meetings.





## **Completion Photos**



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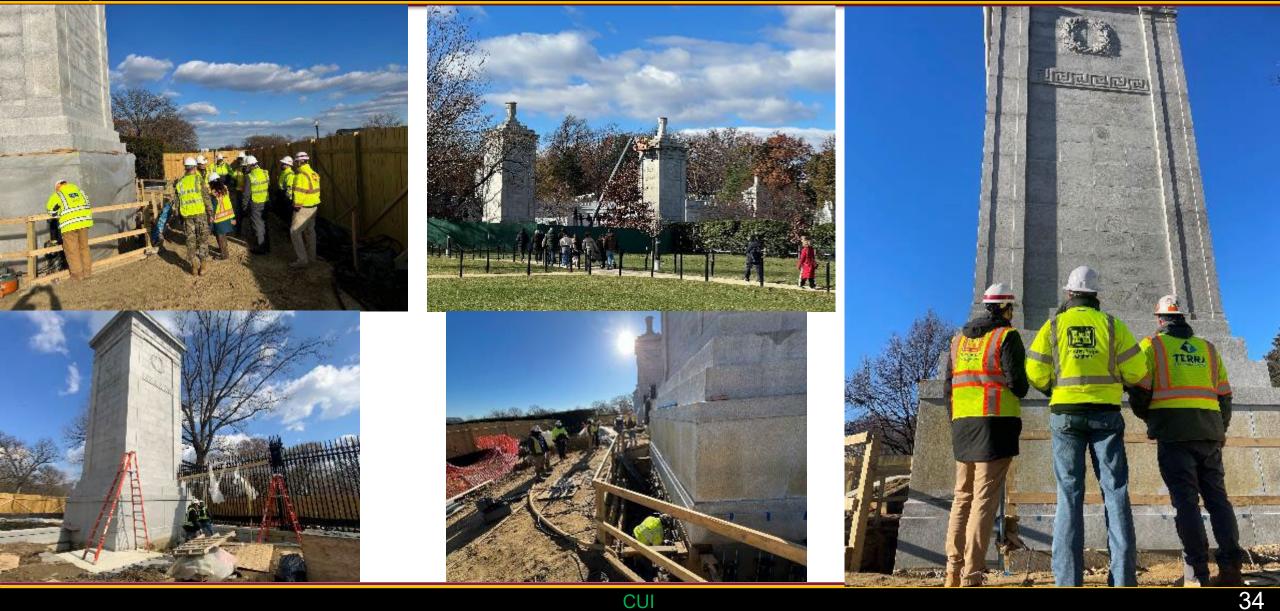




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