

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

SUBMITTED TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PURSUANT TO 36 CFR 800.6(a)

WHEREAS, the Veterans Administration (VA) has determined that the construction of an administration/rehabilitation facility at the New Jersey Memorial Home at Vineland, Vineland, New Jersey, will have an effect upon the New Jersey Memorial Home at Vineland: Main Building, eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The VA has consulted with the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) pursuant to 36 CFR Part 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f); and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (the Council) have participated in the consultation and have been invited to concur in this Memorandum of Agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the VA and the New Jersey SHPO agree that the undertaking shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations in order to take into account the effect of the undertaking on historic properties.

Stipulations

The VA will ensure that the following measures are carried out.

1. The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall submit a structural study of the Main Building to fully document the condition of the building. Copies will be forwarded to the VA Historic Preservation Office, the SHPO, and the Council. Previous efforts to rehabilitate the building and to find alternative uses shall be summarized and attached as part of the study.

2. Prior to demolition of the Main Building, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall document the Main Building according to the standards of the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), and shall contact HABS, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Office, National Park Service, Custom House, 2nd & Chestnut Streets, Room 251, Philadelphia, PA 19106, telephone (215) 597-6484, to determine what level and kind of recordation is required for the property. The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall ensure that all documentation is completed and accepted by HABS prior to the demolition, and that copies of the photographs and written documentation are made available to the SHPO and the New Jersey Memorial Home at Vineland. The

narrative shall provide a full architectural and historical context for the Main Building when originally constructed and through its evolution as a New Jersey State Home.

3. Prior to demolition of the Main Building, significant architectural features of the building shall be salvaged by the New Jersey Memorial Home at Vineland for curation and placement in an appropriate formal display at the Home. The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall consult with the SHPO prior to demolition to determine those items which shall be removed and preserved. The Department will ensure that the items selected are removed in a manner that minimizes damage.

4. The New Jersey Memorial Home at Vineland will allocate space within the facility for a permanent display on the history of the Home which will include historic photographs, HABS documentation, and other materials relative to the Main Building.

5. During the planning stages of the Administration/ Rehabilitation project, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall complete an archeological investigation of the area affected by the new construction to identify and evaluate archeological resources according to the criteria of the National Register of Historic Places. This activity shall include a literature search as well as surface field investigation. A research design for the identification phase shall be submitted to the SHPO for review and approval. Findings shall be forwarded to the SHPO for review and approval. The project area shall encompass the site of the Main Building and surrounding area where ground disturbance will take place as a consequence of the new construction.

If the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs determines, in consultation with the SHPO, that there is potential for finding significant archeological resources, an archeological survey will be completed by the Department for the construction project area in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Identification (48 FR 44720-35) and taking into account the National Park Service publication: The Archeological Survey: Methods and Uses (1978: GPO stock #024-016-00091). The survey shall be conducted in consultation with the SHPO, and a report of the survey, meeting the standards of the SHPO, shall be submitted to the SHPO for review and approval.

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall evaluate properties identified through the survey in accordance with 36 CFR 800.4(c). If the survey results in the identification of properties that are eligible for the National Register, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall comply with 36 CFR 800.5.

If, after meeting all the responsibilities for identification of archeological resources within the project area, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs determines or is notified that the project will impact previously unidentified National Register-eligible resources, the Department will notify immediately the VA Historic Preservation Office, the SHPO, and the Advisory Council and follow procedures set forth in federal regulations 36 CFR 800.11.

Execution of this Memorandum of Agreement and implementation of its terms evidence that the VA has afforded the Council an opportunity to comment on the Administration/Rehabilitation construction project and its effects on historic properties, and that the VA has taken into account the effects of the undertaking on historic properties.

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