



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

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The Honorable Kelly A. Ayotte
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Ayotte:

Thank you for your September 20, 2012 letter concerning the placement of a memorial marker in Arlington National Cemetery in honor of the Sailors and civilians aboard the ill-fated *USS Thresher*.

In accordance with the recently passed Honoring America's Veterans Act of 2012, the sponsoring organization for the *USS Thresher* memorial must submit a letter to the Executive Director, Army National Military Cemeteries, Arlington, Virginia 22211, containing the following information:

- Purpose of the memorial;
- An architectural drawing of the memorial including its dimensions, materials and any verbiage to be included on the memorial; and
- An independent study on the availability and suitability of alternative locations for the proposed memorial outside of Arlington National Cemetery.

Please direct any questions regarding this project directly to Arlington National Cemetery.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide you this information. Thank you for your continued support of Arlington National Cemetery.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. McHugh". The signature is stylized and includes a large flourish at the end.

John M. McHugh