

## **Public Notice**

### **First Amendment Demonstration and Activities at Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial**

Freedom of speech, press, religion, and assembly are rights protected by the First Amendment of the Constitution. People may exercise these rights in national parks, but the National Park Service (NPS) retains its responsibility to protect park resources, prevent conflict among park visitors and adhere to federal regulations and policies.

Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial is located inside of Arlington National Cemetery. Arlington National Cemetery is an entity separate and apart from the National Park Service, and controls access to the Cemetery. Arlington National Cemetery, our nation's most hallowed ground, is the final resting place for nearly 400,000 active duty service members, veterans and their families. This historic cemetery bears witness to American heritage and the military service and sacrifice of men and women in uniform throughout U.S. history.

By statute, Arlington National Cemetery prohibits first amendment demonstrations and activities that occurs 60 minutes before and ending 60 minutes after a funeral, memorial service, or ceremony within 150 feet of a road, pathway, or other route of ingress to or egress from such cemetery property or within 300 feet of such cemetery and impeded the access to or egress from such cemetery cited in 38 U.S. Code § 2413. For this reason, no demonstrations are authorized within the Cemetery.

If you have any questions and concerns, please contact the George Washington Memorial Parkway, Chief of Staff or Special Use Permit Coordinator at (703) 289-2500.