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Interactive Map Lets the Public Rediscover 130 Memorials in the Nation's Capital

Washington, DC – Thousands of Americans will head to the National Mall this week to view Washington's newest commemorative work – the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial. To help the public learn more about this and other commemorative works, the National Capital Planning Commission developed a new interactive online map that lets anyone locate and learn about 130 federal memorials throughout the nation's capital. Currently released as a working draft, visitors and locals alike are encouraged to explore the map at www.ncpc.gov/memorials as well as provide feedback on how it could be improved or expanded.

In addition to providing basic information about the location and history of each memorial, the new map allows visitors to sort memorials by theme. The map is also integrated with Foursquare, the popular location-based social networking site. Foursquare users can use the map to track how many memorials they've visited, add photos and tips, compete with others for a spot on the Hall of Fame—which lists those users with the most check-ins at memorials around the capital. Visitors without a Foursquare account can also contribute photos directly on the site using the "upload photo" feature.

In conjunction with the new memorials map NCPC produced a short video highlighting some of the lesser known memorials in Washington – which may be viewed at www.ncpc.gov/cinema.

The new map was created using information developed as part of Washington as Commemoration, a joint research project between the National Capital Planning Commission and the National Park Service. The study catalogues existing commemorative themes and presents new approaches for locating and designing commemorative works.

More information about the National Capital Planning Commission's work on commemoration can be found at www.ncpc.gov/commemoration.

The National Capital Planning Commission is the federal government's central planning agency in the District of Columbia and surrounding counties in Maryland and Virginia. The Commission provides overall planning guidance for federal land and buildings in the region. It also reviews the design of federal projects and memorials, oversees long-range planning for future development, and monitors capital investment by federal agencies.

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