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General William W. Hartzog, USA-Ret
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The Army Historical Foundation
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Dear General Hartzog,

Attached is a copy of the letter we sent to Secretary Eastin and the Impact Study recently completed by our group.

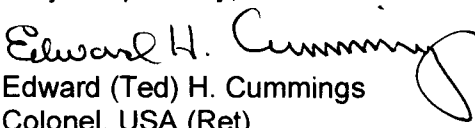
We understand that the Army Historical Foundation (AHF) is not involved in the site selection; however, any adverse public relations regarding the reduction of holes on the Fort Belvoir North-36 Golf Course will affect fundraising for the National Museum of the United States Army (NMUSA). We support the NMUSA; therefore, we must inform you the announcement of the Fort Belvoir North 36 site without replacement of lost golf holes would result in adverse publicity. Further, we are obligated to our members to publish the Impact Study that would further exacerbate the situation.

We believe that the Secretary of the Army was given bad advice that 27 holes were adequate. In 2000 when we still had 45 holes, the Fort Belvoir MWR contracted with the PGA to recommend means to relieve overcrowding on weekends. We would advise that the decision to reduce Fort Belvoir Golf Facilities by 40% (45 holes to 27 holes) in 3 years and weekend tee times by 53% (512 to 240) will not be well received by the military population. Our veterans want to support the NMUSA; however, without restitution this will be a difficult decision for many.

Our study provides alternative layouts for replacement of holes on the residual North-36 land, not lost to the NMUSA siting. The total cost to replace lost holes would be about \$2.0 to \$3.0 million or 1-2% of the cost of the NMUSA. We have provided a win-win solution that could be further enhanced if the AHF fundraising announced they were providing the funding for replacement holes. The AHF could use the NMUSA site plan including replacement holes on your Web Site and in brochures. We believe this would help fundraising.

We recognize that the ultimate decision rests at the Secretary of the Army level. If you agree with our assessment, we would request that the AHF use its influence to expedite a decision on restitution. The announcement of the NMUSA siting with restitution would help ameliorate any adverse publicity. Concerned MWR Patrons continues to offer its assistance to the Army with the transition at the Fort Belvoir North-36 Golf Course.

Very Respectfully,


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for the Concerned MWR PATRONS

1 Encl: Letter to Secretary Eastin.