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GEN William W. Hartzog, USA-Ret.  
President, Board of Directors  
The Army Historical Foundation  
2425 Wilson Blvd.  
Arlington, VA 22201

Dear General,

We are concerned about the public relation implications of the forthcoming announcement that the National Museum of the United States Army (NMUSA) will reduce the Fort Belvoir Golf Facility to 27 holes. This coupled with the loss of the 9-hole golf course on the South Post in 2007 (because of BRAC requirements) means Fort Belvoir will reduce its golf course capacity by 40%, from 45 to 27 golf holes. This could reflect adversely on the Army and the Army Historical Foundation.

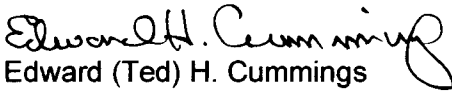
The concept of just a 27-hole golf facility appears to be based on a narrowly defined Feasibility Study for the site of the NMUSA on the North 36. The 27-hole decision does not take into account the economic, social, and political impact on the over 120,000 all-service, eligible MWR patrons in Northern Virginia.

Due to the potential for adverse impacts over the possible loss of another nine golf holes at Fort Belvoir, we ask you to consider the public relations impact of this announcement. Consideration should be given to delaying the Design Contract award until an unbiased study can be completed.

Concerned MWR Patrons recently initiated an Impact Study to include location for replacement holes to retain the 36-hole golf course layout. We believe this is the study that should have been contracted by the Army. Completion of this study is scheduled for April 2008. This date could be impacted by available data and our ability to obtain a copy of the final site plan for the NMUSA.

We are prepared to work with the Army and the Army Historical Foundation.

Very Respectfully,

  
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