

## AIR FORCE MEMORIAL CHRONOLOGY

<b>July 1, 2006</b>	Tenth section (spire #3 third piece) of the spires erected.
<b>June 19, 2006</b>	Ninth section (spire #1 fourth piece) of the spires erected. The tallest of the three spires is currently at a height of 170 feet, and already plainly visible on the Northern Virginia skyline.
<b>May 26, 2006</b>	Eighth section (spire #2 third piece) of the spires erected.
<b>May 12, 2006</b>	Seventh section (spire #1 third piece) of the spires erected.
<b>April 17, 2006</b>	Sixth section (spire #3 second piece) of the spires erected. This spire now reaches ~ 80' above the ground. When finished with its four pieces, it will rise 201' into the sky
<b>April 6, 2006</b>	Fifth section (spire #1 second piece) of the spires erected. This spire now reaches ~ 100' above the ground. When finished with its six pieces, it will soar 270' into the sky
<b>March 29, 2006</b>	Fourth section (spire #2 second piece) of the spires erected. This spire now reaches ~ 90' above the ground. When finished with its five pieces, it will soar 231' into the sky
<b>March 25, 2006</b>	Third section (base piece for spire #1) of the spires erected
<b>March 17, 2006</b>	Second section (base piece for spire #3) of the spires erected
<b>March 11, 2006</b>	First permanent trees planted on the 3-acre site. These London Plane trees will eventually line the entire access driveway named Air Force Memorial Drive
<b>February 10, 2006</b>	First section (base piece for spire #2) of the Air Force Memorial spires erected. This is the first of 15 separate sections that will form the three stainless steel spires-the central focus of the Memorial. Eventually the highest of the spires will ascent 270' above the 3-acre elevated promontory site
<b>January 2006</b>	Architectural retaining walls completed
<b>December 21, 2005</b>	First granite paving concrete subbase placed
<b>December 6, 2005</b>	Spire damper box testing completed
<b>November 18, 2005</b>	Granite stone fabrication (cutting/ polishing) begins
<b>November 10, 2005</b>	Landscape infrastructure work begins in driveway area

<b>November 4, 2005</b>	Concrete footings for inscription walls, contemplation chamber and Honor Guard statue completed
<b>October 28, 2005</b>	Promontory slab complete
<b>October 19, 2005</b>	Architectural concrete retaining walls begin
<b>September 22, 2005</b>	Memorial steps concrete foundation completed
<b>September 13, 2005</b>	Spire foundations complete (grade beams and spire pedestals complete)
<b>September 6, 2005</b>	East entrance retaining wall complete
<b>August 18, 2005</b>	Memorial steps retaining wall complete
<b>August 8, 2005</b>	Support Building steel frame begins
<b>June 24, 2005</b>	Spire foundation pile caps completed
<b>June 6, 2005</b>	Site concrete retaining wall foundations begin
<b>May 2, 2005</b>	Site utility installation begins
<b>April 18, 2005</b>	Centex finishes mobilization and continues process of pouring concrete foundation caissons for the three spires
<b>April 7, 2005</b>	Spire foundation caissons completed
<b>March 16, 2005</b>	DoD turns over site to AFMF and Centex
<b>March 11, 2005</b>	Excavation for spire foundations completed
<b>January 24, 2005</b>	Excavation for spire foundations begins
<b>January 2005</b>	Centex Construction begins mobilization activities on site
<b>January 2005</b>	Site utility installation begins
<b>December 2004</b>	Major excavation of the site and grading begins
<b>October 21, 2004</b>	Demolition of the Wing 8 building begins
<b>October 18, 2004</b>	Demolition of overhead walkways between Navy Annex Wings 7 & 8 signifies beginning of Wing 8 demolition to make way for AFM
<b>September 15, 2004</b>	Formal Groundbreaking and Site Dedication of the AFM held

on the future site of the United States Air Force Memorial

<b>August 5, 2004</b>	National Capital Planning Commission approves the preliminary and final site and building plans for the AFM
<b>June 28, 2004</b>	DoD determines a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) of the AFM project on the quality of the human environment
<b>June 10, 2004</b>	Centex signs contract with Mariani Metal Fabricators of Toronto to fabricate and with Cianbro Corporation of Baltimore to erect the AFM stainless steel spires
<b>June 9, 2004</b>	Contract signed with Centex Construction Company to build the Air Force Memorial.
<b>May 18, 2004</b>	DoD awards AFM Site Preparation contract to Forrester Construction Company. Current plans call for complete turnover of site to AFMF by end of December 2004.
<b>April 15, 2004</b>	Commission of Fine Arts enthusiastically and unanimously approves the overall final plan for the Air Force Memorial. Recommendations are made concerning the honor guard statue.
<b>March 12, 2004</b>	Interviews conducted with three company project teams competing to construct the Memorial's stainless steel spires.
<b>January 14, 2004</b>	Construction Request for Proposal and invitation to the Pre-bid/Site Inspection Conference on January 23 released to four firms competing to fabricate and erect the stainless steel spires.
<b>October 2003</b>	Request for Qualifications to compete for the construction of the Memorial's stainless steel spires sent to nine firms.
<b>September 12, 2003</b>	Centex Construction Company selected to provide pre-construction services to the Air Force Memorial project.
<b>August 14, 2003</b>	The list of six construction firms narrowed to three that will interview for the opportunity to build the Air Force Memorial.
<b>July 16, 2003</b>	Pre-proposal Meeting held with the six construction firms interested in building the Air Force Memorial.
<b>July 15, 2003</b>	Inscription Committee, formed to develop ideas for and to recommend what inscriptions, images, etc. will be reflected on the Air Force Memorial, meets for first time. Call goes out to general public for input.

<b>July 3, 2003</b>	Construction Request for Proposal released to six competing construction firms. Return Bid Proposals due August 6, 2003.
<b>June 9, 2003</b>	AFMF Board approved Memorial 100% Design Review
<b>April 8, 2003</b>	District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office concurs with the finding of "no adverse effect", with respect to District of Columbia properties
<b>March 28, 2003</b>	The Department of Defense Washington Headquarters Services announces that an Environmental Assessment for the Air Force Memorial is available for public review and comment until May 5, 2003.
<b>March 20, 2003</b>	Commission of Fine Arts unanimously approves the new design of the Air Force Memorial at the Navy Annex, Arlington, VA
<b>March 12, 2003</b>	National Capital Planning Commission unanimously approves the new conceptual design of the Air Force Memorial at the Navy Annex, Arlington, VA
<b>March 5, 2003</b>	Air Force Memorial Foundation officially unveiled the new Air Force Memorial design.
<b>February 17, 2003</b>	FAA officially determined that the AF Memorial would not be a "hazard to air navigation."
<b>September 24, 2002</b>	AFMF formally notifies DOD that the Foundation now has sufficient funds to commence construction of the Air Force Memorial.
<b>September 18, 2002</b>	AFMF Board approved decision to notify DOD that Foundation now has sufficient funds to commence construction of the Air Force Memorial.
<b>September 18, 2002</b>	AFMF Board approved Memorial 60% Design Review.
<b>April 3, 2002</b>	AFMF selects Pei Cobb Freed & Partners to design the new Air Force Memorial.
<b>March 12, 2002</b>	The five architectural firms of Moore Ruble Yudell of Santa Monica, CA; Morphosis of Santa Monica, CA; Pei Cobb Freed & Partners of New York, NY; Urban Instruments of Newton, MA; and the Washington-Alexandria Center for Architecture of Alexandria, VA selected to compete for Air Force Memorial design.

<b>December 28, 2001</b>	President Bush signs Defense Authorization Bill, which in part directs the DoD to make available to the Air Force Memorial Foundation up to three acres of the Naval Annex property for use as the location for the Air Force Memorial.
<b>Oct - Dec 2001</b>	House and Senate conferees discuss AFM alternate site @ Navy Annex as possible amendment to 2002 Defense Authorization Bill.
<b>October 2001</b>	AFMF Board acknowledges realization for relocation of the AFM. Factors considered by the Board: 1) cost of additional litigation, 2) the lengthy time required to build at Arlington ridge, and 3) the realization that the total project may be in jeopardy if another five-year extension were necessary.
<b>June 2001</b>	AFMF Board of Trustees votes to delete the interior Memorial Center for the Arlington Ridge site. Board decision based primarily on difficulty to maintain currency of the technology being proposed, safety and security concerns and the long-term upkeep responsibility.
<b>October 2000</b>	DoD proposes (in coordination with the AFMF) congressional legislation offering an alternate site @ Navy Annex to AFMF.
<b>October 13, 2000</b>	President signs HR 4583. Air Force Memorial enabling legislation OFFICIALLY extended into December 2005.
<b>October 3, 2000</b>	The Senate joins the House and votes unanimously to extend the Air Force Memorial enabling legislation.
<b>September 14, 2000</b>	The House approves a five-year extension to the Air Force Memorial's enabling legislation (House Resolution 4583) with a unanimous vote of 393 – 0.
<b>May 7, 1999</b>	The United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit upheld the dismissal of a lawsuit which had been filed by a group known as the "Friends of Iwo Jima." In an opinion written by Chief Judge Wilkinson, the Court of Appeals affirmed the District Court Judge's conclusion that the law was followed in approving the Arlington Ridge site.
<b>March 4, 1999</b>	The Friends of Iwo Jima's, et al, appeal against the June 15, 1998, summary judgment was heard in the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in Richmond, VA. A formal decision may be rendered within seven weeks.
<b>March 3, 1999</b>	Second public comment meeting held by National Park Service

	regarding the Environmental Assessment.
<b>February 17, 1999</b>	Public comment meeting held by National Park Service regarding the Environmental Assessment.
<b>February 2, 1999</b>	National Park Service announces the availability of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for proposed Air Force Memorial in an area known as Arlington Ridge Park. EA will remain available for public comment through March 22, 1999.
<b>October 1998</b>	Senator Warner proposes possible alternate site for Air Force Memorial (AFM) @ Navy Annex.
<b>October 1998</b>	With the adjournment of the 105th Congress, the proposed bills submitted by Senator Roberts and Congressman Solomon expired.
<b>July 29, 1998</b>	The Friends of Iwo Jima, et al, filed an appeal against the June 15, 1998, summary judgement.
<b>June 15, 1998</b>	The civil suit filed against the Air Force Memorial Foundation was dismissed in a summary judgment. In the ruling, United States District Judge Albert V. Bryan, Jr., dismissed the civil action, which was filed by the Friends of Iwo Jima and Rep. Gerald B. H. Solomon (R-NY) against the Air Force Memorial Foundation and several government agencies.
<b>February 11, 1998</b>	Congressman Solomon introduced second bill to prohibit Air Force Memorial construction but adding authorization of appropriation up to \$1,500,000 for site specific design expenses.
<b>December 17, 1997</b>	The National Park Service hosted a Public Comment Meeting on the initial Air Force Memorial Subarea Plan for Arlington Ridge area.
<b>December 17, 1997</b>	Initial Memorial interior design concept presented to Air Force Memorial Foundation Site & Design Committee.
<b>October 9, 1997</b>	Senator Roberts (R-KS) introduced bill to prohibit the construction of any monument, memorial, or other structure at the site of the Iwo Jima Memorial in Arlington, VA, and for other purposes.
<b>October 7, 1997</b>	Air Force Memorial Foundation testified before the House of Representatives Subcommittee on National Parks & Public Lands.

<b>September 18, 1997</b>	Air Force Memorial Foundation consulted with Ralph Appelbaum Associates, Inc. on design services for the Memorial interior.
<b>September 18, 1997</b>	Air Force Memorial Site Dedication Ceremony.
<b>September 16, 1997</b>	Friends of Iwo Jima and the Honorable Gerald B.H. Solomon filed a Temporary Restraining Order as well as declaratory and injunctive relief to prohibit the location, construction or erecting of an Air Force Memorial in Iwo Jima Park.
<b>September 11, 1997</b>	Air Force Memorial Foundation testified before the Senate Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation
<b>September 4, 1997</b>	Air Force Memorial Foundation consulted with ED&AW, Inc. on design services for the Arlington Ridge subarea plan.
<b>July 30, 1997</b>	Congressman Solomon (R-NY) introduced bill to prohibit the construction of any monument, memorial, or other structure at the site of the Iwo Jima Memorial in Arlington, VA, and for other purposes.
<b>July 9, 1997</b>	Briefed Friends of Iwo Jima group on Air Force Memorial project.
<b>August 9, 1996</b>	Briefed senior leadership of Marine Corps on the design concept for the Air Force Memorial. No objections raised.
<b>July 31, 1996</b>	Briefed US Marine Corps Historical Foundation on the design concept for the Air Force Memorial. No objections raised.
<b>March 1996</b>	Fund raising campaign initiated and design work proceeds.
<b>March 1996</b>	Air Force Memorial design unanimously approved by the National Capital Planning Commission.
<b>February 1996</b>	Air Force Memorial design unanimously approved by the Commission of Fine Arts.
<b>May 1995</b>	Air Force Memorial Foundation consulted with its design firm, Pei Cobb Freed <i>Architects</i> , on site-specific design for Air Force Memorial.
<b>May 1995</b>	The National Capital Planning Commission voted to reconsider its October 1994 disapproval and unanimously approved the site, based on agreed-to parameters.

<b>Oct. 1994 - May 1995</b>	The Air Force Memorial Foundation, working with the National Park Service and the National Capital Planning Commission, developed specific parameters for a memorial design on the proposed Arlington Ridge site.
<b>October 1994</b>	The National Capital Planning Commission initially voted no on site approval.
<b>September 1994</b>	The Commission on Fine Arts granted site approval for the Arlington Ridge location.
<b>March 1994</b>	The National Capital Memorial Commission granted site approval for the Arlington Ridge location.
<b>February 1994</b>	Before seeking Commission approval for Arlington Ridge site, notified senior Marine Corps leadership. No objections raised.
<b>Jan-March 1994</b>	Air Force Memorial Foundation Site & Design Committee surveyed 18 possible sites with the assistance of the National Park Service.
<b>December 1993</b>	Public Law 103-163 authorizing the Air Force Memorial is signed by President Bill Clinton. This started a 7-year process, which requires adequate funds and building permits to be secured by December 2000.
<b>November 1993</b>	Enabling legislation passed by both houses of Congress to authorize construction of an Air Force Memorial on federal land.
<b>August 1992</b>	Air Force Memorial Foundation is granted 501(c)(3) status as a nonprofit, tax-exempt foundation.
<b>January 1992</b>	Air Force Memorial Foundation is incorporated to pursue the development of an Air Force Memorial designed to honor the men and women who have served, are serving, or will serve in the United States Air Force and its predecessors, such as the Army Air Corps.