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QFR submitted by Representative Kelly Morrison
Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs
Memorializing our Veterans: Outreach, Upkeep,
and Partnerships at Veterans Cemeteries”
Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Question for Ms. Karen Durham-Aguilera

Q1: Ms. Durham-Aguilera, why did the Army not participate in the 28th annual wreath-laying ceremony honoring women's veterans outside of Arlington National Cemetery? If asked to participate next year, will you commit to being willing to host a wreath-laying ceremony honoring women veterans?

A1: Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) is the lease holder for the Military Women's Memorial (MWM). The MWM is operated by a non-government entity and ANC simply serves as the venue for such events. As such, ANC does not control the events that occur at the MWM. Additionally, ANC does not make determinations on participation by the military or any other organization conducting events at the MWM. We are happy to support MWM events where possible.