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# **American Battle Monuments Commission Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriation Request**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This technical supplement is in support of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Budget released on May 2, 2025, which reflects the President's recommendations on discretionary funding levels.

### Total Budget Authority

The American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) budget for FY 2026 requests total budget authority of \$106,281,000 and a 528 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) employment level. The budget authority requested for the Salaries and Expenses account is a decrease of \$52.35 million from the amounts appropriated for FY 2025 and FY 2024.

The Foreign Currency Fluctuations Account (FCFA) request is \$0. Due to the current rates of exchange, the budget rate used by ABMC, and unobligated balances in the FCFA, ABMC is not requesting new funding in FY 2026.

This request is outlined below and further discussed in detail in Part 2.

### Funding Request Summary

(\$ in millions)

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	
	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Change</u>
Salaries & Expenses	158.630	158.630	106.281	(52.35)
Foreign Currency	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Budget Authority	158.630	158.630	106.281	(52.35)
FTE	528	528	528	0

## **PART 1: INTRODUCTION**

### **Vision**

ABMC is the premier agency for commemorating and venerating American military service, sacrifice, and achievements, fulfilling the promise of General of the Armies John J. Pershing that “Time will not dim the glory of their deeds.”

### **Mission**

The American Battle Monuments Commission, the preeminent guardian of America’s commemorative military cemeteries and memorials worldwide, honors the achievements of the U.S. armed forces by preserving their legacy of service and sacrifice.

### **Values**

Honor – Respect – Excellence – Stewardship – Commitment

### **Who We Serve**

Since ABMC was founded in 1923, the success of our mission has depended on the engagement of our stakeholders. Over time, our approach to accomplishing our mission has evolved to meet the changing needs of these various individuals. This section outlines the major groups that we have traditionally served and the types of activities we have provided.

- **Veterans, Family, and Friends Honored for Their Service or Their Loss** – We honor the veterans, family members, and friends of United States military who have served our country or endured the loss of a loved one who served. This group has the closest ties to our sites, and we strive to provide them with the most positive experience possible. For immediate family members who want to visit a family member’s burial or memorialization site, we provide letters authorizing fee-free passports for traveling overseas to visit the memorial site. In addition, we offer a variety of other services, including information on an individual buried or honored, and escort services for family members visiting grave and memorial sites within the cemetery. ABMC stands ready to execute a modernized, customer-centric flower delivery program in line with commercial floral vendors that will offer customers both web-based and traditional ordering and floral arrangement options.
- **Military and Public Officials** – We host a variety of special events and commemorations throughout the year, including Memorial Day and Veterans Day holidays, to honor the freedom preserved and restored and the lives lost. Host country and U.S. government officials, diplomats, and military representatives attend these events with the public. In addition, military units hold ceremonies to honor their fallen comrades, and foreign organizations pay tribute to those who died liberating their regions.

- **Guests and Visitors** – We receive millions of American and foreign visitors of all generations at ABMC cemeteries and memorials. They learn and are inspired by the stewardship of the sites themselves, and the stories of our armed forces shared within our visitor centers and contact stations. We provide a variety of services to these visitors, including direction, advice on modes of transportation, and information on local accommodations.
- **ABMC Partners** – We support and provide information to our partners that help us further our mission, including other government agencies, historians and educators, the travel and tourism industry, and the media. Through these partnerships, we promote our mission, encourage visits to our commemorative sites, and help educate and inspire the public.

## **History and Background**

Recognizing the need for a federal agency to be responsible for honoring the fallen members of American armed forces where they had served abroad and for controlling the construction of military monuments and markers on foreign soil, the Congress enacted legislation in 1923 creating the American Battle Monuments Commission.

The Commission is an independent agency of the Executive Branch of the United States (U.S.) federal government. It is responsible for commemorating the service, achievements, and sacrifice of American armed forces in the U.S. and where they have served overseas since April 6, 1917 (the date of U.S. entry into World War I), through the erection of suitable memorial shrines; for designing, constructing, operating, and maintaining permanent American military burial grounds in foreign countries; for controlling the design and construction of U.S. military monuments and markers in foreign countries by other U.S. citizens and organizations, both public and private; and for encouraging the maintenance of such monuments and markers by their sponsors. In performing these functions, the Commission administers, operates and maintains twenty-six permanent American military burial grounds and thirty-one separate memorials, monuments and markers, of which three are located in the United States.

As reported in the FY 2024 Annual Report, nearly 208,000 U.S. war dead from World War I and World War II are buried or memorialized on Walls of the Missing at ABMC sites. Additionally, more than 8,200 war dead listed as missing from the Korean War and 2,500 from the Vietnam War are memorialized at ABMC's Honolulu Memorial. ABMC also administers three cemeteries not associated with the world wars: Mexico City National Cemetery, Corozal American Cemetery in Panama, and Clark Veterans Cemetery in the Philippines. More than 15,000 members of the armed forces, veterans, and others are interred in these sites.

Each grave site in the permanent American World War I and World War II cemeteries on foreign soil is marked by a headstone of white marble. Annotated on the headstones of the World War I war dead who could not be identified is the phrase, "HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY AN AMERICAN SOLDIER KNOWN BUT TO GOD." In the World War II cemeteries, the words "AMERICAN SOLDIER" were replaced with "COMRADE IN ARMS."

The Commission's World War I, World War II, and Mexico City cemeteries are closed to future burials except for the remains of U.S. war dead found from time to time in the World War I and World War II battle areas. Corozal American Cemetery outside Panama City, Panama, and Clark Veterans Cemetery in the Philippines are the only active cemeteries the Commission maintains.

**American Battle Monuments Commission  
Cemeteries**

Belgium

Ardennes American Cemetery  
Flanders Field American Cemetery  
Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery

France

Aisne-Marne American Cemetery  
Brittany American Cemetery  
Epinal American Cemetery  
Lafayette Escadrille Memorial Cemetery  
Lorraine American Cemetery  
Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery  
Normandy American Cemetery  
Oise-Aisne American Cemetery  
Rhone American Cemetery  
Saint-Mihiel American Cemetery  
Somme American Cemetery  
Suresnes American Cemetery

Italy

Florence American Cemetery  
Sicily-Rome American Cemetery

Luxembourg

Luxembourg American Cemetery

Mexico

Mexico City National Cemetery

the Netherlands

Netherlands American Cemetery

Panama

Corozal American Cemetery

the Philippines

Clark Veterans Cemetery  
Manila American Cemetery

Tunisia

North Africa American Cemetery

United Kingdom

Brookwood American Cemetery  
Cambridge American Cemetery

Since the 2007 opening of the Normandy American Cemetery Visitor Center in France, the Commission has continued to develop programs to preserve the stories of the men and women commemorated at its sites, by providing historical context to visitors now far removed from the war years and by using digital communication platforms and educational products to bring those stories home to the people of the United States, preserving for future generations this legacy of service and sacrifice. The Commission opened its 10th visitor center in December 2023, at the Netherlands American Cemetery.

**American Battle Monuments Commission  
Memorials, Monuments and Markers**

Belgium

Audenarde Monument  
Kemmel Monument  
Battle of the Bulge Memorial

Cuba

Santiago Surrender Tree

France

Belleau Wood Marine Monument  
Bellicourt Monument  
Cantigny Monument  
Chateau-Thierry Monument  
Chaumont Marker - AEF Headquarters  
Montfaucon Monument  
Montsec Monument  
Naval Monument at Brest  
Pointe du Hoc Ranger Monument  
Sommepey Monument  
Souilly Marker-1st Army Headquarters  
Tours Monument  
Utah Beach Memorial

Midway Atoll

Midway Monument

Morocco

Western Naval Task Force Marker

New Guinea

Marker at Papua New Guinea

New Zealand

New Zealand Memorial

Northern Mariana Islands

Saipan Memorial

the Philippines

Cabanatuan Memorial

South Korea

Korean War Monument at Busan

Solomon Islands

Guadalcanal Memorial

United Kingdom

Dartmouth Monument  
Naval Monument at Gibraltar  
XI Amphibious Force Marker

United States of America

East Coast Memorial  
Honolulu Memorial  
West Coast Memorial

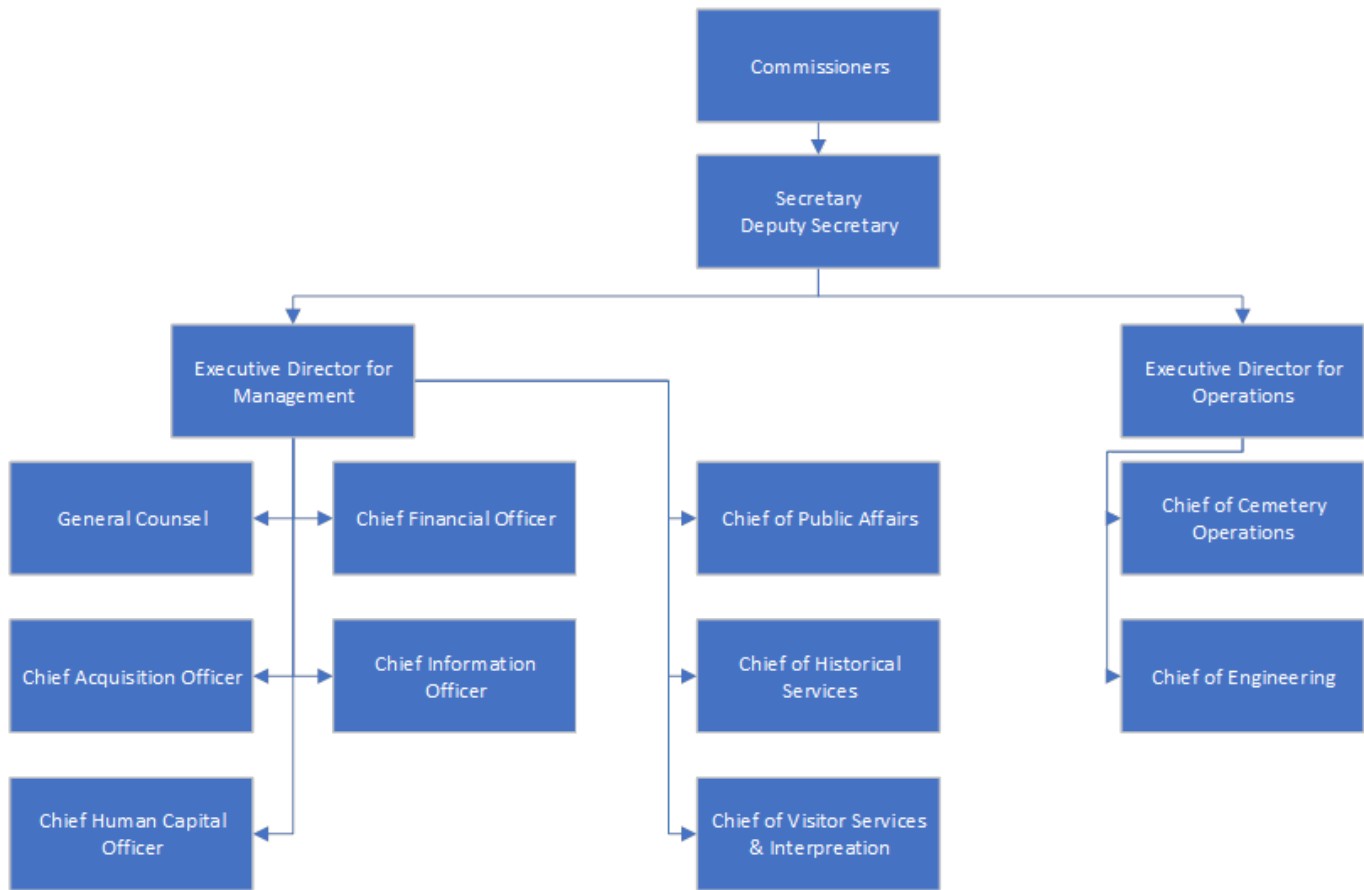
## Organization

The Board of Commissioners constitutes the policy-making body of the Commission. The President of the United States appoints up to eleven members, who serve for an indefinite term without pay. They meet with the Acting Secretary and professional staff of the Commission at least twice annually.

<p><b><u>Commission</u></b></p> <p>Michael X. Garrett – Chairman Florent Groberg Christopher J. LaCivita Kelly J. Roberts Brooks D. Tucker</p> <p>Robert J. Dalessandro – Acting Secretary</p>
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The Commission's daily operations are directed by an Executive Level Secretary appointed by the President. For FY 2026, the Commission will be staffed by up to 528 FTE consisting of U.S. General Schedule and Foreign Service National civilian employees. The agency maintains administrative offices in Arlington, Virginia, and Paris, France. The following chart outlines the Commission's organizational structure:



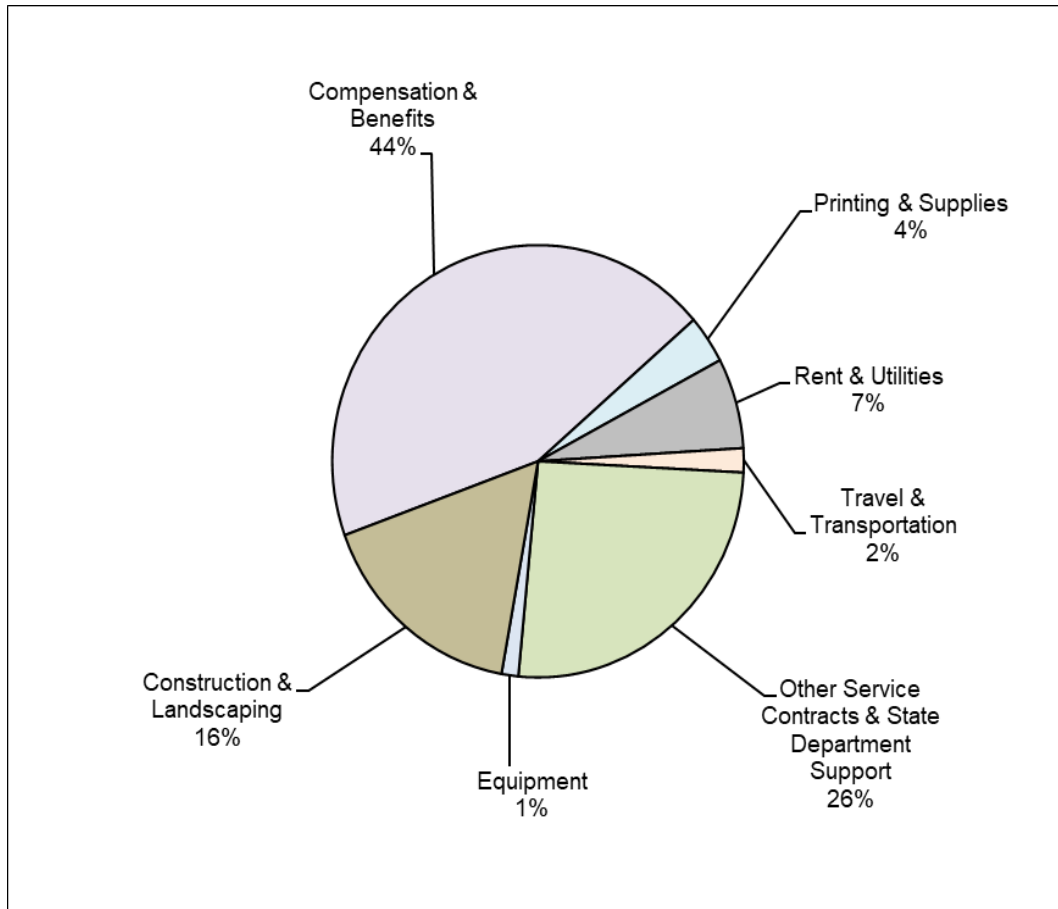


## Operations

The Commission's FY 2026 funding request focuses on providing the appropriate amount of funding for personnel costs, service fees, scheduled maintenance and repairs, supplies, spare parts, replacement equipment, and capital improvements enabling the Commission to perform its mission.

Providing the care, maintenance, and visitor services inherent to these sites requires exceptionally intensive labor at the Commission's cemeteries and memorials. Accordingly, compensation and benefits consume 44 percent of the Commission's FY 2026 request while the remaining 56 percent supports facilities maintenance, logistics, services, supplies and other administrative costs critical to ABMC operations.

### Fiscal Year 2026 Funding Plan



Most of the Commission's facilities are at least half a century old, with the Mexico City National Cemetery being 174 years old. The permanent structures, grounds and plantings make the Commission's facilities among the most beautiful memorials in the world, yet their age requires increased funding levels to maintain them. These shrines to America's war dead require a formidable annual program of maintenance and repair of facilities, equipment, and grounds.

The Commission prioritizes the use of its engineering, maintenance and horticulture funds carefully to ensure the most effective and efficient utilization of its available resources. This care includes the upkeep of graves and headstones, memorial structures within and external to the cemeteries, visitor facilities, quarters for assigned personnel, roads and paths, and ornamental landscaping and fine lawns, all on approximately 1,700 acres of land. All of these facilities, landscapes, and structures are maintained to a standard commensurate to the service and sacrifice these commemorative sites honor.

Responding to events around the world, the Commission emphasizes security throughout the agency, enhancing ABMC's management review and allocating project funding within the Commission's Maintenance and Infrastructure

Programs. Nothing is more important than safeguarding ABMC personnel, our visitors, and our historic infrastructure.

ABMC also administers trust funds to (1) build memorials authorized by Congress, but financed primarily from private contributions, commemorative coin proceeds, or investment earnings and (2) maintain and repair nonfederal war memorials with private contributions. ABMC stands ready to restore the flower trust fund program which will provide a modernized, customer-centric flower delivery program in line with commercial floral vendors that will offer customers both web-based and traditional ordering and floral arrangement options.

## PART 2: FY 2026 BUDGET REQUEST

### Overview

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## **Proposed Appropriations Language**

Federal Funds:

### **Salaries and Expenses Treasury Account ID: 74-0100-0**

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, of the American Battle Monuments Commission, including the acquisition of land or interest in land in foreign countries; purchases and repair of uniforms for caretakers of national cemeteries and monuments outside of the United States and its territories and possessions; rent of office and garage space in foreign countries; purchase (one-for-one replacement basis only) and hire of passenger motor vehicles; not to exceed \$15,000 for official reception and representation expenses; and insurance of official motor vehicles in foreign countries, when required by law of such countries, ~~[\$158,630,000]~~ *\$106,281,000*, to remain available until expended.

### **Foreign Currency Fluctuations Account Treasury Account ID: 74-0101-0**

For necessary expenses, not otherwise provided for, of the American Battle Monuments Commission, such sums as may be necessary, to remain available until expended, for purposes authorized by section 2109 of title 36, United States Code.

**Salaries and Expenses - \$106,281,000**

**FY 2026 Budget Request**

(\$ in thousands)

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Printing	195	258	138
Other Services	49,942	55,432	27,312
Supplies & Materials	6,046	4,228	3,700
Equipment	2,094	2,293	1,400
Land & Structures	44,375	36,454	17,637
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>158,630</b>	<b>158,630</b>	<b>106,281</b>

**Maintenance and Infrastructure Program**

Engineering	7,668	41,121	566
Interpretation	35,264	1,803	15,621
<i>Historical Services</i>	-	-	-
<i>Public Affairs</i>	-	-	-
<i>Education and Outreach</i>	-	-	-
<i>Visitor Services and Interpretation</i>	35,264	1,803	15,621
Horticulture	1,815	12,980	1,450
Security	-	-	-
Human Resources	20	-	-
Information Technology	282	3,500	-
Cybersecurity	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45,049</b>	<b>59,404</b>	<b>17,637</b>

## FY 2026 Budget Justification

The character of a nation is reflected in part in the manner in which it honors and remembers its war dead. The poet Archibald MacLeish wrote in his post-World War I poem “The Young Dead Soldiers Do Not Speak”: “We leave you our deaths, give them their meaning.” As the Commission moves into its second century, we recognize the responsibility to continue maintaining our sites to a high standard while working to ensure that the sacrifice they reflect is remembered by generations that did not experience the world wars.

The Commission’s FY 2026 budget request of \$106,281,000 will support three ABMC Operations and Maintenance and Infrastructure Program projects: one to replace the irrigation system at Ardennes American Cemetery in Belgium; one to comply with local environmental regulations by installing a green waste container at Luxembourg American Cemetery and one to restore the Battle of the Bulge Memorial.

ABMC stands ready to execute a modernized, customer-centric flower delivery program in line with commercial floral vendors and will execute the ABMC Flower Fund Program in FY2026. As such we will contract a third-party vendor to act as a liaison between ABMC and commercial florists. This vendor will provide back-office support, including credit card processing, translation services, and use of an enhanced public-facing website. The customer experience will offer both web-based and traditional ordering and floral arrangement options. ABMC staff will place the floral arrangement at the specified location and the vendor will ensure receipt of graveside photos to the customer showing the arrangement in place.

The chart below highlights the Commission’s historical appropriation from FY 2019 to FY 2026 and compares our Operations and Maintenance and Infrastructure Program funding.

### ABMC Historical Appropriation - FY 2019 - FY 2026

(\$ in thousands)

	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026 Request
<b>Operations</b>	<b>68,077</b>	<b>70,259</b>	<b>71,013</b>	<b>79,050</b>	<b>85,550</b>	<b>113,581</b>	<b>99,226</b>	<b>88,644</b>
Routine Operations	30,224	31,267	32,902	39,390	40,726	65,155	50,620	40,663
Compensation and Benefits	36,436	37,241	37,161	38,710	42,926	46,053	46,916	46,981
Travel	1,417	1,751	950	950	1,898	2,373	1,690	1,000
<b>Maintenance and Infrastructure Program</b>	<b>7,023</b>	<b>4,841</b>	<b>13,087</b>	<b>5,750</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>45,049</b>	<b>59,404</b>	<b>17,637</b>
<b>Sub TOTAL</b>	<b>75,100</b>	<b>75,100</b>	<b>84,100</b>	<b>84,800</b>	<b>86,800</b>	<b>158,630</b>	<b>158,630</b>	<b>106,281</b>
Congressional Add	28,900	9,000	-	2,700	700	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>104,000</b>	<b>84,100</b>	<b>84,100</b>	<b>87,500</b>	<b>87,500</b>	<b>158,630</b>	<b>158,630</b>	<b>106,281</b>

- The Operations lines include compensation and benefits, travel, and routine operations. Routine operations, in general, include fixed costs such as office space rental, utilities, payments to the U.S. State Department, routine maintenance, and typical cemetery and agency line items (such as supplies, equipment, etc.).
- The Maintenance and Infrastructure Program line supports major projects in our Engineering (Facilities Maintenance), Interpretation (Historical Services, Public Affairs, Education and Outreach, Visitor Services and Interpretation), Horticulture, Security, Information Technology, and Cybersecurity programs (see Part 3 for the FY 2026 – 2032 Maintenance and Infrastructure Program).



## Adjustments from the FY 2025 Request

<b>FY 2025 Salaries and Expenses - Request</b>	<b>\$158,630,000</b>
Adjustments:	
Compensation and Benefits	\$65,000
Travel	(\$690,000)
Cemetery, Memorial and Visitor Center Operations	(\$1,690,000)
Professional Administrative Services	(\$1,176,000)
Information Technology	(\$183,000)
Payments to Department of State and Other Government Agencies	\$1,500,000
Office Space Leases and Maintenance Contracts	(\$188,000)
Printing, Office Supplies and Equipment	(\$120,000)
Maintenance and Infrastructure Program	(\$49,867,000)
Subtotal Adjustments	(\$52,349,000)
<b>FY 2026 Salaries and Expenses</b>	<b>\$106,281,000</b>
<b>FY 2026 Foreign Currency Fluctuations Account</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total FY 2026 Budget Request</b>	<b>\$106,281,000</b>

*Compensation and Benefits*..... \$65,000  
For FY 2026, the Commission is requesting \$46,981,000 for Compensation & Benefits to fund 528 FTEs. This request will support the pay requirements for U.S. employees and Local National workforce and fund the personnel benefits for employees worldwide, including housing, health insurance, social security, retirement, and other allowances.

*Travel*..... (\$690,000)  
Travel will be reduced to mission essential travel only.

*Cemetery Maintenance and Routine Operations*..... (\$1,690,000)  
The decrease will reduce cemetery and monument maintenance levels, cemetery equipment, horticulture equipment and supplies, irrigation systems maintenance, security equipment and headstone purchases to minimal levels.

*Professional Services Contracts*..... (\$1,176,000)  
This decrease will reduce funding to minimal levels for routine and annual contracts for services beyond the walls of ABMC cemeteries and memorials, such as orientation and outreach efforts, architectural and design services, legal services, employee training, temporary employees, translations, and collections and interpretation services. Additionally, the entire government is transitioning to GSA's new travel system, ETSNext, in FY 2026. The agency will be required to contract directly with a new travel management center as part of that transition.

*Information Technology Services and Equipment* ..... (\$183,000)  
The decrease in FY 2026 will limit funding for software maintenance and licenses, IT equipment and general IT services.

*Office Space Leases and Routine Administrative Operations ..... (\$188,000)*  
ABMC has office space leases in Arlington, Virginia and in Paris, France. A minor funding increase related to the office space leases will be offset by reduction in rentals of equipment in the cemeteries and rentals related to ceremonial events.

*Services from Other Government Agencies.....\$1,500,000*  
This is the estimated increase in FY 2026 for ABMC payments under the Department of State’s ICASS, Capital Security Cost-Sharing (CSCS) and Maintenance Cost-Sharing (MCS) programs and for payments to the Department of the Interior, the Office of Personnel Management, and the Department of Homeland Security.

*Printing, Office Supplies and Equipment..... (\$120,000)*  
This decrease will limit funding for routine printing, office supplies, and equipment purchases to minimal levels. Included in this line item is safety apparel and protective gear.

*Maintenance and Infrastructure Program.....(\$49,867,000)*  
The decrease in FY 2026 is attributed to the execution of several projects being deferred to future years and deduction of the increased funding received as part of the FY 2025 year-long continuing resolution. Greater detail regarding the Maintenance and Infrastructure Program funding is provided below.

## Maintenance and Infrastructure Program

### FY 2026 Budget Request

(\$ in thousands)

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2024 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY 2025 Appropriation</b>	<b>FY 2026 Request</b>
Engineering	7,668	41,121	566
Interpretation	35,264	1,803	15,621
<i>Historical Services</i>	-	-	-
<i>Public Affairs</i>	-	-	-
<i>Education and Outreach</i>	-	-	-
<i>Visitor Services and Interpretation</i>	35,264	1,803	15,621
Horticulture	1,815	12,980	1,450
Security	-	-	-
Human Resources	20	-	-
Information Technology	282	3,500	-
Cybersecurity	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45,049</b>	<b>59,404</b>	<b>17,637</b>

The Commission is requesting a total of \$17,637,000 for the Maintenance and Infrastructure Program to support projects in Facilities Management, Interpretation, and Horticulture.

A detailed FY 2026 – 2032 project list is provided in Part 3.

*Engineering*.....\$566,000

The high quality of the commemorative sites maintained by the Commission demonstrates a careful commitment to America's war dead buried or memorialized overseas. Commission staff are the stewards of these sites, whose condition reflects the degree to which ABMC has achieved excellence. Operating, maintaining, and improving facilities to this standard requires a robust Facilities Management program. This funding level will allow for one project to install green waste containers at Luxembourg American Cemetery to meet local environmental regulations.

*Interpretation Program*.....\$15,621,000

Meticulously maintaining cemeteries and memorials is and will remain ABMC's core mission. But that alone is not enough to honor those who served; the Commission must also preserve and communicate their stories of competence, courage, and sacrifice. Telling the story of those who fought and died through the creation of interpretive centers began with the opening of the Normandy Visitor Center in May 2007. The Commission's funding request for FY 2026 continues these efforts.

*Visitor Services and Interpretation.....\$15,621,000*  
These funds will support the restoration of the Battle of the Bulge Memorial.

*Horticulture .....\$1,450,000*  
The Commission’s goal for the Horticulture program is to ensure that the horticultural elements of cemetery plot areas, fine lawns, meadows and plantings reflect the honor bestowed upon those who served. Additionally, ABMC continues to grapple with increasing costs related to new pests and insects are inflicting damage to horticultural features in the cemeteries as well as the effects of increased heatwaves and water restrictions in certain locations. These funds will be used to install a new irrigation system at Ardennes American Cemetery.

**Official Reception and Representation Expenses**

The Commission requests \$15,000 for official reception and representation expenses in FY 2026. This is the same amount funded in FY 2025. A Representation Fund line item of \$15,000 will continue to support ABMC’s worldwide commemorative mission.

## Statement of Increases and Decreases by Object Classification

### FY 2026 Budget Request

(\$ in thousands)

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The following narrative describes the increases and decreases by budget object classification.

*Personnel Compensation* - The Commission requests \$31,034,000. This funding will support a 528 FTE employment level, including allowances authorized for the Commission's U.S. employees and Foreign National workforce.

*Personnel Benefits and Benefits for Former Personnel* - This \$15,482,000 request includes funding benefits for employees worldwide such as health insurance, social security, and other allowances authorized for the Commission's U.S. employees and Local National workforce.

*Travel and Transportation of Persons* – This line item supports travel and transportation requirements for U.S. and Local National workers, U.S. employees and dependents traveling on permanent change of station, U.S. student dependents traveling to or from school, and travel by the Commissioners appointed by the President, who are charged with oversight of Commission operations. Travel will be reduced to mission essential travel only.

*Transportation of Things* - This budget request is \$918,000 for the transportation of supplies, materials, spare parts, vehicles and equipment used in the operation, maintenance, and repair of ABMC facilities and for the transportation of household goods in connection with permanent change of station.

*Rent, Communications, and Utilities* - The Commission requests \$7,195,000 for office space rent; water, gas and electricity; horticulture equipment rental; and postal, telephone, and internet services.

*Printing and Reproduction* – Printing cemetery booklets, visitor brochures, photographs, general information pamphlets, and reports will be reduced to minimal levels.

*Other Services* - The Commission requests \$27,312,000 for other contractual services, which consist of engineering and technical services; professional support services; horticulture contracts; operation, maintenance, and repair of equipment; information technology services; interagency service agreements (such as payments to the Department of State for ICASS, CSCS and MCS programs); maintenance and repair of vehicles; and employee training. These funds also support the Commission's Maintenance and Infrastructure Program requirements. This request includes \$15,000 (not to exceed) for official reception and representation expenses.

*Supplies and Materials* – The \$3,700,000 request would provide funding for mission essential level horticulture parts and supplies, visitor center supplies, day-to-day supplies for the cemeteries, and general office supplies and subscriptions.

*Equipment* - The Commission requests \$1,400,000 to fund the cemetery and horticulture replacement equipment program, vehicles, office and information technology equipment.

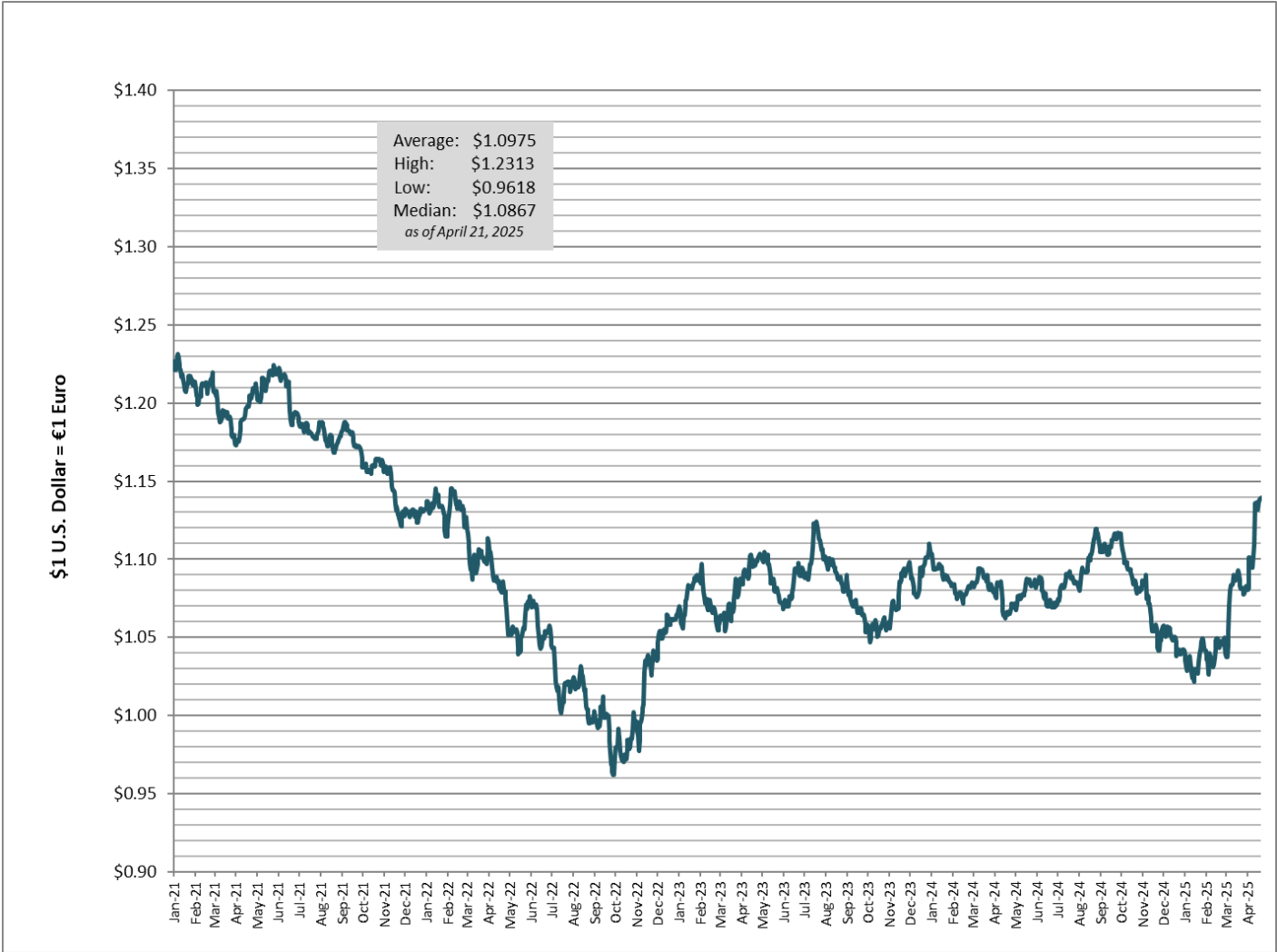
*Land and Structures* - The request of \$17,637,000 will fund the mix of Maintenance and Infrastructure program requirements. This request is reflected in the ABMC projects for landscaping, renovation, and interpretation efforts detailed in Part 3 below.

**Foreign Currency Fluctuations Account (FCFA)**

The FCFA addresses exchange rate imbalances between the U.S. Dollar, the European Euro, and other foreign currencies. Due to the current rates of exchange, the budget rate used by ABMC, and unobligated balances in the FCFA, ABMC is not anticipating new funding requirements in FY 2026.

The Commission is requesting to continue the “such sums as may be necessary” language. If the exchange rates at the time of expenditure are above €1 euro = \$1.00 dollar, then funds are transferred from the FCFA to Salaries and Expenses. Under the “such sums as may be necessary” language, if a need arises where the amounts held in the accounts prove to be insufficient the Commission will submit adjusted estimates.

**Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Trend**



**PART 3: MAINTENANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM - 7 YEAR PROJECT PLAN**

(\$ in thousands)

**Maintenance and Infrastructure Program - 7 Year Project Plan (FY 2026-2032)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>	<b>FY 2029</b>	<b>FY 2030</b>	<b>FY 2031</b>	<b>FY 2032</b>
Engineering	566	1,200	2,040	566	1,840	1,470	2,310
Interpretation	15,621	-	1,027	1,062	1,225	245	1,098
<i>Education and Outreach</i>	-	-	384	384	384	-	300
<i>Historical Services</i>	-	-	163	-	163	167	-
<i>Visitor Services and Interpretation</i>	15,621	-	480	600	600	-	720
<i>Public Affairs</i>	-	-	-	78	78	78	78
Horticulture	1,450	-	795	1,800	400	2,100	475
Security	-	-	600	250	350	350	350
Information Technology	-	425	590	700	875	520	480
Cybersecurity	-	500	-	660	350	350	350
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,637</b>	<b>2,125</b>	<b>5,052</b>	<b>5,038</b>	<b>5,040</b>	<b>5,035</b>	<b>5,063</b>



## ABMC FY 2026 Project List

*in thousands \$*

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Engineering	Luxembourg American Cemetery	Construction – Improvements/Renovations	Green Waste container installation	\$566
				<b>\$566</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Visitor Services & Interpretation	Battle of the Bulge Memorial	Construction – Improvements/Renovations	Mardasson Design/Restoration	\$15,621
				<b>\$15,621</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Horticulture	Ardennes American Cemetery	Drainage and Irrigation	Install New Irrigation System	\$1,450
				<b>\$1,450</b>

**TOTAL FY 2026      \$17,637**

## ABMC FY 2027 Project List

*in thousands \$*

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Engineering	Normandy American Cemetery	Major Repairs and Renovations	Replace Heat Pumps and Related Equipment	\$1,200
				<b>\$1,200</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Information Technology	HQ	Equipment	Establish a lifecycle hardware replacement for the network appliances - Part 2	\$425
				<b>\$425</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Cybersecurity	HQ	IT Support Services	Cybersecurity Program (Phase 1)	\$500
				<b>\$500</b>

**TOTAL FY 2027** **\$2,125**

## ABMC FY 2028 Project List

in thousands \$

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Engineering	Brittany American Cemetery	Construction – Improvements/Renovations	Replace Chapel roof rain gutters & downspouts	\$180
Engineering	Epinal American Cemetery	Construction – Improvements/Renovations	Replace tin roof in office building	\$100
Engineering	Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery	Major Repairs and Renovations	Stop rainwater leak into Chapel toilets	\$150
Engineering	Sommepy Monument	Major Repairs and Renovations	Repointing and cleaning of the monument elevation	\$470
Engineering	North Africa American Cemetery	Construction – Improvements/Renovations	Chapel stone repair and replacement (at height)	\$100
Engineering	North Africa American Cemetery	Major Repairs and Renovations	Retaining wall inspections and repair of generator building	\$540
Engineering	Sicily-Rome American Cemetery	Construction – Improvements/Renovations	Roofing/Skylights of Visitor Center	\$100
Engineering	OO	A&E Services	Design Funding (15% and P&D)	\$400
				<b>\$2,040</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Education and Outreach	HQ	Professional Services	Education Program	\$384
				<b>\$384</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Historical Services	HQ	Exhibits	Permanent Collection	\$43
Historical Services	OO	Studies, Analyses, and Evaluations	Collections Conservation Treatment	\$120
				<b>\$163</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Visitor Services & Interpretation	Sicily-Rome American Cemetery	Exhibits	Exhibit Fabrication	\$480
				<b>\$480</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Horticulture	Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery	Drainage and Irrigation	Rehabilitate Deep Well	\$245
Horticulture	Lorraine American Cemetery	Drainage and Irrigation	Rehabilitate Deep Well	\$450
Horticulture	OO	Studies, Analyses, and Evaluations	Study/Design Drainage & Irrigation Systems	\$100
				<b>\$795</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Security	Manila American Cemetery	Construction – New	Main entry vehicle screening feature	\$600
				<b>\$600</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Information Technology	North Africa American Cemetery	Equipment	Install internet access in refectory	\$50
Information Technology	HQ	IT Support Services	Records Management Digitization - Phase 1	\$300
Information Technology	OO	Equipment	Annual IT Lifecycle Hardware Replacement	\$240
				<b>\$590</b>

**TOTAL FY 2028                      \$5,052**

## ABMC FY 2029 Project List

*in thousands \$*

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Engineering	Lafayette Escadrille Memorial Cemetery	Construction – Improvements/Renovations	Visitor Building basement renovation to address humidity issues and make the space useable.	\$96
Engineering	Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery	Major Repairs and Renovations	Waterproof Pillars at Cemetery Entrances / Waterproof Visitor Center Basement	\$100
Engineering	Somme American Cemetery	Major Repairs and Renovations	Re-seal Peripheral of Quarters and waterproof Cellar	\$250
Engineering	Suresnes American Cemetery	Construction – Improvements/Renovations	Loggia Renovation (address condensation issues)	\$120
				<b>\$566</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Education and Outreach	HQ	Professional Services	Education Program	\$384
				<b>\$384</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Visitor Services & Interpretation	Chateau-Thierry Monument	Exhibits	Rehab/Upgrades Exhibits	\$600
				<b>\$600</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Public Affairs	HQ	Professional Services	ABMC Orientation and Outreach Program	\$78
				<b>\$78</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Horticulture	Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery	Drainage and Irrigation	Install New Irrigation System	\$1,800
				<b>\$1,800</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Security	OO	Equipment	Multi-Site ATRP Upgrades	\$250
				<b>\$250</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Information Technology	HQ	IT Support Services	Resolve unstable electricity supply to network equipment – Phase 1	\$450
Information Technology	HQ	IT Support Services	Records Management Digitization	\$250
				<b>\$700</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Cybersecurity	HQ	IT Support Services	Cybersecurity Program	\$660
				<b>\$660</b>

**TOTAL FY 2029      \$5,038**

## ABMC FY 2030 Project List

in thousands \$

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Engineering	Brest Naval Monument	Major Repairs and Renovations	Replace windows in Brest Naval Monument tower	\$48
Engineering	Cambridge American Cemetery	Construction – Improvements/Renovations	Replace elevated walkways to the Visitor Center	\$480
Engineering	Lafayette Escadrille Memorial Cemetery	Major Repairs and Renovations	Treat the rebar in the crawl space against rust, re-plaster and add mechanical ventilation	\$300
Engineering	Cabanatuan Memorial	Construction – Improvements/Renovations	Move back the front fence and gate of the monument to accommodate road widening	\$120
Engineering	Saipan Monument	Major Repairs and Renovations	Saipan Memorial Maintenance	\$68
Engineering	Mexico City National Cemetery	Studies, Analyses, and Evaluations	GPR survey of the site; an anomaly was discovered and further research is needed	\$300
Engineering	Sicily-Rome American Cemetery	Construction – Improvements/Renovations	Add Handrail and Protective Rail Outside Map Room	\$150
Engineering	OO	A&E Services	Design Funding (15% and P&D)	\$374
				<b>\$1,840</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Education and Outreach	HQ	Professional Services	Education Program	\$384
				<b>\$384</b>



Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Historical Services	HQ	Exhibits	Permanent Collection	\$43
Historical Services	OO	Studies, Analyses, and Evaluations	Collections Conservation Treatment	\$120
				<b>\$163</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Visitor Services & Interpretation	Manila American Cemetery	Exhibits	Rehab/Upgrades Exhibits	\$600
				<b>\$600</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Public Affairs	HQ	Professional Services	ABMC Orientation and Outreach Program	\$78
				<b>\$78</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Horticulture	Manila American Cemetery	Plot Leveling	Re-level Plot Areas Phase 1	\$100
Horticulture	Sicily-Rome American Cemetery	Drainage and Irrigation	Waterproof Pond	\$200
Horticulture	OO	Studies, Analyses, and Evaluations	Study/Design Drainage & Irrigation Systems	\$100
				<b>\$400</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Security	OO	Construction – Improvements/Renovations	Multi-Site ATFP Upgrades	\$350
				<b>\$350</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Information Technology	HQ	Equipment	IT Lifecycle Hardware Replacement (Printers)	\$175
Information Technology	HQ	IT Support Services	Records Management Digitization	\$250
Information Technology	HQ	IT Support Services	Resolve unstable electricity supply to network equipment – Phase 2	\$450
				<b>\$875</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Cybersecurity	HQ	IT Support Services	Cybersecurity Program	\$350
				<b>\$350</b>

**TOTAL FY 2030      \$5,040**

## ABMC FY 2031 Project List

*in thousands \$*

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Engineering	Epinal American Cemetery	Construction – Improvements/Renovations	Redesign/Extend Office Space	\$300
Engineering	Florence American Cemetery	Major Repairs and Renovations	Install/Repair Hydraulic Lifts (Office and Monument)	\$100
Engineering	Lorraine American Cemetery	Construction – Improvements/Renovations	Dehumidification of the chapel	\$100
Engineering	Netherlands American Cemetery	Major Repairs and Renovations	Clean Exterior of Tower	\$420
Engineering	Pointe du Hoc Ranger Monument	Construction – Improvements/Renovations	Repair of cliff re-enforcement (every 5 years)	\$300
Engineering	Oise-Aisne American Cemetery	Construction – Improvements/Renovations	Dehumidification in the chapel	\$100
Engineering	OO	A&E Services	Design Funding (15% and P&D)	\$150
				<b>\$1,470</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Historical Services	HQ	Exhibits	Permanent Collection	\$47
Historical Services	OO	Studies, Analyses, and Evaluations	Collections Conservation Treatment	\$120
				<b>\$167</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Public Affairs	HQ	Professional Services	ABMC Orientation and Outreach Program	\$78
				<b>\$78</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Horticulture	Luxembourg American Cemetery	Drainage and Irrigation	Install New Irrigation System	\$2,100
				<b>\$2,100</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Security	OO	Construction – Improvements/Renovations	Multi-Site ATRP Upgrades	\$350
				<b>\$350</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Information Technology	HQ	Equipment	IT Lifecycle Hardware Replacement - Monitors	\$270
Information Technology	HQ	IT Support Services	Records Management Digitization	\$250
				<b>\$520</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Cybersecurity	HQ	IT Support Services	Cybersecurity Program	\$350
				<b>\$350</b>

**TOTAL FY 2031      \$5,035**

## ABMC FY 2032 Project List

*in thousands \$*

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Engineering	Cambridge American Cemetery	Construction – Improvements/Renovations	Rebuild Service Area	\$2,160
Engineering	OO	A&E Services	Design Funding (15% and P&D)	\$150
				<b>\$2,310</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Education and Outreach	HQ	Professional Services	Education Program	\$300
				<b>\$300</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Visitor Services & Interpretation	Normandy American Cemetery	Exhibits	Replace/Improve NVC Interpretive Film	\$720
				<b>\$720</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Public Affairs	HQ	Professional Services	ABMC Orientation and Outreach Program	\$78
				<b>\$78</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Horticulture	Ardennes American Cemetery	Drainage and Irrigation	Terenvi Drainage System	\$200
Horticulture	Manila American Cemetery	Plot Leveling	Re-level Plot Areas Phase 2	\$100
Horticulture	North Africa American Cemetery	Drainage and Irrigation	pH Correction Systems	\$75
Horticulture	OO	Studies, Analyses, and Evaluations	Study/Design Drainage & Irrigation Systems	\$100
				<b>\$475</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Security	OO	Construction – Improvements/Renovations	Multi-Site ATFP Upgrades	\$350
				<b>\$350</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Information Technology	HQ	Additions to Permanent Collections	Records Management Digitization - Survey, Processing, Digitization, and Storage of Non-Record Historic Documents	\$180
Information Technology	OO	Equipment	Annual IT Lifecycle Hardware Replacement	\$300
				<b>\$480</b>

Program	Location	Project Type	Project Name	Estimate
Cybersecurity	HQ	IT Support Services	Cybersecurity Program	\$350
				<b>\$350</b>

**TOTAL FY 2032      \$5,063**