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Attention: Rick Richardson

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RE: Demolish and reconstruct Camp Geiger Chapel, TC601 (ON1031), MCB Camp Lejeune,
Onslow County, ER 21-2024

Dear Mr. Lowder:

Thank you for your June 3, 2022, letter concerning the above-referenced undertaking. We have reviewed the information and provide the following comments based on your letter and our meeting with Craig Ten Brink and Rick Richardson on May 17, 2022.

We agree that the new proposal to demolish the Camp Geiger Chapel TC601, rather than reconstruct it using the original plans, and to build a new and larger chapel is an adverse effect on the Camp Geiger National Register-eligible Historic District. We also agreed that because the chapel was the only building located within the historic district, and the only remaining contributing features consist of landscaping and a traffic circle with historic markers recognizing the significance of Camp Geiger's role in the United States Marine Corps (USMC) and Camp Lejeune's history, the district is no longer eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Given these findings, we understand that Camp Lejeune will notify the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) of the Adverse Effect and invite it to be a participating party in consulting on the development of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to document the loss of the historic district. The MOA will include stipulation to mitigate the adverse effect and provide the public an opportunity to comment. Several potential mitigation measures were explored for inclusion in the MOA, but these need to be more fully developed. Thus, we look forward to our continued consultation with Camp Lejeune and the ACHP.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for Compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have questions concerning the above comment, contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919-814-6579 or environmental.review@ncdcr.gov. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.

Sincerely,



for Ramona Bartos, Deputy
State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Craig Ten Brink

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Dear Ms. Gledhill-Earley:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us on 17 May 2022, for further discussion of the notification of Adverse Effect we received by letter of 9 May 2022, concerning the proposed demolition and reconstruction of the Camp Geiger Chapel, TC601 (ON1031) located in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligible Camp Geiger Historic District (Enclosure 1) at Marine Corps Installations East - Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune (MCIEAST-MCB CAMLEJ). We concur with your determination that the demolition and replacement of the Camp Geiger Chapel will result in an Adverse Effect (AE) and loss of the Camp Geiger Historic District. As discussed previously, the severity of damage resulting from Hurricane Florence's landfall on 13 Sep 2018, and associated repair costs have led to the decision that demolition of the chapel and a complete reconstruction is the most fiscally responsible course of action.

While we initially agreed that reconstructing the chapel in a manner that depicts its historical appearance utilizing *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Reconstruction* and accompanying technical guidelines would be the appropriate treatment for avoiding an AE to the NRHP contributing building to the historic district, it was determined that a replacement for Chapel TC601 requires a larger footprint and more square footage to accommodate the increased size of the congregation.

During our recent meeting, we informed you that a chapel with more seating capacity was needed and requested by the Chaplain for the Camp Geiger Chapel through our chain of command. We are proposing now to construct a new chapel that will still visually mimic the exterior of the original 1940s chapel but would require a larger footprint of approximately 2,010 square feet. We agree with you that this change in size

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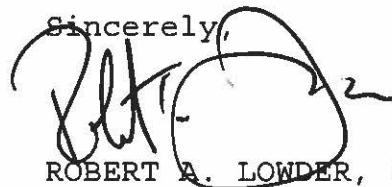
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does not accomplish our initial intent for reconstruction and that the chapel now proposed would no longer be considered a historic contributing property to the NRHP eligible historic district. Because Chapel TC601 is the only building located within the historic district, and the only remaining contributing features consist of landscaping and a traffic circle with historic markers recognizing the significance of Camp Geiger's role in the United States Marine Corps (USMC) and MCB CAMLEJ's history, the district as a whole will no longer be considered eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

As agreed upon during the 17 May 2022, meeting, we will notify the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) of the AE and invite them to be a participating party in consulting on the development of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) documenting the loss of the historic district, and which will stipulate mitigation measures for resolving the AE resulting from the loss of the chapel and district, as well as providing the public an opportunity to comment. We appreciate the suggestions discussed related to potential mitigation measures and will explore those for inclusion in the MOA to be developed. We also appreciate your office's understanding and willingness to accommodate our needs for constructing a larger chapel that will replace Chapel TC601.

The enclosed is provided for your review and comments in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR 800, Protection of Historic Properties. Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact Mr. Rick Richardson, Cultural Resources Program Manager, Environmental Conservation Branch, Environmental Management Division, G-F, at (910)451-7230, or email at rick.richardson@usmc.mil.

Sincerely,

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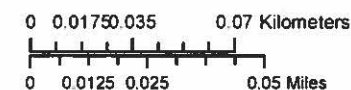
ROBERT A. LOWDER, P.E.
Director, Environmental Management
By direction of the
Commanding General

Enclosure: 1. Project Location.



- Historic District Boundary
- Historical Building

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 PROJECTION UNIVERSAL TRANSVERSE MERCATOR
 VERTICAL DATUM NORTH AMERICAN VERTICAL DATUM 1988
 HORIZONTAL DATUM NORTH AMERICAN DATUM 1983
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