

doing full justice to its own power, and because the contemplative atmosphere created by the highly polished walls is uninterrupted. We would urge you to accept this proposal so that the landscaping can proceed and the sculpture and flag can be added at the earliest possible time.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to appear before you.

CHAIRMAN BROWN: Thank you very much, Mr. Holt.

Next ~~Morgan~~ Roof, of Amvets.

MR. ROOF: Mr. Chairman, distinguished members of the the Commission. I am the Executive Director of American Veterans of World War II, the Korean and Vietnam wars. It is our pleasure, on behalf of our 200,000 members, and approximately 50,000 who served during Vietnam, to appear before you today to present our views on the additions to this memorial.

AMVETS was among the earliest supporters of the concept of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and over the past three years we have provided moral support and funding for that project. Our members have become increasingly concerned over the continuing debate over the location of the flag at the monument and statute, and while we are not experts in the area of artistic interpretation, we have studied the three options before you today, and while options "B" and "C" do have merit,

we retain a preference for option "A". However, in the interest of bringing the controversy that has raged for a period of time to a conclusion, we would leave the final decision to you and your judgment, and would ask that this decision be an expedient one.

We thank you very much for your time.

CHAIRMAN BROWN: Thank you very much.

Gordon Mansfield.

MR. MANSFIELD: Mr. Chairman, I have a statement which I have given to the reporter, and I also have copies available for the members.

In the interest of time -- I realize you have a lengthy agenda here -- I would like to summarize my points.

First of all, my name is Gordon Mansfield, and I work for the Paralyzed Veterans of America. I am the National Advocacy Program Director. I think if you could describe my job in one word, that word would be "access".

Paralyzed Veterans of America consists of approximately 11,000 members, all of whom have suffered spinal cord injury or dysfunction. A significant number of our members are Vietnam veterans, as I am.

In addition, in our work here in Washington through a Service Program, a Research Program, an Advocacy Program,