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HISTORIC ARLINGTON CEMETERY URNS DELIVERED TO ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

The Potomack Company auction gallery announces the delivery of the two original marble urns from the Memorial Amphitheater of the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery to the Army Corps of Engineers for display at a museum in the future.

Originally slated for sale at auction in January, the urns came to the attention of the Department of the Army after being notified by The Potomack Company about the pending sale. Upon learning of their availability, the Army expressed interest in having them returned and The Potomack Company facilitated an agreement between the consigner, Darryl Savage, and the Army for the significant donation.

The urns flanked the Memorial Amphitheater from the time of the monument's construction in the 1920's until a recent renovation of the renowned site. Modern replicas now stand in place of the original nine-foot-tall urns, positioned to frame the hallowed platform surrounding the Tomb of the Unknowns and serving as a grand backdrop to the annual ceremonies at which presidents from Wilson to the present have paid the nation's respects to its fallen soldiers.

Elizabeth Wainstein, owner of The Potomack Company, said, "I'm very happy to play a small role in bringing these national treasures back to their rightful place. It was almost 100 years ago when Congress passed legislation authorizing the construction of the Memorial Amphitheater, and it is fitting a century later that we are renewing that tribute with the return of these historic urns to the American people."

The Potomack Company is a fine art and antiques auction gallery located at 526 North Fayette Street in Alexandria, Virginia. For additional information please call 703-684-4550 or visit www.potomackcompany.com.

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