



69-005-16 Peace Cross

Annapolis Road and Route 1

Bladensburg

(M-NCPPC)

Built from 1919–1925 and constructed of cast concrete with exposed aggregate, the Peace Cross is tan in color and composed of chipped flint material. Its arms extend five feet from the center on each side and are supported by unadorned, arched concrete brackets; the arms also have arched brackets on top, suggesting the form of a Celtic cross. The cross is significant as a prominent public monument to county residents who lost their lives in the line of duty during World War I; the design of the Peace Cross is the work of master craftsman and contractor John J. Earley, developer of the Earley Process of concrete construction. (See Historic Site 68-004-62.)