Centennial Tool Box

The tool box is an educational box that will be presented to every school, patriotic organization or public service group that lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and will facilitate the continuance or sharing the experience that school groups feel when visiting the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

The outside of the box contains inspirational quotes capturing the essence of our nation and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and its lasting impact upon her citizens.

“My dedication to this sacred duty is total and whole-hearted. In the responsibility bestowed on me never will I falter.... It is he who commands the respect I protect, His bravery that made us so proud.”

Sentinel's Creed, Simon 1971
"No monument can sufficiently honor these fallen dead too greatly, nor can be erected in any material form anything that will express completely the feelings of gratitude that are in our hearts for what they did for us."

General John J. Pershing, 1932

"But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate – we cannot consecrate – we cannot hallow – this ground. If the brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us – that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion – that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain – that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

A. Lincoln.
Inside will be an American burial sized flag suitable to be flown over a school or organization; a bugle to play “taps” along with literature, documents, and patriotic DVDs.
The Tomb is that one place where we say to those Americans who have died, and to those who serve today and who will serve in the future. We will not ever forsake you. We will never forget you. Isn't it necessarily what we say, that the Tomb is there, and that you Seminole are there. Isn't that what those words mean that are carved in the marble? "Keeping faith in the nation." Keeping faith, that's why I think the Tomb is so unique. That's why it's one of the four or five places in America that captures the very heart of America, and will always be there no matter who is entombed in the Tomb of the Unknown. That's why your mission, Seminole, is so crucial. It's why you are so indispensable for this country. We have placed in your hands the very sacred duty of the entire nation. Everyone in the country is looking at you and counting on you. No Soldier, Sailor, Marine, Airman or Civilian in the entire Department of Defense has a more important job than you do.
Recommended literature, documents, and patriotic DVDs:

- The Declaration of Independence
- The United States Constitution
- The American Legion book on the US Flag
- General Douglas MacArthur’s remarks to the graduating class of West Point Military Academy
- General George Washington’s speech to the Continental Soldiers at the second battle of Trenton
- President George Washington’s letter to the Touro Synagogue
- President George Washington’s Farewell Address to Congress
- President Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address
- The Sentinels Creed

- “Voices From the Tomb”
- “American Icons: Arlington National Cemetery”

- ....more to determined at a later date.