

SHGTUS 2021 Reunion and Centennial Events Agenda

**Events are held at Crystal Gateway Marriott unless otherwise noted
1700 Richmond Highway, Arlington**

Updated 11-1-21

7 November 2021, Sunday @ Arlington National Cemetery

0900-1700 – Voices of Freedom Veterans Interviews at Military Women’s Memorial

To schedule an interview, contact Donna Houle, (703) 935-5390 (work), (202) 251-476 (mobile)
or email: dhoule@womensmemorial.org

1000 – Taps for Veterans ceremony at the Tanner Amphitheater

1130 – “High Tea” at Military Women’s Memorial

Guest Speaker: Gavin McIlvenna, President, Society of the Honor Guard

1200 – Taps for Veterans wreath laying at the graves of Frank Witchey, George Myers and Patrick Mastroleo

A wreath will be presented at each grave and Taps will be sounded by a bugler from
the US Army Band. The graves are located in Sections 18 and 34.

1315 – Taps for Veterans wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

1400 – Taps for Veterans reception at the Military Women’s Memorial

8 November 2021, Monday

0900 – Society Hospitality Room Open

0900-1800 – Quartermaster and Vendors open

1000 – Welcome by Gavin McIlvenna, Society President, Centennial Committee Chairman

1030 – Lecture on history of TUS by Arlington National Cemetery

Presenter: Allison Finkelstein, ANC Senior Historian

1200 – Lunch (on your own)

1300-1400 – American Battle Monuments Commission presentation

Presenter: Benjamin Brands

To attend, sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/189031748047>

14:15-16:45 – TG Platoon Quarters Visitations (3 sessions)

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BAFA82DA3F8C34-tusquarters>

1500-1600 – Lecture by Philip Bigler (Author), “A Century of Honor. Tomb of the Unknown Soldier 1921-2021”

To attend, sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/189224544707>

1700 – Presentation of “Voices from the Tomb” video with Q&A session afterwards

Presenter: Richard Azzaro

To attend, sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/189698652777>

1700-1800 – Informal Social Hour for Society Members

9 November 2021, Tuesday

0800-0900 – Carnation Ceremony @ Arlington National Cemetery (Private)

0900-1600 - Carnation Ceremony @ Arlington National Cemetery (Public)

See web link below for free tickets:

[Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Centennial Commemoration Public Flower Ceremony Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

0900 – Society Hospitality Room Open

1200 – Lunch (on your own)

14:15-16:45 – TG Platoon Quarters Visitations (3 sessions)

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1430-1630 – Navy History & Heritage Command Seminar @ Washington Navy Yard

See attached agenda

1500-1800 – Quartermaster open

1700-1800 – Informal Social Hour for Society Members

10 November 2021, Wednesday

0900-1600 - Carnation Ceremony continues @ Arlington National Cemetery (Public)

0900 – Society Hospitality Room Open

0900-1800 – Quartermaster and Vendors open

0900-1000 – Transporting the Unknowns - Historic Aircraft presentation

Presenter: Mark Miller

To attend, sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/189241986877>

1000-1700 – Library of Congress Veterans History Project interviews.

To be interviewed, sign-up here: <https://bit.ly/2WJSHEc>

1030-1200 – Lecture by Michael Solovey (Artist), On creating the original art, “A Century of Silence and Respect”

To attend, sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/191405387667>

1200 – Lunch (on your own)

1200 – SHGTUS Executive Committee Working Lunch

1330-1430 – Lecture by Jari Villanueva, “History of Taps at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier”

To attend, sign-up here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/189728321517>

14:15-16:45 – TG Platoon Quarters Visitations (3 sessions)

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BAFA82DA3F8C34-tusquarters>

1500-1600 – Lecture by Jeff Gottesfeld (Author), “Twenty-One Steps: Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown

Soldier” To attend, sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/189743216067>

1700-1800 – Informal Social Hour for Society Members

1800 – SHGTUS Board of Directors Working Dinner

11 November 2021, Thursday

0900 – Society Hospitality Room Open

TBD - Presidential Wreath Ceremony @ Arlington National Cemetery

1115 – National Veterans Day Observance @ Arlington National Cemetery

1500-1800 – Quartermaster open

1500 – Military Women’s Memorial Veterans Day Memorial Ceremony @ Arlington National Cemetery

1700 – UrbanArias movie premier, “Unknown”

1700-1800 – Informal Social Hour for Society Members

12 November 2021, Friday

0900 – Society Registration Table Open

0900 – Society Hospitality Room Open

0900-1800 – Quartermaster and Vendors open

0930 – Tomb Guard Never Forget Run

1000-1700 – Library of Congress Veterans History Project interviews.

To be interviewed, sign-up here: <https://bit.ly/2WJSHEc>

1200 – Lunch (on your own)

14:15-16:45 – TG Platoon Quarters Visitations (3 sessions)

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BAFA82DA3F8C34-tusquarters>

1300-1400 – Lecture by Nancy Rust & Carol Stubbs (Authors), “The Unknown Soldier’s Journey Home: An American Story for Families”

1600-1700 - Pre-Centennial France Tour presentation

Presenter: Gavin McIlvenna

1800-? – Society Ice Breaker

13 November, Saturday

0700 – Society Registration Table Open

0700 – Society Hospitality Room Open

0800-1000 - Society General Membership Meeting

TG Platoon update by SOG or COG

0900-1500 – Quartermaster and Vendors open

1000-1130 – The US Army Band Presentation

Presenter: CMS (Ret) Dan Smith

To attend, sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/202080697807>

1200 – Lunch (at hotel; provided for all paid attendees)

1300-1400 – Library of Congress Veterans History Project presentation

Presenter: Kerry Ward

14:15-16:45 – TG Platoon Quarters Visitations (3 sessions)

Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BAFA82DA3F8C34-tusquarters>

1700-1900 – Cocktail Hour

1900-2200 – The Centennial Gala – Gathering of the Guards

US Army Color Guard and Fife & Drum Corps

Guest Speaker: Michael Sledge (Author), “Soldier Dead”

14 November, Sunday

0900-0930 – Memorial Service@ Marriott

0945-1045 – Movement from Marriott **to Arlington National Cemetery** (buses will run from 0900 to 1500)

1100 – Changing of the Guard

1115 – Wreath / Rose Ceremony

1145 – Society Group Photo

1200 – TG Gravesite visitations – Gravesite Coordinator is Richard Azzaro

14:15-16:45 – TG Platoon Quarters Visitations (3 sessions)

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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS FOR RETURN OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER (TUS) TO THE UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON NAVY YARD

9 NOVEMBER 2021

Ceremony Location: Large Tent in the Willard Park Parking Lot

1440: Navy Band begins preliminary music.

1500: Arrival of the official party. Honors to SECNAV.

- Presentation of Colors (Joint Modified Color Guard (USA, USMC, USN) and National Anthem.

- Invocation by Navy Chief of Chaplains or Deputy Chief of Chaplains.

- Brief welcoming remarks by RDML Steffen.

- Historical video on giant screen with voiceover by the MC.

- First speaker (CNO?).

- Second historical video.

- Second speaker (USA Vice Chief of Staff?).

- Third speaker (SECNAV?).

- Final remarks and welcome to the plaque dedication (SGM McIlvenna).

1550: Official party departs through honors cordon and is escorted by the Commander of Troops toward former location of Pier 3 where the plaque is located. Others remain in tent and watch the proceedings on giant screens.

1600: Bos'n pipes TUS ashore (figuratively) as happened in 1921.

1601: Plaque is unveiled.

1602: First wreath is laid (SECNAV?).

1602: "Taps" by USMC Bugler for historical accuracy.

1602: Official party departs. Other wreaths, if any, are laid.

TBD: Reception location and host TBD.