



## Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (SHGTUS)

# Centennial (TUS100) News Update

### TUS100 Update – April 14, 2021

Quite a bit of news this week. We've updated our Events List with more Never Forget Garden (NFG) dedications planned across the US, as well as some of the ceremonies in France. There are few still NFGs under development in Texas and Rhode Island, and we will share those as soon they are confirmed.

#### **Centennial Tidbit**

We have released Part 1 of a three-part series of Centennial Tidbits focusing on the Special Drummer for The United States Army Band "Pershing's Own". You can view episode #25 here: <https://youtu.be/YPvd2K1Jc3Q>

#### **Support**

The Navy League and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) for reaching out to their members and requesting their help in capturing the personal histories of those involved during the transportation of the Unknown Soldier home. The links are below, and thank you for the support!

[Help the Society of the Honor Guard Find Sailors for Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Centennial - Navy League of the United States](#)

[On Record: Searching for history - AOPA](#)

Please read the great work on a suggestion on how individual states can find unique ways to help commemorate the Centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by highlighting the contributions in the history of the Unknown Soldiers (1921, 1958, 1984) made by notable members of their state. This is a proposal to the State of Louisiana which is being introduced by Mrs. Marilyn Wellen of the American Rose Society:

*"We are asking for State Congressional ceremonies to honor Veterans' Day and the Centennial of the Unknown Soldier, together with special honors for Louisiana's native son and hero, Four-Star General Graves Blanchard Erskine. What I am proposing is that the Louisiana Legislature to arrange for a commemoration of the Centennial of the Unknown Soldier in Baton Rouge, in the form of a Resolution, or significant observance, at an appropriate time in November 2021, combined with the observation of Veterans Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>.*

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*NFG Marker being installed in Rhode Island prior to the flowers being placed.*

*(Officially, the Centennial is the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the year 2021). We believe all of Louisiana should celebrate our “home-town hero”, the great General Graves B. Erskine. The Society of the Honor Guard would be pleased to provide any information, assistance, speakers, or help in planning for the Centennial by the State Legislature. We would be proud to have a Representative to propose this action at the Louisiana Legislature.”*

This initiative is a great way to include your individual state and spread the word about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Some other notable individuals that have direct ties to the history of the Unknown Soldiers are:

- Sergeant Edward F. Younger (selected the World War I Unknown Soldier), was a native of **Illinois**.
- Lieutenant General Edward J. O’Neil (selected the Trans-Atlantic candidate for World War II), was a native of **Vermont**.
- Colonel Glenn T. Eagleston (selected the Trans-Pacific candidate for World War II), was a native of **Utah**.
- Master Chief Hospital Corpsman William R. Charrette (selected the World War II Unknown Soldier), was a native of **Michigan**.
- First Sergeant Ned Lyle (selected the Korean War Unknown Soldier), was a native of **South Carolina**.
- Sergeant Major Allen J. Kellog, Jr. (designated the Vietnam Unknown Soldier), is a native of **Connecticut** and lives in **Hawaii**.
- Lorimar Rich (architect of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier), was a native of **New York**.
- Thomas Hudson Jones (sculptor of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier), was a native of **New York**.
- Congressman Hamilton Fish III (wrote the legislation to bring home the World War I Unknown Soldier), was a native of **New York**.
- Congressman Charles M. Price (wrote the legislation to bring home the World War II Unknown Soldier and the Korean War Unknown Soldier), was a native of **Illinois**.
- Staff Sergeant Frank Witchey (played Taps during the World War I Unknown Soldier interment) was a native of **Missouri**.
- Sergeant First Class George Myers (played Taps during the Double Interment of the World War II and Korean War Unknown Soldier on May 30, 1958) was a native of **Indiana**.

We have had many organizations that have asked about the difference between a “supporter” and a “sponsor” on our website. Supporters are advancing the mission and finding unique ways within their organization, or as individuals, to highlight the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during the Centennial

Sponsors are individuals or organizations that wish to donate funds to further our projects during the Centennial. The Society is a 501(C)(3) no-profit organization, and many times donations can be tax deductible. All funds received go directly to supporting Centennial projects and events. Learn more by visiting: [Society of the Honor Guard | Donate \(tombguard.org\)](https://www.tombguard.org)

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