



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

Centennial (TUS100) News Update

March 18, 2021 – Never Forget Garden planed at first VA Facility in the US

Medford, Oregon

The State Chair of Commemorative Events for Oregon State Society Daughters of the American Revolution is planning a special Never Forget Garden at the Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Clinic in White City, OR. This will be the first such garden located at a VA facility in the US, and is supporting the Society's mission for the national commemoration of the Centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier this year. It is located as part of a memory and healing garden being developed for all Veterans who visit this site. This location also has historical significance from World War II: it was an Army training base and the site of a prisoner-of-war camp, and was named Camp White during the war.

The planned 4700 square foot the design depicts the outline of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, with the inside area depicting the three wreaths on either side of the Tomb. The garden is located near a pergola area with benches and a water feature and connect with the existing aesthetics of the rest of the VA garden development. A Never Forget Garden marker will be mounted, and an added garden feature will be an identification plaque with all selected plants and their meaning. Panels have been designed into the back of the garden area that can have flags or other items mounted there for future needs.

Planting will begin in April, and the site will be dedicated on Saturday, July 17th, 2021. Please contact the Oregon Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution District III Director, Keli Stelley.

For more information on the Centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier please visit:

www.tombguard.org/centennial

For more information on the Never Forget Garden and how you can participate as an individual, organization, or community, please visit: <https://www.tombguard.org/centennial/projects#never-forget-garden>

For more information on the Oregon State Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution please visit: <https://www.oregondar.org/>

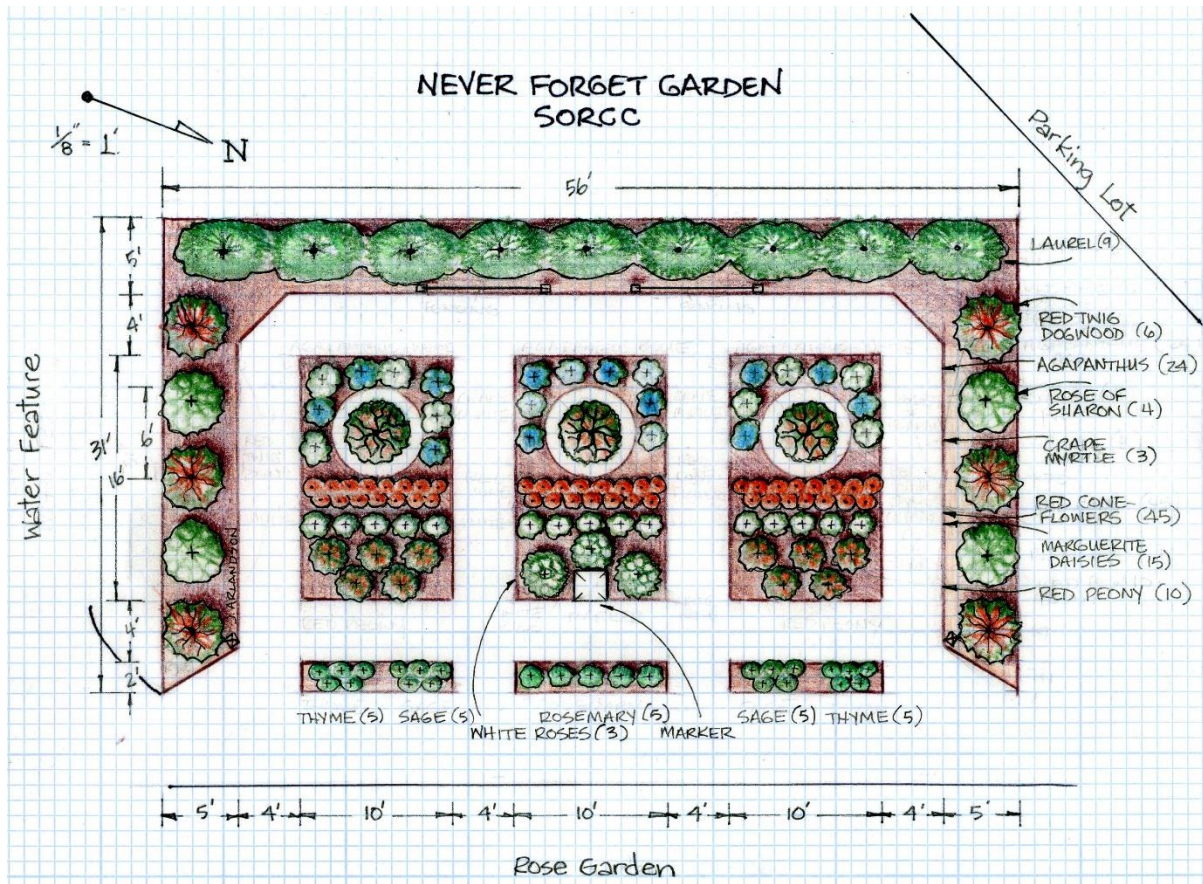
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