



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

Centennial (TUS100) News Update

March 23, 2021 – TUS100 Update

Did you know? On March 24, 1926 the Secretary of War issued orders to the Commanding General of the Military District of Washington to the "Establishment of an Armed Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery".

Effective March 26, 1926 the MDW Commander issued orders to post a "military armed guard with a rifle at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier". One "Sentinel" was posted at the Tomb from the "hour of opening of the gates to the cemetery each morning until the closing of the gates each evening". The MDW Commander also directed that the Sentinel's special duty "is to prevent any desecration or disrespect".

Centennial Tidbits: Since our last update we have released a few new tidbits and are working on more. Thank you for all the suggestions on organizations or individuals that have links to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We have also released two special spotlights on videos received that answered the question "What does the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier mean to you?" and "What does the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier mean to this nation". These questions were posed to members of the American Gold Star Mothers, POW/MIA Families, and many others.

#24 – Spotlight on Why is the Tomb Important, Michell Y. Green <https://youtu.be/fn1eYMsgsUs>

#23 – Taps for Veterans, Part 2 <https://youtu.be/c2N2z-sbTfs>

#22 – Spotlight on Why is the Tomb Important, Senator Moran (KS) <https://youtu.be/DXDVNJ34mIU>

#21 – Spotlight on Twenty-One Steps <https://youtu.be/b5WDo0YfgHc>

#20 – Taps for Veterans, Part 1 <https://youtu.be/SwruCP-rELE>

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News: We are working with the city of Le Havre to finalize plans for ceremonies on October 25, 2021 to mark the 100th Anniversary of the departure of the World War I Unknown Soldier from that city in 1921 aboard the USS *Olympia*. The Association of the United States Army (AUSA), along with the American Legion Paris Post 1, has been instrumental in our planning of all events in France this October and we thank them for their dedication and support.

The plans for the Joint Naval Symposium and special dedication of a plaque to mark the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the World War I Unknown Soldier to the historic Navy Yard on November 9, 1921 is taking shape. This will be primarily a webinar-based event that everyone will be able to view and more information is coming in the near future. The staff at the Navy History and Heritage Command have been fantastic to work with!

The Daughters of the American Revolution are fully supporting the Never Forget Garden project and have recently announced that they will dedicate a 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. If you are planning a Never Forget Garden, please reach out to us so we can share the news.

Never Forget Garden information: [Society of the Honor Guard | Projects](https://www.tombguard.org/projects)
([tombguard.org](https://www.tombguard.org))

You can view the latest list of events for #TUS100 here: [TUS100-List-of-Events-as-of-032321.pdf](https://www.tombguard.org/files/TUS100-List-of-Events-as-of-032321.pdf) ([tombguard.org](https://www.tombguard.org))

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