

# **CHOOSING PLANTS FOR ‘NEVER FORGET GARDENS’**

## **by the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**

### **ROSES - LOVE**

#### **ROSES, WHITE – PURITY AND INNOCENCE**

In 1921, in France, a bouquet of white roses was placed atop the casket of an unknown soldier, thus designating his body to occupy the newly erected Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery. Thereafter, the white rose honors all who served and sacrificed on behalf of America in World War I, and in all times of war or armed conflict. It is believed the white rose in the bouquet was the revered hybrid tea rose, ‘Niphetos’.

ROSES, RED – COURAGE, LOVE

ROSES, YELLOW – FRIENDSHIP

Yellow is the color chosen to honor those who fought in the Viet Nam War.

ROSES, PINK – GRATITUDE, GRACE

ROSES, ORANGE – ENTHUSIASM, PASSION

(A list of suggested rose varieties for your ‘never forget garden’ follows this document, many with names that are reminiscent of the mission of the Society of the Honor Guard.)

### **FLOWERS AND THEIR SYMBOLISM**

AGAPANTHUS – LOVE, PURITY

CAMPANULA – GRATITUDE

CARNATION, including red, white and blue – ADMIRATION AND LOVE;

PINK CARNATION – MOTHER’S LOVE

DAISY – HOPE, RESISTANCE

ECHINACEA, CONEFLOWER – STRENGTH AND HEALTH

FALSE INDIGO – PROTECTION

FERN – SINCERITY, HUMILITY

FORGET-ME-NOTS – REMEMBRANCE

GARDENIA – PURITY, RENEWAL

GLADIOLUS – HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE

NASTURTIUM – VICTORY

PEONIES – HONOR AND BRAVERY  
RESILIENCE

POPPIES, RED – REMEMBRANCE

ROSE OF SHARON (HIBISCUS, ALTHEA) – RESILIENCE

STATICE – REMEMBRANCE

TULIPS, GRATITUDE

VIOLA, PURPLE – INNOCENCE

### **HERBS – HEALING**

LAUREL – VICTORY

ROSEMARY – REMEMBRANCE

BORAGE – COURAGE

OREGANO – HONOR

SAGE – LONG LIFE, WISDOM AND VIRTUE

LAVENDER – DEVOTION AND TRUST, PURITY AND VIRTUE

### **TREES – LIFE, GROWTH AND WISDOM**

BIRCH – NEW BEGINNINGS

CEDAR – HEALING

CHINESE REDBUD – BROTHERHOOD

CRAPE MYRTLE – LOVE AND GOOD FORTUNE

DOGWOOD – LOYALTY, KINDNESS,

PROTECTION, DETERMINATION

ELM – INTUITION AND INNER STRENGTH

HOLLY – PEACE AND GOOD WILL

MAGNOLIA – DIGNITY, PERSEVERANCE

MAPLE – BALANCE AND PROMISE

OAK – COURAGE AND STRENGTH

OLIVE – PEACE

REDWOOD – FOREVER

SWEET OLIVE - NOBILITY