



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

Centennial (TUS100) News Update

June 26, 2021 – TUS100 Update

Did you know? On July 2, 1937, the vigil at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier began at midnight on that date and has remained constant ever since? The Sentinels will mark the occasion of the 84th anniversary of the assumption of the 24-hour post next week in a special manner. To learn more about the Tomb Guards and their 95-year history of service to the Unknown Soldiers visit: [Society of the Honor Guard | Who are the Tomb Guards?](#)

Centennial Tidbits: Lieutenant General (Ret) Robert Foley has lent his voice to the question of “*Why is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier important?*” and we have released it on our YouTube channel. LTG (Ret) Foley is the recipient of the Medal of Honor from Vietnam, Bronze Star, recipient of the Purple Heart, and is a former Military District of Washington (MDW) Commander. You can listen to his powerful words by visiting: <https://youtu.be/TVKtdyZb6J8>

We have also released another tidbit featuring SSG Sara Corry of The United States Army Band “Pershing’s Own” where she talks details about creating, from scratch, the “*Journey Home*” original music which was commissioned by the Society. You can listen to Sara by visiting: <https://youtu.be/7XyxLBbQX9s>

We encourage anyone who wishes to send in a video answering the question of “*Why is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier important?*” on a personal or national level to publicaffairs@tombguard.org so we can share your voice during the Centennial.

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White Rose Bouquet of the Centennial

As the Centennial approaches, and more ceremonies are being conducted all over the US and in France, we have had questions arise as to how to use the white rose in ceremonies. The Society has declared the white rose to be our official flower, as an homage to Sergeant Edward Younger's use of spray of white roses to select the World War I Unknown Soldier on October 25, 1921, and we will use it in all our ceremonies.



With the help of the American Rose Society our Never Forget Garden Project team developed guidance on how to incorporate the white rose into your ceremonies as appropriate, as well as create a 12-step document on how to create your Never Forget Garden. Both are attached, but can also be downloaded here: [Society of the Honor Guard | White Rose Bouquet of the Centennial \(tombguard.org\)](https://www.tombguard.org/Society%20of%20the%20Honor%20Guard%20-%20White%20Rose%20Bouquet%20of%20the%20Centennial)

List of Events

An updated list of events around the US and overseas is **attached**, changes are highlighted in yellow.

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