



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

Centennial (TUS100) News Update

June 3, 2021 – TUS100 Update

Did you know? On June 2nd, 1958, the marble crypt tops for the World War II (1941-1945) and the Korean War (1950-1953) Unknown Soldiers were inscribed, and the dates “1917-1918” were added for the World War I Unknown in front of the Tomb.

News: The Society has been busy leading up to an over Memorial Day weekend supporting many different project and organizations and we wanted to highlight some of the great work by these organizations and our volunteers. Many of our members were asked to participate in podcast as well as news stories. The links to each are below:

Borne the Battle podcast

[#244: Tomb of the Unknown Soldier's Unknown History](#)

NBC News Now

[What it means to stand the watch at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier](#)

The Ordinary, Extraordinary Cemetery podcast

[Episode 34 - Interview with Tomb Guard](#)

Mission Inspire podcast

[Episode Seven: Tomb of the Unknown Soldier](#)

NBC News Now

[Honoring The 100-Year History Of The Tomb Of The Unknown Soldier](#)

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On May 27 the United States Navy honored the 63rd anniversary of the final selection of the World War II Unknown Soldier at sea on May 26, 1958 by conducting a wreath ceremony in collaboration with the Society. In 1958 two candidates for World War II, along with the already selected Korean War Unknown Soldier, were brought aboard the USS *Canberra*, where the final selection was made, and the candidate not selected was committed to the sea.

To view the ceremony aboard the USS *Truxton* visit: <https://youtu.be/s2nurag6Nzk>



On May 31st the Society supported the Independence Seaport Museum (ISM) as they dedicated a special plaque aboard the USS *Olympia* on the spot where the World War I Unknown Soldier lay during his difficult journey home from France in October-November 1921. The roses that participants laid were white to honor the events in October 24-25, 1921 when white roses were used by Sergeant Edward Younger to select the World War I Unknown Soldier in France. Those flowers stayed with the Unknown Soldier through his difficult journey home and were buried with him on November 11, 1921. The white rose is the official rose of the Society.

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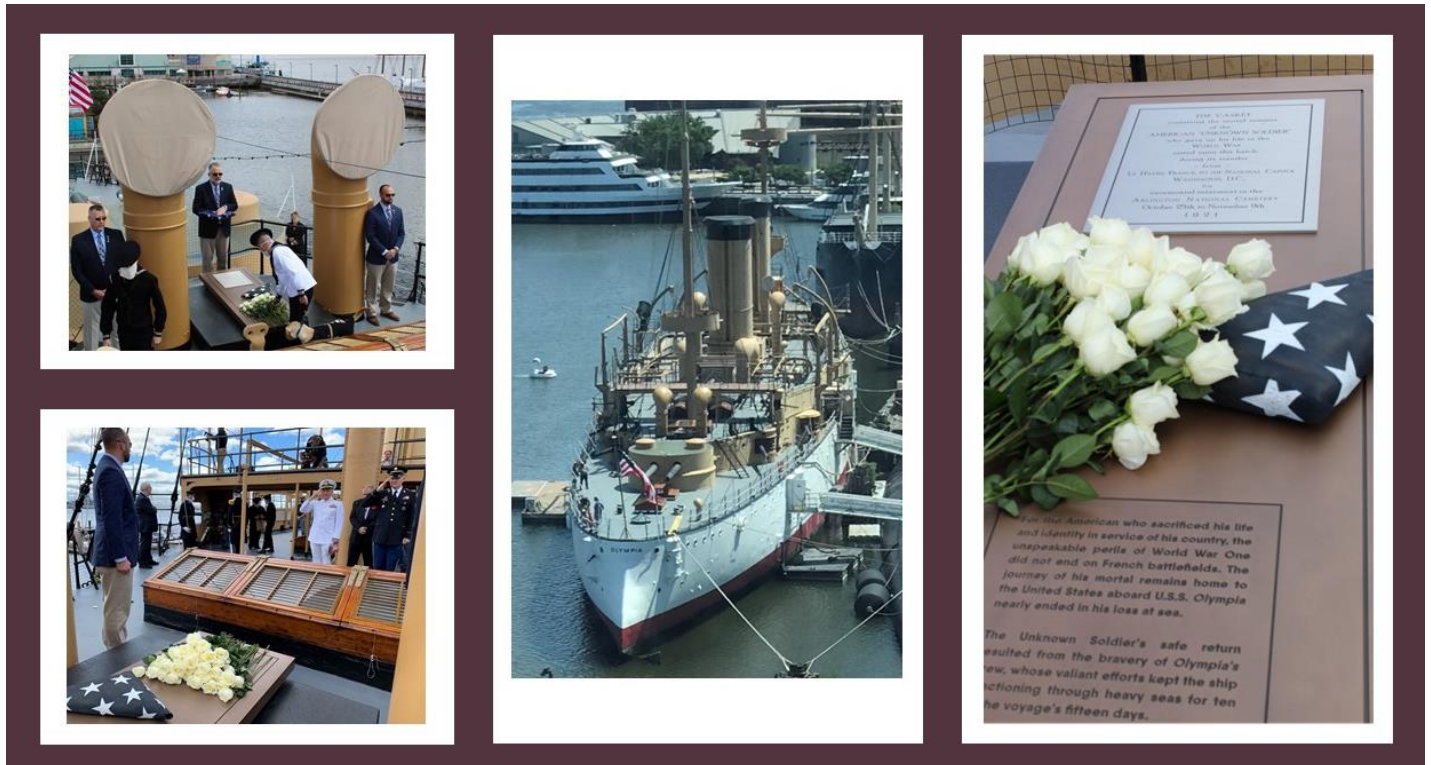
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ISM is now open to the public and you can visit the ship and learn about the unique history behind the USS Olympia's service to this nation as well as her role in the Unknown Soldier Centennial. Independence Seaport Museum link:

<https://phillyseaport.org/unknown100>

You can view the ceremony here: <https://youtu.be/iEdBlqGJ984>



Ceremonial Centennial Flag: On May 31st the Society launched a special project that ties in with the history of the World War I Unknown Soldier and the historical pilgrimage planned for October 18-28 in France called the “*Ceremonial Centennial Flag*”. A special case was created by Pelican Case company that has a full interment flag (donated by the Bucks County Firefighter and EMS Memorial Honor Guard of Pennsylvania), photograph of the Tomb prior to 1931, section of decking from the USS Olympia (donated by the Independence Seaport Museum), special commemorative coins, and vials that will house items collected from France. The flag will be flown at key locations

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in the World War I Unknown Soldiers history, starting and ending at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.



As the case makes it way from Arlington National Cemetery to France and back we will post it on our [Society Facebook](#) page and [Centennial Flag Project Flickr](#) page

Never Forget Garden: There were many Never Forget Gardens dedicated over the Memorial Day weekend in West Virginia, Washington, Texas, and Virginia. Organization such as the Young Marines, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the USMC Reserve Association partnered with the Society to bring these meaningful gardens to communities around the US. You can view more of the Never Forget Gardens all across the US by visiting our Flickr page at: [Never Forget Garden | Flickr](#)

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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 many more we will be releasing this next month.

#35 – USS *Olympia* Ceremony May 31, 2021 <https://youtu.be/iEdBlgGJ984>

#34 – USS *Truxton* Ceremony May 27, 2021 <https://youtu.be/s2nurag6Nzk>

An updated list of events around the US and overseas is attached.

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