



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

## Centennial (TUS100) News Update

### October 11, 2021 – TUS100 Update

**Did you know?** On October 25 there are two ceremonies spanning the globe that involve the USS *Olympia* and the French port city of Le Havre?....see below!

### US Senate Resolution

On September 29, 2021 the United States Senate unanimously approved Resolution 396 (attached) commemorating the Centennial of the dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

This resolution was introduced by Senator Jerry Moran (KS) and endorsed by Senators Jon Tester (MT), Jim Inhofe (OK), John Reed (RI), Tom Cotton (AR), Mike Braun (IN) and Raphael Warnock (GA).

Our many thanks to Senator Moran and the Committee on Veteran's Affairs for the many hours of hard work in the drafting of the resolution and helping to bring more attention on the Centennial to the American people.

### France and the USS *Olympia*

There is a unique history behind the French city of Le Havre and the USS *Olympia*. Not only was the port of Le Havre used in World War I to receive supplies crucial to the war effort, but in 1921 it was the final point where the World War I Unknown Soldier was in France.

The USS *Olympia*, whose historic war record is impressive, arrived from England on October 24, 1921 at 2:40am where her crew had taken part in presenting the British Unknown Warrior the US Medal of Honor.

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The crew and special USMC detachment then prepared to receive the body of the newly selected Unknown Soldier, who was in transit from Paris via train from Chalons-en-Champagne. Once the Unknown Soldier arrived in Le Havre and made his way to the port he was greeted by the citizens of the city. On behalf of the French Government and her people the Minister of Pensions, Andre Maginot, presented the Unknown Soldier with the Legion of Honor before the body left France for the last time.



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To learn more about this history and read the story of the difficult journey home visit:

<https://tombguard.org/tomb-of-the-unknown-soldier/world-war-i>

and

[https://tombguard.org/assets/images/guards/With-the-Hand-of-God\\_v4.pdf](https://tombguard.org/assets/images/guards/With-the-Hand-of-God_v4.pdf)

On **October 25, 2021** there will be two ceremonies conducted. The first will be in Le Havre at the Quai Roger Meunier starting at 3:00pm (UTC+2) where Mayor Édouard Philippe will host a special ceremony and historic plaque dedication at the exact time when the Unknown Soldier departed France. Guests include members of the Society, American Gold Star Mothers, Daughters of the American Revolution, French and American veterans. This is **free** to the public, and all inquiries should be directed to the City of Le Havre at [sebastien.vau-rihal@lehavre.fr](mailto:sebastien.vau-rihal@lehavre.fr)

The second ceremony on October 25, 2021 will occur at the Independence Seaport Museum (ISM) in Philadelphia, PA where the USS *Olympia* is docked as part of the museum. The ISM and the Society have planned to conduct a “shadow” ceremony to what is occurring in Le Havre, and the USMC Silent Drill Team will be present. Ceremonies include speeches and wreath ceremonies and will start at

This event is **free** to the public, but due to COVID restriction **may have limited access**. However they will broadcast it live, and all inquiries should be directed to the ISM Public Affairs at [afurlong@phillyseaport.org](mailto:afurlong@phillyseaport.org)



## Free SHGTUS Events for Centennial Week

The following events are free to the public to attend from November 8-10, we only ask that you sign up on the links provided. Many of these will also be on Facebook Live or other source:

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## **October 8**

1pm - ABMC Historian Ben Brands - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/189031748047>

3pm - Author Philip Bigler - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/189224544707>

5pm - Presentation of "Voices from the Tomb" video with Q&A -  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/189698652777>

## **October 10**

9am – Historic Aircraft - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/189241986877>

1:30pm - Bugler Historian Jari Villanueva - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/189728321517>

3pm – Author Jeff Gottesfeld - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/189743216067>

...more to be announced and all are **free** to attend!

## **ANC Flower Ceremony**

Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) has released information on how to sign up for the Public Flower Ceremony on November 9 - 10. This was a project that the Society proposed in 2018 and is finally coming to fruition under the planning of the ANC team. The official event is free and ***open to the public***.

For more information on how you can lay a flower at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and pay your respects visit:

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tomb-of-the-unknown-soldier-centennial-commemoration-public-flower-ceremony-tickets-171383882807?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&fbclid=IwAR0qJmOTpR8zURkIThfN53tljr86AhRVrkZrUI\\_cYoJ3X\\_lqkXhwS8EVwCY](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tomb-of-the-unknown-soldier-centennial-commemoration-public-flower-ceremony-tickets-171383882807?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&fbclid=IwAR0qJmOTpR8zURkIThfN53tljr86AhRVrkZrUI_cYoJ3X_lqkXhwS8EVwCY)

For more information on ANC and what they are planning for the National Commemoration of the Centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier visit their website at <https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Tomb100>

## **List of #TUS100 Events**

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

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