



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

## Centennial (TUS100) News Update

### September 3, 2021 – TUS100 Update

**Did you know?** On September 6th the legislation to bring home an Unknown Soldier to represent World War II was introduced by Mr. Melvin Price (IL)?

Another small piece of history is that on September 9, 1957 the Tomb Guard Identification Badge (TGIB) was approved by Secretary of the Army Wilbur Brucker. The first badge won't be awarded until February 7, 1958 and at the time it was not a permanent award.

### Daughters of the American Revolution continued support of TUS100



The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) have continued their steadfast support of #TUS100 and created a nation wide essay contest.

The American History Essay Contest is open to students in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 in private, public, or parochial schools and those who are homeschooled. The contest is conducted without regard to race, religion, sex, or national origin. The 2021-2022 essay contest topic is "The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier." DAR chapters or participating

schools will advise students of the deadline for submission and will also provide a list of resources which will aid the students in writing their essays.

One essay at each grade level is selected as a chapter winner and forwarded to the state American History chair for state competition. The winners of the state competition are sent on to the Division and Division winners are sent to the National competition.

Those interested in the contest should contact their local (or nearest) DAR Chapter for directions on how to submit an entry to the contest.

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## Centennial Flag Project

The Centennial Flag, which was last flown at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier to start its journey, will be flown next on September 27, 2021 aboard the USS *Olympia* in the Independence Seaport Museum. The ceremony will include historically correct uniforms, active and former Tomb Guards.



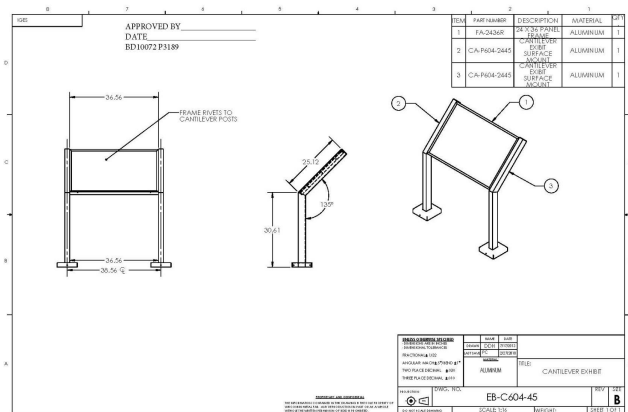
This date marks the 100th anniversary of the start of *Olympia's* mission to bring home the World War I Unknown Soldier. Berthed in Hampton Roads, VA on that date in 1921, the *Olympia* brought on provisions and the United States Marine Corps special detachment, commanded by CPT Graves Erskine.

Follow the mission as the Independence Seaport Museum shares the daily logs starting on September 27th at: [Cruiser Olympia and the Unknown Soldier | Independence Seaport Museum \(phillyseaport.org\)](https://www.phillyseaport.org/cruiser-olympia-and-the-unknown-soldier)

For more information on the September 27th ceremony please contact: Alexis Furlong at [afurlong@phillyseaport.org](mailto:afurlong@phillyseaport.org)

## Historic Plaque Dedication Ceremony

The Society has donated a special historic plaque commemorating the arrival of the World War I Unknown Soldier November 9, 1921, at the historic Navy Yard.



The Commandant of Naval District Washington has accepted this gift on behalf of the US Navy, and there will be a ceremony on November 9, 2021, starting at 3:00pm to unveil it at the spot where the World War I Unknown Soldier first touched American soil after completing the difficult journey home aboard the USS *Olympia*. As the date gets closer we will share how the public can view the ceremony live.

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## Update on the Coin and Stamp Projects

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Centennial Commemorative Coin Act (Senate Bill (S. 3290) and House Bill (H.R. 6635)) which were introduced in 2020, failed to meet the minimum number of sponsors in both the House and Senate for the bill to be voted upon.

The United States Postal Stamp Project, first sent to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee in 2015 requesting a special stamp be created to honor the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has failed to generate interest by the committee.

Unfortunately, both of these projects have been suspended.

## List of #TUS100 Events

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



Never Forget Garden Dedication in North Kingstown, Rhode Island on August 7, 2021

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