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Subject: Series of U.S. Postal Stamps depicting the Centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery

The Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (SHGTUS) Centennial Committee has been working closely with a number of nonprofit organizations and the federal government to plan the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (TUS), to be commemorated in Arlington National Cemetery on November 11, 2021. This special commemorative program seeks to achieve the following objectives: (1) To honor America's commitment to never forget or forsake those who served and sacrificed for our Country, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, and to thank and honor the families of these veterans. (2) To highlight the service of the Armed Forces in times of war or armed conflict and contributions of Federal agencies and governmental and nongovernmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces. (3) To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States in times of war or armed conflict. (4) To educate the American Public about service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States of America and the principles that define and unite us. (5) To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during times of war or armed conflict. It is important to remember that the TUS is not just about World War I but is about every individual who has ever served—or will ever serve—and America's promise to them that they will never forget them.

In 2015, the Society submitted a proposal for the creation of a series of stamps by the U.S. Postal Service to commemorate the Centennial in Arlington National Cemetery, and the impact that the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has had on generations of Americans. This project is still under consideration by the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee. Other centennial projects planned for 2021 include a Centennial Coin, Boy and Girl Scout Merit Badges, Lapel Pin, Centennial Fly Over, and a National Salute.

The Society recognizes the diversity of the many who have served and sacrificed on behalf of America in times of war or armed conflict. We seek a series of stamps to tell that story and America's sacred duty to remember them and the principles that define us as Americans. Accordingly, we invite you to offer your support for the proposed USPS stamp series, by seeking representation of your constituency in that series: please send a letter to:

Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 3300 Washington, DC 20260-3501.

To learn more about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Honor Guard that stand the eternal watch, and the Society please visit www.tombguard.org.

Thank you,

Gavin McIlvenna
SGM (Retired) Gavin McIlvenna
President

"Soldiers never die until they are forgotten, Tomb Guards never forget."