



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

Centennial (TUS100) News Update

September 15, 2021 – TUS100 Update

Did you know? On September 17, 1999 — National POW/MIA Recognition Day — the Vietnam Unknown Soldier crypt cover was rededicated to "***Honoring and Keeping Faith with America's Missing Servicemen***" as a reminder of the commitment of the Armed Forces to fullest possible accounting of missing service members.

Day of Honor

On September 5th the Society President was able to participate in the long awaited Day of Honor that the Crow Indian Nation holds each year to honor veterans and Chief Plenty Coup. Cancelled in the previous years due to COVID the Crow people came out to gather and celebrate the legacy of Chief Plenty Coups.

In addition to his legacy as a warrior and politician, he was selected as the 'Chief of Chiefs' in 1921 to represent all of the Native Americans during the burial of the World War I Unknown Soldier on November 11, 1921. During the interment ceremonies he spoke over the grave of the Unknown Soldier and prayed in his native tongue:



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"I feel it an honor to the red man that he takes part in this great event today because it shows that the thousands of Indians who fought in the Great War are appreciated by the white man.

"I am glad to represent all the Indians of the United States in placing on the grave of this noble unknown warrior this coupstick and war bonnet, every eagle feather of which represents a deed of valor by my race.

"I hope that the great spirit will grant that these noble warriors have not given up their lives in vain, and that there will be peace to all men hereafter. This is the Indians hope and prayer."

Members of the Chief Plenty Coup Honor Guard have been selected to take part in the Flower Ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery on November 9-10, which will allow the public to come together and pay their respects to the Unknown Soldiers.



For more information on this ceremony please reach out to the Arlington National Cemetery Public affairs office: barbara.m.lewandrowski.civ@mail.mil

For more information on the Chief Plenty Coups State Park visit: <https://fwp.mt.gov/stateparks/chief-plenty-coups>

For more information on the Chief Plenty Coup Honor Guard and how you can help them with their trip to Washington DC please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/Chief-Plenty-Coups-Honor-Guard-100798398941183>

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Final Articles on the Transportation of the Unknown Soldiers Released

The Society reached out to a former Marine from Vietnam to write three articles detailing the events during the transportation of the Unknown Soldiers in 1921, 1958, and 1984. With the intent to dive in the history behind those that served in the US Navy and US Marine Corps during those mission, the author has completed the final article talking about the Vietnam Unknown Soldier. During this process it has helped him with his wartime experiences. All three articles can be found by visiting our Suggested Reading page or our website:

With the Hand of God (1921):

https://tombguard.org/assets/images/products/With-the-Hand-of-God_v4.pdf

Standing the Watch Alone (1958):

https://tombguard.org/assets/images/products/Standing-The-Watch-Alone_051521_v4.pdf

New Welcome Home (1984):

https://tombguard.org/assets/images/products/WelcomeHome_v8.pdf

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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