



THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY JOINS THE CENTENNIAL
COMMEMORATION OF THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER
'NEVER FORGET GARDENS'

Encourages Participation by Individuals, Rose Societies, Gardens and Gardeners Everywhere

AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY President Robert B. Martin, Jr. has expressed the national rose organization's support for the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier's Centennial Commemoration of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. In announcing the Society's participation, President Martin said,

"The Society of the Honor Guard has made the white rose its official flower and encourages the planting of white roses, with special emphasis upon 'Niphetos', the rose which played a prominent role in the selection of the World War I Unknown Soldier.¹ The planting of the Rose, America's National Floral Emblem, is a major feature of the Society's 'Never Forget Garden' project, and an important element of their Centennial plans. The Society of the Honor Guard and the American Rose Society recognize the power of Roses to speak of patriotism, give comfort, represent love, pride, remembrance, strength, courage, unity, valor and all matters of the heart. Therefore, we are honored and pleased to join the Centennial Commemoration. We have dedicated a special place within America's Rose Garden at our national headquarters and gardens as our 'Never Forget Garden', and we are encouraging our thousands of members across the country to create their own 'Never Forget Gardens'."

THE SOCIETY OF THE HONOR GUARD,
TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER PROPOSES NEVER FORGET GARDENS

The Society of the Honor Guard has proposed 'Never Forget Gardens' as an important way to observe the Centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and to ensure the millions of America's war dead are forever honored and remembered. The Centennial will take place in the eleventh month, the eleventh day at the eleventh hour of 2021 (November 11, 2021). The national effort led by the Society of the Honor Guard encourages the installation of 'Never Forget Gardens' "to involve every individual, village, hamlet, town and city, and all branches of the uniformed services and civilian government."²

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery honors that soldier from World War I, who represents all who followed General George Washington into the field of battle, all who served in wars and armed conflict that came after 1776, today's heroic military, and all who will serve in the future. The 'Never Forget Garden' "was inspired by America's unshakeable commitment to its sacred duty to never forget or forsake those who have served and sacrificed on behalf of America in times of war or armed conflict."²

CREATE YOUR 'NEVER FORGET GARDEN' AT HOME

We can't all attend the Centennial Ceremony at Arlington Cemetery, but each of us can create a place in our own garden to express patriotism, with the noble purpose of remembering all whose lives were courageously given in service to our country, both at home and abroad; not just for the Centennial, but for all time. The Society of the Honor Guard believes your garden will serve as a 'proxy' for the Tomb at Arlington.

You will find your 'Never Forget Garden' becomes a place where you can memorialize a family member or friend, and remember veterans and their families. It will be a place of beauty and of calm reflection. You will put your heart into your garden as you carefully tend the flowers and other plants, and encourage birds and butterflies. Every 'Never Forget Garden' will offer a personal experience in a very personal and private space for those who want to express their love of country, to express love, respect and gratitude, and to remember.

SUGGESTIONS FOR 'NEVER FORGET GARDENS'

Your 'Never Forget Garden' might begin with the display of the **American Flag**, of any size. You may find a **garden bench** will serve as a place for meditation or contemplation in your garden.

The Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier has commissioned a beautiful sculpture to serve as a **garden marker**. It carries this message:

This garden is a living tribute to all of America's veterans and their families. In silence and respect, this is a place to remember that millions of Americans have fought and died for our liberty and our freedom. Here we renew our promise to fulfill America's sacred duty to never forget. Here we renew our mutual pledge to support them with "our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

11" x 17" Available at www.tombguard.org/store



White Roses are the official flower of the Centennial of the Unknown Soldier, and we hope white roses will be a part of your Never Forget Garden in 2021. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier 'Never Forget Garden' also recommends the use of **flowers**, especially **roses**, which have a language all their own in expressing the emotions of patriotism, remembrance, love and more. Newly planted or existing trees can also symbolize values, such as the Holly symbolizes peace and good will. (see links to the lists, below) The placement of **personal items** and **garden décor** can help to make your garden special, reflecting the individual's deepest feelings, and possibly connecting those who visit the garden with a person who served and sacrificed; someone from their town, or their neighborhood. See the lists of **recommended rose varieties, flowers, herbs and trees** at the links below.

ROSE SOCIETIES, GARDEN CLUBS, PUBLIC GARDENS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Rose Societies, Garden Clubs, Public Parks and Gardens and other organizations are encouraged to join the Centennial Commemoration by dedicating a garden spot within their communities as a 'Never Forget Garden'. If a garden is not possible, the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier recommends the placing of a **commemorative bench** in an existing garden with a plaque to be inscribed:

(DONOR or REMEMBERED NAME)
In Remembrance of the
CENTENNIAL OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER
November 11, 1921—November 11, 2021
'NEVER FORGET'

It is suggested that your 'Never Forget Garden' be established early in the year 2021, to enjoy, as well as to honor and remember those who served and sacrificed throughout 2021, the year of the Centennial of the Unknown Soldier.

HELPFUL LINKS

- AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CENTENNIAL OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER
- “THE ROSE OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER”, STORY BY ARS PRESIDENT ROBERT B. MARTIN, JR.
- CHOOSING PLANTS FOR ‘NEVER FORGET GARDENS’
- RECOMMENDED ROSES FOR ‘NEVER FORGET GARDENS’
- WHITE ROSES – A SELECTION
- ROSE SOURCES
- GETTING STARTED: IDEAS FOR YOUR ‘NEVER FORGET GARDENS’

¹ Robert B. Martin, Jr., President of the American Rose Society; author of “The Rose of the Unknown Soldier.”

² Richard A. Azzaro, former Tomb Guard; a Founder and former President of the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier; Director of the ‘Never Forget Garden’ Committee.

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