

Wreath Presentations at Tomb of the Unknowns Veterans Day 2023

The Veterans Day National Committee (VDNC) will conduct wreath presentations at the Tomb of the Unknowns following the National Veterans Day Observation at Arlington National Cemetery from 12:30 pm. until 2 p.m.

Have your organizational representative(s) report to the small tent on the south side of the Tomb outside the amphitheater immediately following the end of the Veterans Day ceremony (approximately noon). A maximum of **four** representatives from each organization will be allowed to lay the wreath. Each organization is allowed one official photographer to take their photo at the time of the wreath laying. **Note: Once all four are in place on the hold line (grey stone), only two will be allowed to move forward and place the wreath on the stand. Please see Enclosure 2 diagram for reference.**

VA volunteers will line up wreaths in order of presentation; please check in with them if you have issues locating your wreath. The Gold Star Mothers, Gold Star Wives and Blue Star Mothers of America will lay wreaths first, followed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, this year's host organization. Other organizations will present their wreaths in the rotational order (**Enclosure 1**) for the Veterans Day National Committee. Organizations not represented on the committee will present their wreaths after the rotational order.

Please email Vetsday@va.gov if you have any questions.

Enclosure 1

2023 Veterans Day Wreath Laying Order

Congressional Delegation

House Veterans Affairs Committee

American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.

Gold Star Wives of America, Inc.

Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors

Blue Star Mothers of America

American Merchant Marine Veterans (2)

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States

Fleet Reserve Association

AMVETS

Army & Navy Union, USA

Army and Navy Union National Auxiliary

The Army & Navy Union Department of New Jersey

The Army & Navy Union Department of Ohio

Non-Commissioned Officers Association

Paralyzed Veterans of America

The American Legion

Military Order of the Purple Heart of the USA, Inc.

Marine Corps League

Legion of Valor of the USA

Military Order of the World Wars

TREA: The Enlisted Association

Congressional Medal of Honor Society

Disabled American Veterans (2)

Military Officers Association of America

Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service

Air Force Sergeants Association

Polish Legion of American Veterans, USA

Korean War Veterans Association

American G.I. Forum

Catholic War Veterans

Blinded Veterans Association

Air & Space Forces Association

American Ex-Prisoners of War

Bowlers to Veterans Link

Enlisted Association of the National Guard

National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs

National Association of State Veterans Homes

Navy Mutual Aid Association

Reserve Organization of America

Student Veterans of America

The American Red Cross

The Independence Fund

US Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association

Wounded Warrior Project

40 & 8 Honor Society of American Veterans

America 250

Blue Star Families

Burn Pits 360

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War

HillVets

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA)

K9 For Warriors

La Femmes

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

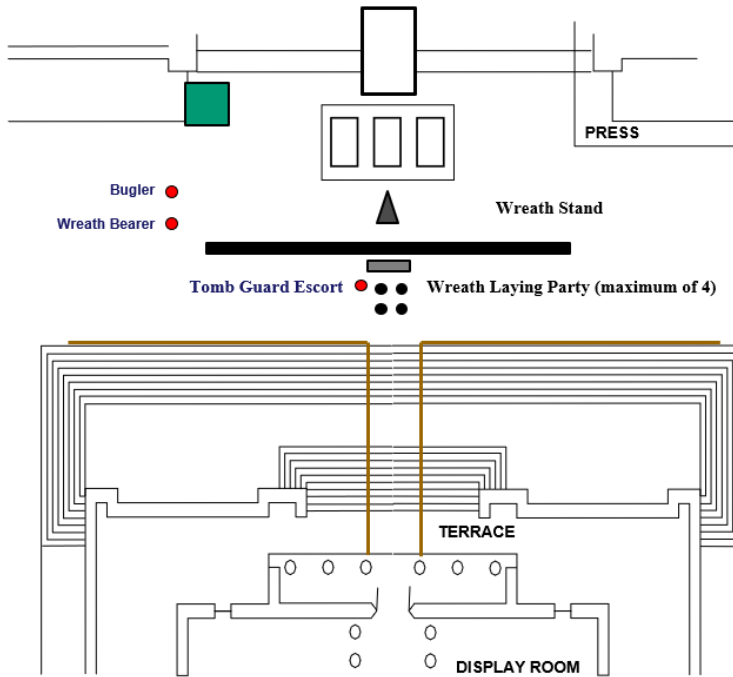
Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War (SUVCW)

TAVA

U.S. Maritime Administration/United States Department of Transportation (USDOT)

Enclosure 2

PUBLIC WREATH CEREMONY SEQUENCE



1. WREATH LAYING PARTY BRIEFED IN ON SOUTH LAWN OF TOMB BY GUARD ESCORT
2. ESCORT AND PARTY WALK DOWN PLAZA TO HOLD LINE (Grey Stone) ON PLAZA
3. WREATH BEARER BRINGS WREATH IN FRONT OF WREATH LAYING PARTY
4. ESCORT ORDERS PRESENT ARMS (Civilians place Hand over Heart)
5. **FRONT TWO PARTY MEMBERS POSITION WREATH ON STAND WITH HELP OF BEARER**
6. MOMENT OF RESPECT AT WREATH STAND
7. BEARER AND PARTY RETURN TO HOLD LINE
10. TAPS PLAYED
11. ESCORT AND PARTY ORDERS ARMS
12. ESCORT AND PARTY LEFT FACE AND RETURN EXITS PLAZA