



Spring 2013

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DID YOU KNOW?

- The walk of the Tomb Guards is the exact same procedure each and every time. They take 21 steps in one direction, turn to face the tomb for 21 seconds, turn to face the other end of the walk, change shoulders on which they carry their rifle and count another 21 seconds, and walk 21 steps back to the opposite end.
- The tomb has been guarded every minute of every day since 1937.
- The Tomb Guard badge ranks second, only behind the Army Astronaut Badge, as the least awarded badge in the United State Army.
- For additional information on the Tomb of the Unknowns, you can visit <https://tombguard.org>

Spring/Memorial Day

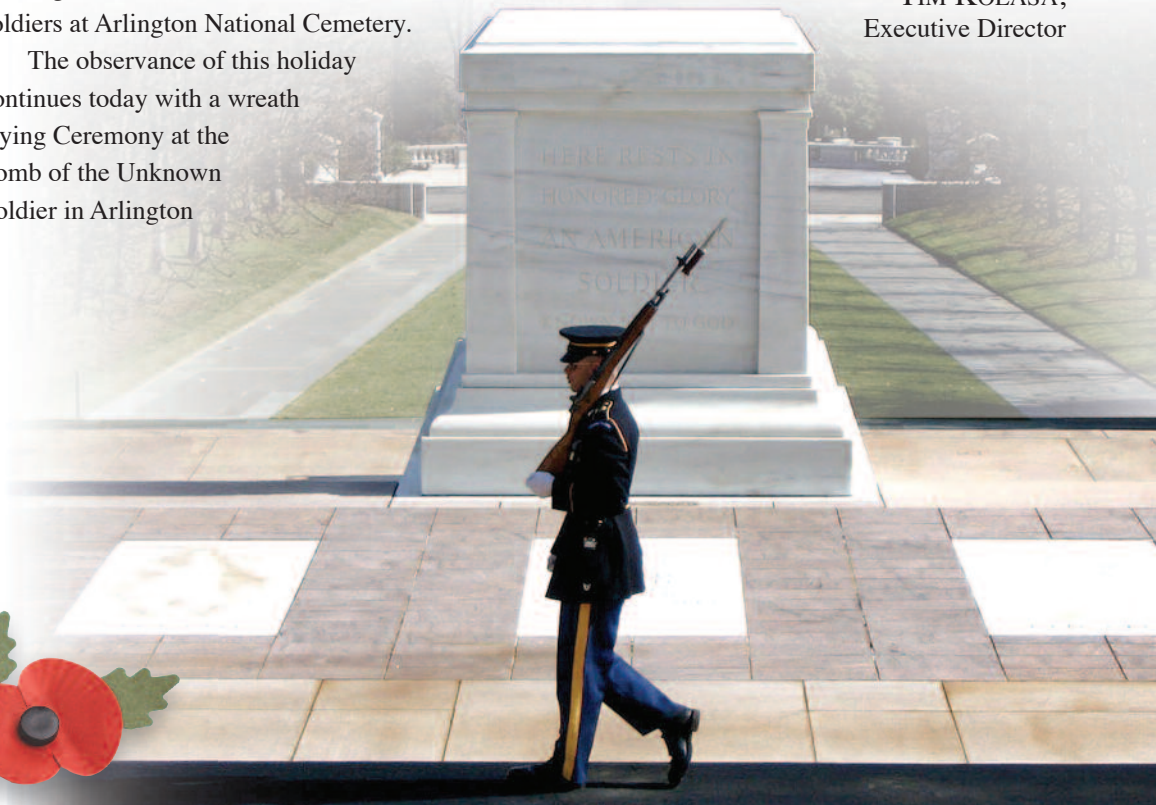
Spring has finally arrived! The grass is green, the tulips and hyacinths have bloomed and it will soon be time to plant your flowers. Springtime at Gethsemane Cemetery is almost synonymous with Memorial Day. This national holiday, originally called Decoration Day, was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. The first observance of Memorial Day was on May 30, 1868 at which time flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

The observance of this holiday continues today with a wreath laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington

National Cemetery as well as at Gethsemane Cemetery with our annual Memorial Day Mass. I would like to invite all of you to join us on Monday May 27, 2013 at 10:00 am. The mass is held rain or shine, our staff is on hand to assist with parking and answer any questions you may have, and remember to join us for refreshments afterwards.

I hope you will be able to join me in remembering those who have gone before us and have served this great country.

—TIM KOLASA,
Executive Director





MOTHER'S DAY CARNATIONS

Mother's Day is quickly approaching, May 12, 2013 to be exact. The American Mother's Day Holiday we know today, with its roots dating back to the 19th century, was officially proclaimed a Holiday in 1914. Since then, the second Sunday in May has been reserved as a day in which we take the time to honor and remember our mothers and the sacrifices they have made for their children.

At Gethsemane Cemetery, we would like to show our respect for those mothers who have passed on, as well as to those who continue to visit their deceased mothers on this special day. From 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Mother's Day, Sunday May 12, 2013, the staff of Gethsemane Cemetery will be handing out free carnations to

all of our visitors. These carnations, which may be left at the grave or crypt of your mothers or grandmothers, symbolize the gratitude and appreciation we have for all they have done.

Feel free to stop by, just look for the tent in front of the main office.



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WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. GEORGE WINNE

It has been a while since our last newsletter, and although the change took place in July of last year we would still like to take this opportunity to publicly welcome our new



Congratulations Fr. Winne!

Pastor and Rector of Gethsemane Cemetery, Fr. George Winne.

Fr. Winne has been made Pastor of St. Paul Parish and will also remain Pastor of St. Joseph Parish.

Not only do we invite you to welcome Fr. Winne, but also to congratulate him. Fr. Winne will be celebrating his 30th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood this month.

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WHAT IS A VET?

At our annual Memorial Day Mass we read "What is a Vet", written by Father Denis Edward O'Brien/USMC, and since it has resonated

with so many of those that have heard it, I have included a link to the document on our website. It is truly a powerful piece thanking those that have given so much.

Please take a look. www.gethcem.com

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This mailing is distributed as part of a general mailing. If you have already made arrangements with our cemetery, thank you for your trust and confidence. If this reaches you at a time of recent loss, we sincerely apologize.