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Naval District Washington Commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the Return of the World War I Unknown Soldier to U.S. Soil at Washington Navy Yard

WHO & WHAT: Naval District Washington will conduct a historical plaque dedication ceremony at the Washington Navy Yard to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the return of the World War I Unknown Soldier to U.S. soil.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Robert Hogue, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Michael Gilday, and Director of Army Staff Lt. Gen. Walter Piatt are the ceremony's guest speakers.

WHEN: Tuesday, November 9 at 3 p.m.

WHERE: Willard Park, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.

REGISTRATION:

Media interested in covering this ceremony must R.S.V.P. by 2 p.m., Thursday, November 4. To R.S.V.P. send an email to chatney.auger@navy.mil with the following information:

- Full Name (first, middle initial, and last)
- Media Organization and Assignment (e.g. camera, still photographer)
- Contact Phone Number
- Email Address
- Vehicle Info (year, make, model, color, and tags)

EDITOR'S NOTES:

- The Naval District Washington Public Affairs Office will contact media outlets with instructions getting on base no later than 10 a.m., Monday, November 8.
- This ceremony is by invitation only. Defense Media Activity will be broadcasting the event at the following URL (please note this will not be available until the date of the event at 2:45 p.m.):
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- On November 9, 1921, the Unknown Soldier of World War I was returned to the United States when USS Olympia (C-6) arrived at the Washington Navy Yard, Washington D.C. The famed cruiser departed Le Havre, France, in a grand ceremony, and encountered rough seas during the journey. Brought to the U.S. Capitol Rotunda in Washington, D.C., the Unknown Soldier lay in state for two days before interment at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia.
- Media will be permitted to conduct interviews or stand-ups at the plaque site following the ceremony.

For additional details, media may contact the Naval District Washington Public Affairs Office at chatney.auger@navy.mil.