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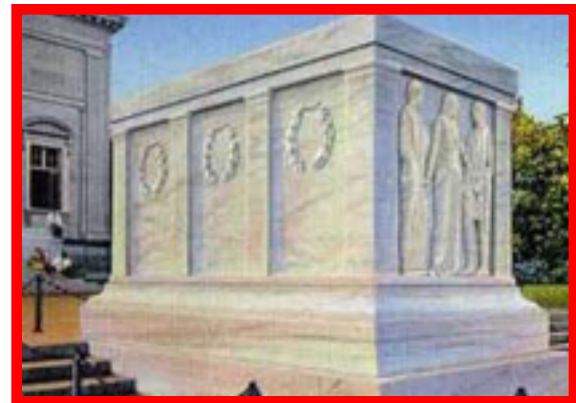
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**On This Veterans' Day, We Invite You, Pictorially, To Visit With Us The Tomb Of The Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C.**



**On "Jeopardy" recently, the final question was "How many steps does the guard**

**take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns -- All three contestants missed it!**

QUESTION: How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and WHY?

ANSWER: He takes 21 steps, It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

QUESTION: How long does he hesitate after his about-face to begin his return walk and WHY?

ANSWER: He hesitates for 21 seconds, for the same reason as answer #1.

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**QUESTION:** Why are his gloves wet?

**ANSWER:** His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

**QUESTION:** Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time, and IF NOT, WHY NOT?

**ANSWER:** He carries the rifle on the shoulder AWAY from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about-face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.



**QUESTION:** How often are the guards changed?

**ANSWER:** Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

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**QUESTION:** How does one qualify to become a guard?

**ANSWER:** For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall, and his waist size cannot exceed 30." Other requirements of the Guard are equally stringent: Guards must commit two years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb. They cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives, and they cannot disgrace the uniform (such as by fighting) or the tomb in any way. After two years, guards are given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel, signifying that they had served as guard of the tomb. **THERE ARE ONLY 400 PRESENTLY WORN!** Guards must obey these



rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin!

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud "click" as they come to a halt. There are not wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror.

The first six months of duty, guards cannot talk to anyone nor watch TV. All off-duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. Guards must memorize who these 175 notables are and where they are interred. (Among the notables are President Taft, Joe E Lewis [the boxer], and Medal of Honor winner Audie Murphy [the most decorated soldier of WWII] of Hollywood fame. Every guards spends 5 hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.



**“ETERNAL REST GRANT THEM O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM”**

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## May God Bless the Unknowns Burried Here and Keep Them!

*EDITOR'S NOTE:* In 2003, as hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, D. C., our United States Senate and the House of Representatives took two days off in anticipation of the storm and its effects.

On the ABC evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment.

The guards respectfully declined the offer: "No way, Sir!"

Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment; rather, it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a service person.

The tomb has been patrolled continuously 24/7 since 1930!

## God Bless The United States of America

# Inter-active Inter-net Hits OSMA Website!

Oh, yeah, you read this right! Every Ohio Moose member--male and female--may participate in this outstanding poll which asks participants to rate their home Lodges/Chapters!

Here's what you need to do:

- 1) Go on-line to [www.ohiomoose.com](http://www.ohiomoose.com)
- 2) Click on "Tell us about your Lodge home" and follow directions.
- 3) When finished, click on "Send Your Poll to Regional Manager Brown." And that's all you have to do!

**Be Active, Be Inter-Active!**

# Norwood Lodge 301 Pushes Tommy Moose Program in Sycamore Township



At left are Governor John Brown, Williamsburg Fire Chief Malott and Trustee Jeff Bicknell.

BELOW: Governor John Brown, Treasurer Ken Malloy, unknown firefighters surround 'Tommy Moose', Bobby Burke from Hamilton Lodge 36, and Norwood 301 Administrator Bob Wolf.



# Don't You Just Hate It When You Hear A Governor Or A District President Say "My Officers, My This . . . Or My That . . . ?"

**Such comments are reminiscent of officers who are out of control!**

At the Regional Managers Meeting at Branson last month, important issues came under discussion which are worthy of your attention.

- 1) **PROBLEM:** Lodges are not following procedure--Sometimes, **JUST** the Board of Officers is voting for dues increases!

**SOLUTION:** Boards of Officers must understand that . . .

- a. A Special Meeting notice must be sent to all active LOOM members, advising them of the meeting to vote on raising Lodge dues.
- b. Minutes of that Special Meeting must be taken, indicating the result of the vote at the Special Meeting, reflecting the new dues amount.
- c. The Administrator (or his secretary) must enter the new dues amount into the MMM's system immediately; Moose International cannot enter this information.
- d. The new dues amount cannot be effective until 90 days have elapsed.
- e. To receive new Lodge by-laws, the Administrator must have sent the Special Meeting notice and the minutes of that meeting to the General Governor.

- 2) **PROBLEM:** Proper way to handle a prospective member

**SOLUTION:** A prospective member is any guest that a member can sponsor for membership--family included. WOTM members bringing in their daughters, aunts, female cousins (if over 21) can only come in TWICE, and the same is true for LOOM members bringing in their sons, uncles, and cousins! -- TWO TIMES ONLY! Guests are first considered prospective members and secondly family members.

## These Have Been The Cold, Hard Facts -- In Black-and-White! Read 'em and learn!