

**The America People's National Salute consists  
of three parts:**

**OPENING:** 21 Count Honors (five second interval between counts) -- by all available means -- gun salute (land and sea), church bells, rifle salute, police and fire dept. sirens, etc. This calling to "Attention" of the freedom loving people of the World for purposes of rendering the highest honors to those American's who have paid the ultimate price for freedom. All military installations on land, at sea and in the air will use what every means they have to celebrate and honor those who have given their life for this country. Likewise, other organizations are invited to pay respects to the honored dead. Religious organizations, patriotic organizations, scouting organizations, schools, communities, libraries, industrial and business entity of all sizes, unions, communications media, social media, transportation services and individuals across the land are invited to participate in these highest honors. The idea is for the American people to pause, show their gratitude and render their highest honors to the people's unsung valor.

**RECOGNITION:** Great Silence – for two minutes, the first minute for those who have already sacrificed and the second minute for those who will sacrifice in the future with their lives for the American way of life. This two-minute silence ceremony is a reenactment of the respect shown by our nation during the establishment of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, 11<sup>th</sup> day, 11<sup>th</sup> month, 1921. It is a universal feeling for those who gave their all and for whom we can never fully repay. It is a grateful nation pausing to honor our Nation's promise to never ever forget or to forsake America's glorious and immortal dead and missing. It is a centennial commemoration due those who "gave their tomorrow for our today."

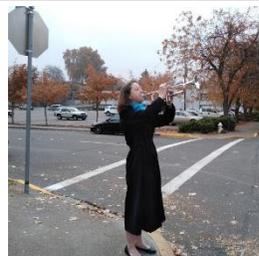
**ENDING:** Taps – The sounding of Taps across the nation and around the free world for one minute. This easily recognized emotive and powerful twenty-four notes bugle call is the international melody for "lights out" -- final resting for deceased soldiers. This synchronized playing of Taps around the free world by individuals and organizations is a solemn calling for the defense of free peoples worldwide.

**What you can do if you don't have bells or the ability to play Taps:** Gathering with veterans in your community to pause, reflect, and honor. Talk about the importance of the Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem, and how this binds all Americans together regardless of race or economical background. Pause and listen to the bells ringing throughout your community.

You can help by reaching out into your community. ***We keep track of every organization that has been approached, and every organization that is willing to participate.***

Please provide the Centennial Committee with the name of the organization, address, and the point of contact including email address and a phone number of any organization you reach out to.

You can send this information to: [publicaffairs@tombguard.org](mailto:publicaffairs@tombguard.org) Attn: National Salute



*"Soldiers never die until they are forgotten, Tomb Guards never forget."*