

## **Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, 1957-present**

The Chief of Staff approved the concept of a special badge for guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on November 13, 1956, with a note that a badge design would be subsequently developed. The Institute of Heraldry created various concepts and the final design was approved in February 1957. On September 9, 1957, the Army Adjutant General sent a letter to the commanding general of the Military District of Washington allowing him to award the badge as a permanent part of the uniform. After challenges by field commanders regarding this authority, AR 672-5-1, December 1963, provided authority for permanent award retroactive to February 1, 1958. The badge is worn on the right pocket. Soldiers wore a subdued embroidered version on utility uniforms.

