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November 11, 2018, Bells of Peace toll in honor of the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice ending World War I.

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Hayesville, N.C. - Bells will toll in unison across North Carolina and throughout the world at 11 am November 11, 2018, to commemorate the centennial of Armistice Day. CCCRA was asked to assist the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources in spreading the news and inviting every citizen and organization of Clay County to participate in this commemoration.

When the Armistice ending World War I was signed on November 11, 1918 at 11 am bells rang in celebration around the world. To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources has encouraged local history groups and community organizations to ring bells 21 times at 11 am on that Sunday.

Many communities across the state are planning special exhibits, parades, or other programs to enhance awareness of World War I, veterans' service, and the sacrifices that war entails. To date, a variety of organizations, including courthouses, museums, universities, and churches, have pledged to ring bells in more than three-quarters of the state's 100 counties.

Please join in and add your bells to the chorus of area churches and other organizations across Clay County as they ring in honor of Veterans Day and the ideal of peace that the Armistice represented 100 years ago. Don't have any bells? You can render the salute by other available means such as hand-bells or download the "Bells of Peace: WWI Armistice" from your smartphone app store to use.

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources is working in partnership with the World War I Centennial Commission and the local chapter of Veterans for Peace to promote bell ringing on November 11. Additional partners include the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Visit these websites to learn more about the Armistice commemoration:

US World War I Centennial Commission: www.worldwar1centennial.org

NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources: www.ncdcr.gov/education/topics/world-war-i