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## Bells For Veterans Will Toll November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am

### At Hunterdon's Historic Courthouse In Flemington

#### County Honors Veterans With Bell Tolling And Virtual Veteran's Ceremony

The historic Hunterdon County tradition of honoring the service of all Veteran's will continue November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am when Hunterdon County's Historic Courthouse bell will toll twenty-one times, followed by the virtual Veteran's Recognition Medal Ceremony at 2 pm, Hunterdon County Commissioner Zachary T. Rich has announced.

Rich, the Board's Veteran's Liaison, said, "Several years ago the then Freeholder Board joined in the commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of World War I by tolling the historic courthouse bell on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. That tradition will continue this November 11<sup>th</sup> and not only are the bells being tolled at 11am, but at 2pm, the county is holding its annual Veteran's Recognition Medal Ceremony to honor those Veterans in Hunterdon who sacrificed and served the nation."

Rich continued, "The initial commemoration, called Armistice Day, recognized that World War I ended at exactly the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. At the request of many Veterans organizations, it was determined by Congress that all Veterans should be honored on that date, and so Armistice Day became Veterans Day in 1954.

It is a great honor for the Board of Commissioners to recognize our Veterans and to say thank you for helping to keep America strong."

"We thank all those brave men and women who have served, and continue to serve, and the county will continue to toll the bells twenty-one times in recognition of the highest honor accorded to those in the military whose lives were lost while in the service of their nation, the twenty-one-gun salute.

When you hear the bells at 11 am, we invite you to take a moment and reflect on those Veterans in your family and in your community, and thank them silently for their service," Rich said.

Rich added, "We also hope that you will tune in at 2pm for the Recognition Medal Ceremony where the county's own Veterans will be honored virtually."

To view the livestreamed virtual Veteran's Recognition Medal Ceremony, [click here](#).