

Hunterdon County Historic Courthouse Bell Will Toll Annually On Veterans' Day

Hunterdon County Freeholder John W. King has announced that the Freeholder Board has authorized the tolling of the bell at the Historic Courthouse in Flemington each year on Veterans' Day, November 11th, to honor all who have served in the nation's military.

Freeholder King said, "It is proper and fitting that we provide extra recognition of our Veterans on Veterans' Day, through the symbolic act of tolling the courthouse bell 21 times, in recognition of the nation's highest honor to those lost in war, the 21 gun salute."

This past November 11th Hunterdon County joined in the national commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, called the Bells of Peace. The Courthouse bell was tolled at 11 am that day to recognize all who served in the war to end all wars.

November 11th was formerly known as Armistice Day, recognizing the end of World War I at the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month. The U.S. Congress established November 11th as a day to honor all Veterans in 1954.

Freeholder King added, "It occurred to me after the County's participation in the Bells of Peace, that the tolling of the bell is a gesture of recognition and respect that could be extended to our Veterans every year. I am most appreciative of the support of my fellow Freeholders in establishing this new tradition of patriotism in Hunterdon County."