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Bells to ring out to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War

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On November 11, 2018, 100 years will have passed since the signing of the armistice that officially ended the First World War. To commemorate this event, I am pleased to announce that Dr. Andrea McCrady, Dominion Carillonneur, will participate in the [Bells of Peace](#), an initiative organized by the Royal Canadian Legion and in partnership with the Government of Canada, in honour of our veterans who served during this war.

At sunset (4:37 p.m.) on November 11, bells will ring out on Parliament Hill and at local sunset times across the country, in city halls and places of worship, on military bases and ships, and at ceremonies to honour Canadian veterans and commemorate the end of the First World War. Dr. McCrady will play “The Last Post” on the [Peace Tower Carillon](#), which will be followed by the striking of the largest bell 100 times, at five-second intervals.

Quick facts

- The striking of the largest bell (known as the bourdon) echoes the moment in 1918 when bells across Europe tolled as four years of war came to an end.
- More than 650,000 Canadians served in the war, 66,000 of whom lost their lives.
- The First World War Book of Remembrance was installed 76 years ago in the [Memorial Chamber](#). The Turning of the Page Ceremony has been observed every day since 1942.

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