

## **Torrington's Observance of Veterans' Day**

The Torrington Veterans Memorial Committee, and its member groups, invites the public, current military personnel, and especially All Veterans, to join them in their Veterans' Day Observance ceremony on Sunday November 11, 2018. The ceremony will be held, rain or shine, at Torrington's Coe Park and will begin approximately 10:30 AM. In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held inside the Coe Park Civic Center.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the declaration of the Armistice on November 11, 1918 and to memorialize this historic event, The City of Torrington and the Torrington Veterans Memorial Committee have partnered to promote participation in the "Bells of Peace". We are calling upon our faith community, residents and institutions to join us in the tolling of bells in remembrance of the armistice. Our goal is to join communities across the nation when at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, bells will toll 21 times.

The public is invited and encouraged to participate by downloading an app created by Bells of Peace for smart phone owners. Just have the app open before 11 a.m. on November 11<sup>th</sup> and the Bells of Peace will toll from every device. Please make every effort in joining us to show our gratitude and respect to all Veterans, past and present.

Mayor Carbone stated: "It can be incredibly powerful when an entire community takes a few minutes from their daily routine to honor the men and women who served in this "war to end all wars". While the veterans of this era are no longer with us, this is our opportunity to remind their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren that their service and sacrifice will never be forgotten."

If anyone has an American flag that is torn, faded, or otherwise damaged they may bring them and a member of a Veterans organization will take the flag and see that it is properly retired.

Also, if any organization would like to participate in the program by placing a wreath to honor our Veterans, please contact the Veteran Service Office at 860 489-2531 by 3:00 PM, Wednesday November 7.