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The Royal Canadian Legion,
Command and Branch Presidents

Dear Comrades,

I am writing to describe a meaningful project that will be part of this year's Remembrance period. I am asking for your assistance and partnership with this initiative.

In honour of Armistice 100 – it has been one hundred years since the treaty that ended the First World War - we are planning "*Bells of Peace*" which entails the ringing of bells one hundred times at the setting of the sun on November 11, 2018.

Bells are a symbolically strong way to mark important occasions, and reminiscent of the ringing of bells to signify peace after war. To that end, the Legion in partnership with Veterans Affairs Canada, would like to create a unified and memorable act across the country. We are asking Commands and Branches to take the lead in your communities in coordinating the ringing of all community, military and church bells on November 11 this year at the setting of the sun in your time zone.

There will be more detailed instructions forthcoming in September however this initiative will also involve descendants of World War I veterans, and engage our youth – with schoolchildren identifying the graves of World War I veterans and placing a small Canadian flag upon them.

Dominion Command and Veterans Affairs will take the lead by notifying churches, communities and the Canadian Armed Forces of this initiative. We will also provide promotional and other support as required and the use of Branch Poppy Funds will be authorized for certain activities. Please forward any questions to the Dominion Command at bellofpeace@legion.ca or phone toll free 1-888-556-6222

I look forward to having a collective Legion effort join in this momentous occasion across Canada – which will mark a historic and emotional time for our country and the world.

Sincerely,

Dave Flannigan
Dominion President