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SUBJ/100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR I (WWI) PLANNING ORDER//

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RMKS/1. The 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended hostilities in World War I is approaching 11 November 2018.

To mark this anniversary, the U.S. Navy will participate in partnership with the United States World War I Centennial Commission to toll bells at 11:00 a.m. (local time) on 11 November 2018 in remembrance of those who served in World War I. The tolling of bells is a traditional expression of honor and remembrance. The Bells of Peace is a National event to honor the 116,516 Americans who died and more than 200,000 who were wounded in the Great War.

2. Execute a bell-ringing ceremony to recognize the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI.

3. Commanders Intent

a. Purpose: Recognize the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI.

b. Method: Execute a global recognition of Armistice Day through a coordinated Navy-wide bell-ringing ceremony. On Sunday, 11 November 2018 at 11:00 a.m. local time, toll your bells 21 times with a five-second interval between each toll. Groups that do not have bells can render the salute by other available and appropriate means.

c. The theme of the ceremony is Bells of Peace: A National World War I Remembrance.

d. End state: Instill in our Sailors the significance of and a sense of pride in our Navys history and heritage. Celebrate our victory in WWI and honor our shipmates who stand and have stood the watch.

4. Tasks

a. Director, Navy Staff (DNS): Oversee planning and program development for the bell-ringing ceremony.

b. Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC):

(1) Plan and oversee the execution of the WWI Navy-wide bell ringing ceremony.

(2) Provide DNS with a program for the execution of the bell ringing ceremony NLT 26 October 2018.

(3) Develop a commemoration toolkit for use by all hands.

c. Post all documents and associated points of contact on the NHHC website, <https://www.history.navy.mil/browse-by-topic/commemorations-toolkits/wwi-100/bells-of-peace.html>, NLT 26 October 2018.

d. Chief of Information: Develop a WWI bell-ringing ceremony communication plan, including public affairs guidance, in coordination with NHHC and provide to ashore and afloat commands by 26 October 2018. This plan should include Navys strategic message and talking points for this event.

e. USFF, CPF, CNIC, CNRF, NETC, CNATRA, BUMED, ONR, NAVSPECWAR, and CNRC:

(1) Ensure Commanding Officers (CO) and Officers-in-Charge (OIC) plan for and execute the bell-ringing ceremony.

(2) Execute Chief of Information WWI bell-ringing ceremony communication plan and participate in planned community outreach activities as operationally feasible.

5. Coordinating Instructions. Additional coordinating instructions and tasking to be provided SEPCOR.

6. Admin

a. The following are directed to be available at the NHHC website (www.history.navy.mil): Plan of the Day historical notes for the week of the WWI bell-ringing ceremony, history stand-down lessons, and a template for WWI bell ringing, NLT 26 October 2018.

b. Regional Commanders, COs, and OICs will use NHHC and CHINFO products to inform and motivate your Sailors.

c. Commemoration Events. The following event is to be included as operational commitments permit: Bell-ringing ceremony.

d. Discretionary Commemoration Events. Render salute through other means available.

e. Public Affairs guidance.

(1) This is an active PA posture event.

(2) Public affairs guidance will be provided SEPCOR.

7. Command Relationships

a. NHHC is the supported command.

b. USFF/CPF, CNIC, CNRF, NETC, CNATRA, BUMED, ONR, NAVSPECWAR, CNRC, USMC, and CHINFO are supporting commands.

c. Supplemental WWI bell-ringing ceremony PLANORDS will be released to assist COs and OICs to implement a successful event.

8. NHHC Point of Contact is Alex Hays, (202) 433-2499 (DSN PREFIX: 288), Email: daniel.a.hays@navy.mil.

9. Released by ADM J. M. Richardson, Chief of Naval Operations.// TBD
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