



## **Bells of Peace: A World War I Remembrance**

*A National Tolling of the Bells to Honor Those Who Served in the Great War*



**WHEREAS**, a century ago 4.7 million American families sent their sons and daughters off to World War I; and

**WHEREAS**, the resources of our entire nation were brought to bear on the war effort; and

**WHEREAS**, 116,516 Americans gave their lives in the war, and more than 200,000 were wounded; and

**WHEREAS**, Penfield, New York sent 91 young men to World War I, six did not return home; three died of illness and three died of battle wounds—two of the three were brothers; and

**WHEREAS**, the tolling of bells is a traditional expression of honor and remembrance; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2018 the world will commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armistice that ended the fighting in World War I at 11:00 AM, November 11, 1918—the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the United States World War I Centennial Commission and the Town of Penfield, New York do hereby call upon all Americans across the nation to toll bells in remembrance of those who served in World War I at 11:00 AM on November 11, 2018.

***Dated: November 7, 2018***

**R. Anthony LaFountain, Supervisor**

Linda Kohl, Councilwoman • Paula Metzler, Councilwoman • Andy Moore, Councilman • Rob Quinn, Councilman