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Commemorate the end of the World War I Centennial with a Veterans Day Event at the USAHEC.

At 11:00am on November 11th, 1918, World War One (WWI), one of the most devastating and tragic conflicts the world has ever seen, came to a conclusion. Early on that November morning, senior military and political officials of both the Allied and German armies met in the Compiègne Forest of northern France to finalize and sign the armistice that would bring peace to war torn Europe. Since that time, countries across the world have chosen November 11th to honor those Soldiers who died in the “war to end all wars.” In the case of the United States, we have grown the purpose to honor all of those who serve in the Armed Forces, past and present, by renaming it Veterans Day.

In recognition of the 100th Anniversary of the end of WWI, the Canadian Consulate - New York Office, the U.S. Army War College (USAWC) and the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC) will recognize the service and sacrifice of the men and women who served with a living history program entitled “When the Guns Fell Silent: Remembrance and Veterans Day Event,” on November 9, 2018. The event will run from 2:30pm until 3:30pm and will be located at the World War I Allied and German trenches on the USAHEC’s Army Heritage Trail. Program highlights include reenactors who will be illustrating life in the trenches during WWI. Visitors are invited to come witness daily life of the American Doughboys, their allies the French and Canadians, and even their adversaries, the Germans. There will be a moment of Silence to Remember the Fallen around 3:20pm by the Carlisle Barracks Chaplain.

Following the end of World War I, November 11th became a national day of mourning and remembrance in many of the nations including the United States; however, in 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the holiday to Veterans Day “in order that a grateful nation might pay appropriate homage to the veterans of all its wars who have contributed so much to the preservation of this Nation.” A day of honor and remembrance, November 11th continues to be an important reminder of the sacrifices made by our Veterans.

As always, the USAHEC exhibits, including the Soldier Experience Gallery and our World War I exhibit, “‘Good-Bye Broadway, Hello France’ – America in the Era of World War One,” both located in the Visitor and Education Center, are open from 10:00am – 5:00pm. For directions to the USAHEC, general information, or question about the event, please visit: www.USAHEC.org or call: 717-245-3972.