

An Observance of the
Centennial of the
World War I Armistice



presented by

*The Association of the Oldest
Inhabitants of D.C. &
The District of Columbia
National Guard*



Sunday, November 11, 2018, 10:30 a.m.



Sequence of Events

Invocation

Army Chaplain, Lt. Col. Bobby R. Patton

Presentation of the Colors and the National Anthem

Opening Remarks

*William N. Brown, President, AOI of D.C.
Maj. Gen. William J. Walker, Commanding
General, District of Columbia National Guard*

Tolling of the Bells of Peace

Remarks

*Eleanor Holmes Norton, D.C. Congressional Delegate
Phil Mendelson, Chairman, D.C. Council*

Musical Interlude

257th Army Band "The Band of the Nation's Capital"

Keynote Remarks

*Matthew Margis, Historian,
U.S. Army Center for Military History*

Reading of the Names

Capital Guardian Youth Challenge Academy Cadets

Benediction

Army Chaplain, Lt. Col. Bobby R. Patton

Playing of United States Service Songs

Placement of Wreaths and Tributes

The D. C. War Memorial

The District of Columbia War Memorial was built in 1931 to honor the more than 26,000 residents of Washington, D.C., who served in World War I.

The memorial stands in West Potomac Park in a grove of trees between the Reflecting Pool and Independence Avenue. It is the only local monument in the immediate vicinity of the National Mall.

A circular, open-air, Doric structure, it was designed with the purpose of being both a memorial and a bandstand, from which each concert would be a tribute to those who served in the war.

With an overall height of 47 feet and a diameter of 44 feet. It is built almost entirely of Vermont marble from a Danby, Vt. quarry.

Twelve fluted columns support the domed roof. Each column is 22 feet in height and three feet 10 inches in diameter.

The memorial stands on a 4-foot-high circular marble platform around which are inscribed the names of the 499 Washington residents who died in service during World War I.

The names were inscribed on the face of the platform in alphabetical order with no distinction by rank, race, or gender; seven of the 499 names are those of women.

The Organizers

The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants of D.C.

The city's oldest civic organization, established in 1865 as a forum for oral histories and fellowship, today's AOI has become a staunch advocate for the preservation, promotion and maintenance of the L'Enfant, McMillan and Capital Framework Plans for the District. Through its eight monthly luncheons, New Year's Day brunch and other events, the organization strives to promote and tell the stories, many lesser-known, of the District, its governance and its citizens.

The District of Columbia National Guard, "The Capital Guardians"

For over 200 years, the District of Columbia National Guard has held the vital responsibility of protecting the nation's Capital. Through times of peace and times of war, the D.C. National Guard has honored its commitments to the nation and the District of Columbia. The D.C. National Guard has been there from the fields of France and the beaches of Normandy, to the skies above D.C. on 9/11, and still here today, ready and vigilant. D.C. National Guard Soldiers and Airmen resides within the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia, and are proud to be from the communities in which we protect and serve.

The D.C. National Guard was formed in 1802 by President Thomas Jefferson to defend the newly created District of Columbia. The D.C. National Guard is the only National Guard unit, out of all of the 54 states and territories, which reports to the President.

The D.C. National Guard has a long history of dedicated service to the nation and local communities. In addition to providing forces to the Army and Air Force, the D.C. National Guard has many community programs in support of the District, including response during local emergencies and special events and the Capital Guardian Youth Challenge Academy. The D.C. National Guard, "Protecting the Capital and Defending the Nation Since 1802."

The Readers of the Names

The DC National Guard's Capital Guardian Youth Challenge Academy

The Capital Guardian Youth Challenge Academy, located in Laurel, Md. is a life intervention, dropout reintegration, and GED preparatory program, run by the District of Columbia National Guard in partnership with the Office of the State Superintendent of Education for the District of Columbia.

The Academy is a 5 1/2 month long residential "military style" academy, structured to promote an academic environment where students will earn a District of Columbia High School Diploma, develop leadership, job skills, and academic skills, while improving self-esteem, pride, and confidence, "Embrace the Challenge!"

