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****Media Advisory****

Portsmouth Residents Lost in World War I Remembered Nov. 17 at Plains Field

This Veterans Day (previously Armistice Day), Nov.11, 2018 marked the 100th anniversary of the cession of hostilities that ended World War I, often referred to as the Great War. The contributions made by the American military significantly affected the outcome of that war. However, an estimated 9 million combatants and 7 million civilians died as the direct result of the war, and it contributed to subsequent genocides and the 1918 influenza pandemic which caused between 50 and 100 million deaths.

More than 100,000 American soldiers lost their lives, 26 of them from Portsmouth. The 26 Portsmouth residents who gave their lives are remembered by markers with plaques that are a part of the Plains Field area.

For many years Air Force veteran Martin Cameron has been honoring their sacrifice by caring for the memorial area and holding regular remembrances at that location.

This Saturday, Nov. 17 from 11 to 11:30 AM a ceremony will be held to remember the sacrifice of these World War I soldiers. Mr. Cameron and State Representative Peter Somssich invite the Portsmouth community to join them on the Plains Field at the intersection of Rt. 33 and Islington St. Parking is available at the baseball field.