



# ***Borough of Chambersburg***

*A full service municipality in Franklin County  
celebrating over 65 years of consumer owned natural gas service  
over 120 years of community electric and a  
regional wastewater, water, and municipal solid waste utility*

For Immediate Release

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## **WORLD WAR I CENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM CEREMONY SCHEDULED**

On Friday, 9/1/17 at 4:00 p.m. at Chambers Fort Park a special tree planting and traveling flag folding ceremony will be conducted for the public. This ceremony is in honor of those citizens who served during World War I (1915-1919); wartime residents from Chambersburg and throughout Franklin County.

In honor of all World War I Veterans, this ceremony is a unique blending of environmental and patriotic events, first, with the planting of a 12 foot White Pine, followed by the folding of a 20x30 foot traveling American Flag, by the Navy Junior ROTC Cadets from Chambersburg Area Senior High School and other interested youth. The flag is making its way from town to town, travelling around the United States, with a stop here in the Borough of Chambersburg.

These events have been inspired by the national team of Saving Hallowed Ground, in partnership with the Borough of Chambersburg, the Burt J. Asper American Legion Post 46, the CASHS NJROTC Program, Snavely's Garden Corner and Hornbaker's Landscaping helping to support the World War I Centennial Foundation Pennsylvania Volunteers.

Of additional interest is restoration of the WWI Doughboy Statue, which has quietly stood vigilant at east point along U.S. Route 30, on the Lincoln Highway. Leading up to the 9/1/17 ceremony, the Doughboy Statue will undergo cleaning, repair and sealing, thanks to the work of Mr. Eugene Hough, Saving Hallowed Ground Field Agent, working with students and other citizens interested in learning preservation and restoration techniques.

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