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## Fort Sumter News Release

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### **Sullivan's Island Churches and the National Park Service to Commemorate the Armistice that Ended World War I**

SULLIVAN'S ISLAND, SC – On Sunday, November 11, 2018 activities will be held on Sullivan's Island to commemorate the centennial anniversary of the end of World War I. At the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, of the 11<sup>th</sup> day, of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of 1918, an armistice was signed in Compiegne, France to bring an end to World War I. The annual remembrance of this day was once called Armistice Day and is what we now know as Veteran's Day. In 2013, an act of Congress created The United States World War I Centennial Commission to ensure that appropriate commemorations would be held throughout the centennial.

Commemoration activities on Sullivan's Island will include:

- 9:00 am: Reenactors portraying "Doughboys" will be at Fort Moultrie to answer questions about life as a World War I soldier.
- 10:45 am: Stella Maris Roman Catholic Church will sponsor a ceremony in the memorial park across the street from the church. The monument in that park names and honors the two Sullivan's Islanders who died in "The Great War." The ceremony will include the laying of a wreath, a short historical program, prayers and the playing of taps.
- 11 am: the bells of Stella Maris and The Church of the Holy Cross Episcopal Church will toll as part of the Bells of Peace, an initiative of the World War I Centennial Commission.
- Following the ceremony, reenactors will be at Fort Moultrie to interpret "the war to end all wars."

All events are free and open to the public.

Fort Moultrie is located at 1214 Middle Street, Sullivan's Island, South Carolina. The site is administered by the National Park Service as a unit of Fort Sumter National Monument. Fort Moultrie represents the entire history of static seacoast defense in the United States, from the American Revolution to the end of World War II. The site is open daily from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and includes a visitor center with museum exhibits and orientation film.

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