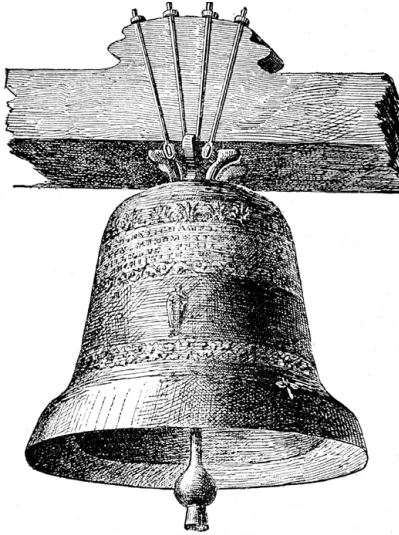


APRIL 9, 1865



150 years ago today, Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox, symbolically ending the Civil War. Remaining rebel armies surrendered soon after.

The war kept the nation whole, bolstered democracy, freed the slaves, expanded civil rights, and remade our national government, but it also took the lives of three-quarters of a million Americans, including President Abraham Lincoln.

To mark this historic day, Monmouth College will join the National Park Service's "Bells across the Land: An Nation Remembers Appomattox." At 3:15 p.m. on Thursday, Wallace Hall's carillon will toll for four minutes, one for each year of the war. Please pause to reflect on its meanings for our nation, then and now.



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