



# Memorial Tree Program Guide

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## Program History and Description

Saving Hallowed Ground's Memorial Tree Program, part of our efforts to commemorate the World War I Centennial, follows suit of a similar program that began in 1914 and continued in the years following the Great War. The original program planted Oak trees around the world in commemoration of the soldiers who died serving during World War I. The first memorial tree planting took place on August 29, 1914, when an English Oak (*Quercus robur*) was planted and dedicated at Cresswell Gardens in Adelaide, Australia. In the years that followed, hundreds of trees were planted around the globe to honor WWI soldiers, including in the United States.

Saving Hallowed Ground revived this program in honor of the World War I Centennial, planting trees to recognize the contributions of soldiers and civilians both at home and abroad during the WWI era. The first Saving Hallowed Ground National World War I Centennial Memorial Tree was dedicated on September 11, 2016 at Veterans Park in Wayne, Pennsylvania, USA. This tree is a Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*), and was dedicated to Wayne American Legion Post #668, named after Post members John Bateman and Edward Gallagher, both of whom died serving in World War I.

Program sponsors will receive a tree tag to be installed at the site of the tree dedication, which will permanently display the details of the commemoration. This information will also be detailed on the Memorial Tree Program map on Saving Hallowed Ground's website.



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## Participation Guide

Please follow these steps to participate in the Memorial Tree Program.

1. Sponsor a Memorial Tree in your community with a donation to Saving Hallowed Ground. A sponsorship donation of \$110.00 may be made using the secure link available on our website at [www.savinghallowedground.org](http://www.savinghallowedground.org). Donations may also be mailed to Saving Hallowed Ground, PO Box 876, Havertown, PA 19083.
2. Complete the Memorial Tree Program Data Collection Form available [here](#). The link to the form can also be sent via e-mail by contacting [treeprogram@savinghallowedground.org](mailto:treeprogram@savinghallowedground.org) for more information. The data we collect includes the sponsoring organization, date of the event, individual or group receiving commemoration, and GPS coordinates for the tree. We use this information for our map and print some of it on the tree tag.
3. Submit the form above for our review. We suggest submitting your form at least 45 days in advance of your tree planting event.
4. Complete and return the attached media release form that will allow Saving Hallowed Ground to attend your event, take photos and video, and share them on our website.



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## Frequently Asked Questions

What does Saving Hallowed Ground provide?

Saving Hallowed Ground provides the commemorative tree tag that will be permanently displayed with your tree, as well as the inclusion of your tree in our database and on our map of WWI Memorial Trees.

Does Saving Hallowed Ground provide me with a tree?

No, it is up to the individual participants to acquire a tree for planting. To date, most of the trees planted in the program have been Oak trees, but we suggest speaking with a local nursery or arborist. Often times, such companies are willing to donate a tree for inclusion in the program.

Has Saving Hallowed Ground received my donation and information?

If you make your donation electronically, you will receive immediate notification that it has been received. Then, once we have received your information, we will send you a confirmation to let you know the tree tag is being processed. We will continue to update you throughout the process.



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Sample Tree Tag

Saving Hallowed Ground,  
Borough of Chambersburg &  
Burt J Asper American Legion Post 46  
National World War I Centennial  
Memorial Tree Project

## MEMORIAL TREE #14

White Oak  
*Quercus alba*

GPS Coordinates: Lat. 39.9384629 Long. -77.6625091

Dedicated on 09/01/2017

In memory of  
World War I Veterans of  
Franklin County, PA



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# Saving Hallowed Ground

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