ARMISTICE DAY, NOVEMBER 11

ORIGINALLY DECLARED

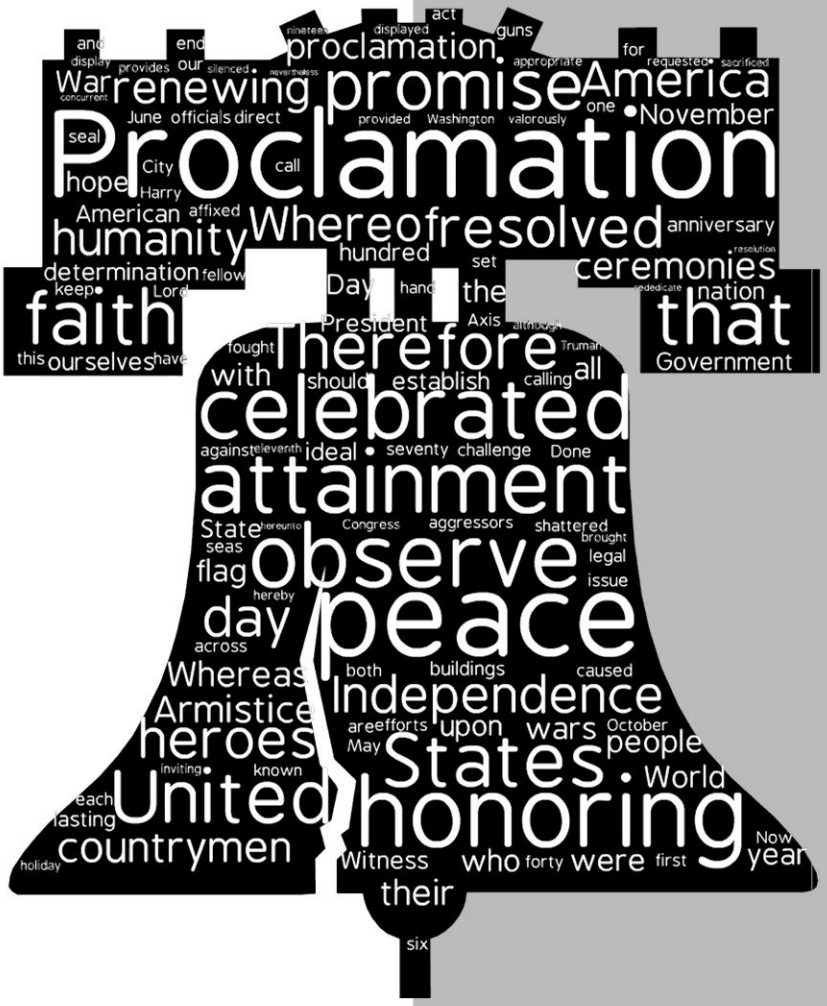
On November 11, 1918, after more than 29 million soldiers had been killed or wounded during the first Great War, an armistice was signed between Germany and the Allies. People took to the streets in celebration, churches rang bells, buglers played taps, and confetti fell from the windows as cities rejoiced this day of peace following the “war to end all wars.”

In 1938, Congress declared Armistice Day a national holiday "to be dedicated to the cause of world peace." It was a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I and to remind Americans of the tragedies of war. In 1954, after World War II resulted in the greatest mobilization of US troops in history, Congress amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting the word "Veterans." After World War II came Korea and Vietnam. Today there are many Americans who, if you mention Armistice Day, will say, "What's that?"

As we enter the twelfth year of the longest war in US history, Veterans For Peace is dedicated to honoring the original purpose of this holiday. This year, VFP is partnering with Move to Amend (MTA) to expand Armistice Day observances. MTA works to end corporate personhood and "money is speech" in elections through constitutional amendment, which is instrumental if we are to "abolish war as an instrument of national policy." Together, we can build a culture of peace.

Will you join us in ringing eleven bells for peace in remembrance of this historic holiday?

eleven bells for peace



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