



RECLAIM ARMISTICE DAY

JOIN VETERANS FOR PEACE IN CELEBRATING ARMISTICE DAY ON NOVEMBER 11TH

Over one hundred years ago, in 1918, the world celebrated peace as a universal principal. The first World War had just ended and nations mourning their dead collectively called for an end to all wars. Armistice Day was born and was designated as “a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated.”

After World War II, the U.S. Congress decided to rebrand November 11 as Veterans Day. Honoring the warrior quickly morphed into honoring the military and glorifying war. Armistice Day was flipped from a day for peace into a day for displays of militarism.

Veterans For Peace has taken the lead in lifting up the original intention of November 11th – as a day for peace. As veterans we know that a day that celebrates peace, not war, is the best way to honor the sacrifices of veterans. We want generations after us to never know the destruction war has wrought on people and the earth.

Veterans For Peace is calling on everyone to stand up for peace this Armistice Day. More than ever, the world faces a critical moment. Tensions are heightened around the world and the U.S. is engaged militarily in multiple countries, without an end in sight. Here at home we have seen the increasing militarization of our police forces and brutal crackdowns on dissent and people’s uprisings against state power. We must press our government to end reckless military interventions that endanger the entire world. We must build a culture of peace.

This Armistice Day, Veterans For Peace calls on the U.S. public to say no to more war and to demand justice and peace, at home and abroad. We know Peace is Possible and call for an end to all oppressive and violent policies, and for equality for all people.

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11 ACTION IDEAS FOR NOVEMBER 11TH

1. Ring Bells for Peace. Reach out to local churches, community centers, and schools to ring their bells at 11am.

2. Distribute Armistice Day Materials. Get out in the community and spread the word! Request a bundle of materials from the VFP office.

3. Host an Interfaith (or Community) Potluck. Reach out to mosques, churches, synagogues, and community centers. Bring together a diverse community. Talk about Armistice Day and how we can build peace together. Serve a delicious meal!

4. Read Names of Fallen.

5. Host Silent Vigil. Stand in silence for 11 minutes at 11am at a highly trafficked area in your city. Ask others to join you. Make signs and bring Armistice Day flyers to hand out.

6. Read Poems & Stories. Host an event and ask speakers to share their favorite poem or story about peace.

7. Download the Press Kit. Write a letter to the editor about the importance of Armistice Day.

8. Host a Speaking Event or Roundtable Discussion.

9. Contact Local Representatives. Reach out to your mayor, city council member, or county supervisor to create city and county proclamations in support of Armistice Day.

10. Reach Out To Local Schools. Contact local schools about speaking opportunities.

11. Share on Social Media. Share photos from your actions and plans for future actions on social media with the hashtag #ReclaimArmisticeDay.

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