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## **VETERANS' DAY: MANY OF THEM NOW SEEK END TO WAR Keeping faith with the original intent of Armistice Day**

The original Armistice Day ended World War I on November 11, 1918, but not before nearly 30 million soldiers had been killed or wounded, and over seven million taken prisoner.

Congress responded to a universal hope that this would never happen again and passed a resolution calling for "...[exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding](#)...inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches...with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples." Congress later resolved November 11 was to be "...a day dedicated to the cause of world peace."

Of the many veterans' organizations in the U.S., one exists specifically to carry out the original purpose of Armistice Day, now celebrated as Veterans' Day. In word as well as action, [Veterans For Peace](#), a national organization with 120 chapters, is dedicated to the cause of peace.

"Our statement of purpose is clear and direct when it says we intend to 'abolish war as an instrument of national policy.' We want this generation of veterans to be the last," said VFP president Elliott Adams.

The former Army paratrooper and Viet Nam veteran added, "We not only speak out for peace, our organization works towards it every single day, as these examples show."

Adams pointed to:

- The "[Arlington West](#)" project sponsored by VFP Chapters 54 and 91 in California that has inspired similar memorials around the nation;
- VFP's [Truth in Recruiting](#) campaign carried out by Chapter 55 in Santa Fe and Chapter 31 in Philadelphia, among others;
- [Chapter 10](#) near Ft. Drum in upstate New York, taking out a full page "Open Letter to the Soldiers of Fort Drum" in the Watertown Daily Times on Veterans Day that ends with the question, "How much longer must we support a mistake (and) send more and more members of our military to their early graves...to justify the mistakes of the politicians in Washington?"

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Veterans For Peace was founded in 1985 and includes veterans of all eras and wars from the Spanish Civil War (1936-39), World War II, the Korean, Vietnam, Gulf and current Iraq wars as well as other conflicts cold or hot. It has participated in every major demonstration against the war in Iraq. Our collective experience tells us wars are easy to start and hard to stop and that those hurt are often the innocent. VFP is represented at the UN as an official Non-Governmental Organization (NGO).

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