

**ARMISTICE DAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022, 104 years after the end of major hostile engagements we recognize the peace brought about by the Armistice agreements between the parties.**

**Happy End of the War Day!!!!-----a day to celebrate the end of WWI----a day that should commemorate an end to all wars and to celebrate peace.**

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## **Peace & Justice Action League of Spokane (PJALS)'s Post**

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[Peace & Justice Action League of Spokane \(PJALS\)](#) was live.

Veterans For Peace Spokane commemorates Armistice Day 0:01 / 9:14

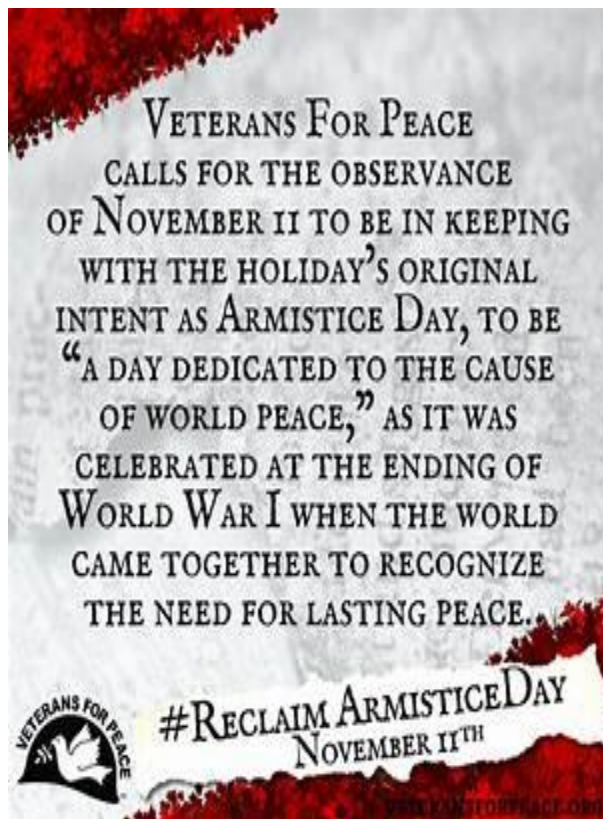




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VP George Taylor reminisces on his uncle who came back shell-shocked from war.



VFP Spokane President Rusty Nelson MCs our event

Robert Richard testifies . . .



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. . . and rings 11 bells at 11 Am on 11/11/2022

VFP Member Tom Charles testifies

Members, Friends, and Affinity Groups coalesced for our Remembrance of the Peace on Armistice Day.

Members testified as to the value of the Armistice in human history: President Rusty Nelson and VP George Taylor made statements as to the necessity of making peace between nations and the effects of war upon our relatives, friends, and community. Tom Charles and Robert Richard testified with their experience in military deployment and the urgency of creating peaceful interactions between nations.

Associate members also spoke; Bart Haggin recalled his visit to the Hiroshima Memorial in Japan in detail, David Brookbank remembered growing up on military bases near runways and the threat that Fairchild Air Force Base brings to Spokane, and John Alder reflected upon the resources wasted on military adventurism.

Thanks to our affinity organizations for attending: Peace & Justice Action League of Spokane, Dorothy Day Labor Forum, PAX Christi of Spokane, League of Women Voters, Socialist Alternative, Washington Against Nuclear Weapons, and other coalitions.



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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 has been celebrating Armistice Day almost since the organization's inception, with a few chapters doing yearly events. Since 2008, with the passing of an official [Veterans For Peace resolution](#), it became a VFP national effort. Each year, chapters across the country "Reclaim Armistice Day" by pushing the celebration of peace into the national conversation on Veterans Day.

This year, Armistice Day coincides with world leaders convening in Egypt for the 27th UN Climate Change Conference ([COP27](#)). Not only is the US military the largest single institutional emitter of greenhouse gasses, the US military has long been deployed in wars for oil, natural gas, and other resources. The US military is a key player in the climate crisis and the US cannot meaningfully address the ongoing climate crisis without ending its ongoing addiction to war and militarism.

That's why, as US negotiators head to COP27 to make speeches about the importance of addressing the climate crisis, VFP and allies are taking action to call on the US Government to live up to its rhetoric by disclosing the carbon impacts of military operations and taking meaningful action to address the climate crisis.

This year, Veterans for Peace is reclaiming Armistice Day as a day to stand up for peace, strive to truly end war, and address the climate crisis with bold direct action.

