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ARMISTICE DAY (Nov. 11, 1918) WALK FOR PEACE, EUREKA SPRINGS
Join OMNI members in Eureka Springs, Saturday, Nov. 10, 9a.m., carrying our Veterans for Peace Banner, representing all veterans who reject US empire and choose nonviolence and diplomacy over armed force. Dick 442-4600.

Remember your first walk for peace? Soldiers march, peacemakers walk (but with no less commitment to action). From every action for peace we emerge, our nation peaceful emerges. From every victim awareness grows, from every war crime consciousness, future children not rifles, not drones. We will then tolerate the deaths no longer, having found our conscience and courage.

Had we not attempted to overthrow more than 40 foreign governments since 1945, would the US be less secure today?
Had we not attempted to crush more than 30 populist-nationalist movements struggling against intolerable regimes since 1945, would we be less secure?
Had we not caused the deaths of several million people and condemned many millions more to homelessness and hunger, would we be insecure today?

Had our puppets not killed, wounded, imprisoned, and tortured thousands during the overthrow of the elected president of Guatemala in 1954 for the United Fruit Company and out of paranoid anti-communism, would we be in danger today? And so terribly on, as

So let us walk, ring bells, and sign the People’s Charter for **Armistice Day 2012**.

### Ring Bells on Armistice Day!

*The eleventh minute of the eleventh hour of Armistice Day, the eleventh day of the eleventh month.*

October 9, 2012

On November 11, 1918 the guns of the "War to end wars" finally fell silent after more than 29,000,000 soldiers had been killed or wounded. Bells rang out across the world to celebrate the silence, and in 1938, Congress declared **Armistice Day, November 11**, a national holiday, "to be dedicated to the cause of world peace."

Congress changed the holiday to "Veterans Day" in 1954, to include World War II. **In 2008, the Veterans For Peace (VFP) convention voted to return to the original name of the holiday, "Armistice Day."**

VFP Chapter 27 in Minneapolis for many years has asked churches to ring their bells 11 times at 11a.m., on November 11, as it was done at the end of World War I.

**This year Veterans for Peace is partnering with Move to Amend** to expand Armistice Day observances. Move to Amend works to end corporate personhood and "money is speech" in elections through constitutional amendment. These goals are key if we are to "abolish war as an instrument of national policy."

We say **YA BASTA! Enough already!**

To **organize a vigil or bell ringing ceremony to reclaim Armistice Day** as a day "dedicated to the cause of world peace," contact Larry Johnson, member of VFP Chapter 27 and a supporter of Move to Amend at larryjvfp@gmail.com or 612-747-3904.

**Use the flyer below to announce your local action.**

Ever Onward!

David Cobb (Move to Amend & Mike Ferner (Veterans For Peace)

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**Groups:**

U.S. - National
Launch of ‘The People’s Charter to Create a Nonviolent World’

May 25, 2011 by robertjburrowes  http://thepeoplesnonviolencecharter.wordpress.com/

The People’s Charter to Create a Nonviolent World was launched simultaneously on 11 November 2011 at several locations around the world.

The aim of this Charter is to create a worldwide movement to end violence in all its forms. The People’s Charter will give voice to the millions of ordinary people around the world who want an end to war, oppression, environmental destruction and violence of all kinds. We hope that this Charter will support and unite the courageous nonviolent struggles of ordinary people all over the world.

As you will see, The People’s Charter describes very thoroughly the major forms of violence in the world. It also presents a strategy to end this violence.

We can each play a part in stopping violence and in creating a peaceful and just world. Some of us will focus on reducing our consumption, some of us will parent our children in a way that fosters children’s safety and empowerment, some of us will use nonviolent resistance in the face of military violence. Everyone’s contribution is important and needed. We hope this Charter will be a springboard for us all to take steps to create a peaceful and just world, however small and humble these steps may be. By listening to the deep truth of ourselves, each other and the Earth, each one of us can find our own unique way to help create this nonviolent world.

Why did we choose 11 November as the date to launch The People’s Charter?

‘When I was a boy … all the people of all the nations which fought in the First World War were silent during the eleventh minute of the eleventh hour of Armistice Day, which was the eleventh day of the eleventh month. It was at that minute in nineteen-hundred and eighteen, that millions upon millions of human beings stopped butchering one another. I have talked to old men who were on battlefields at that minute. They have told me in one way or another that the sudden silence was the Voice of God. So we still have among us some men who can remember when God spoke clearly to mankind.’ (Kurt Vonnegut Jr., an atheist humanist, in his novel Breakfast of Champions.)

Organisation

So far, the organising groups in various locations have organised launch events in their localities around the world. Some groups are organising follow-up events so that other people have the chance to become involved in local, personal networks.

See ‘Future Events’ for information about the next public event nearest you.

Signing the Charter

The People’s Charter can be read and signed online: click on ‘Read Charter’ or ‘Sign Charter’ in the sidebar. http://thepeoplesnonviolencecharter.wordpress.com/about/

‘A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history.’ Mohandas K. Gandhi

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