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Two kinds of violence disrupt the harmony of our world: individual and structural. This newsletter is part of OMNI’s NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL DAYS PROJECT, by which we counter the structural conditioning for violence and wars in such celebrations as Columbus Day, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day. These national days of violence reinforce the national drive for hardness, punishment, wars, invasions and interventions—some fifty since WWII, amounting to permanent war, recounted by William Blum in Killing Hope and Rogue Nation and by Richard Rubenstein in his book Reasons to
Kill: Why Americans Choose War (2010). Rubenstein analyzes seven “key rationales for war” employed by successive US governments to gain public support for military action.

(The other half of the DAYS Project is the affirmation of nonviolent DAYS, such as United Nations DAY, Human Rights DAY, Conscientious Objectors’ DAY by which we strive for the goals of equity, health, protection of all species, and a world free of war and the threat of war.)

John Rodwan, Holidays & Other Disasters. Discusses various issues U.S. holidays raise.

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That Arkansas’ Jr. Senator is ignorant of US warring history—that no US war after WWII was fought in the defense of the USA—should not disturb us as much as his election and what it says about the voters. Let’s all ratchet up our activities teaching our youth to think critically about our real, instead of our narcotic, flag-waving, history.

LETTER FROM SENATOR TOM COTTON
May 24, 2015

Dear Dick,

Tomorrow is Memorial Day and I know many of you will enjoy your day off by spending time with family and friends. But as you celebrate the unofficial start of summer, I encourage you to take a moment and reflect on the real meaning of this holiday.

On Memorial Day, we remember those brave service members who gave what Lincoln called the last, full measure of devotion defending our country. John15:13 says, Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Every American who died in our uniform laid down their life for us, their fellow countrymen, so that we might live in freedom. So today and everyday let us all honor the memory of our valiant countrymen and celebrate our great country.

Between newsletters, don't forget to follow me on Twitter or like my Facebook page for daily updates! As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns, or simply want to express your opinion. I am always happy to hear from you.

Best regards,

Tom Cotton

Flags-In

As a soldier in the Army I served with The Old Guard at Arlington National Cemetery. For those of you who don't know, The Old Guard at Arlington National Cemetery is primarily responsible for military honors funerals. But each Memorial Day weekend they are also responsible for placing a flag at every grave. Called Flags-In, this event has become a storied tradition since it first occurred in 1948. I had the solemn honor of participating in Flags-In twice, in 2007 and 2008. I wanted to share this moving tradition with you and encourage you to take a moment and look at some photos of Flags-In. You can also watch a time-lapse video here.

VIETNAM FULL DISCLOSURE


Memorial Day Event: Letters In Support Of Vietnam Full Disclosure

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the landing of U.S. ground troops in Da Nang,
Vietnam. Many consider this to be the beginning of the American War in Vietnam. **To mark the fiftieth anniversary of the war the Pentagon is undertaking a ten-year, $65-million campaign to rewrite and whitewash the history of the war in Southeast Asia.**

In response, Veterans for Peace has announced the Vietnam War Full Disclosure project to offer a more truthful history of the war. As part of the project, Veterans for Peace is asking all who were affected, directly or indirectly, by the war to write letters addressed to “The Wall” (the Vietnam Veterans Memorial) describing their experiences and sharing their grief over its devastating consequences. The project welcomes letters from both soldiers and civilians.

Letters can be emailed, but snail mail letters in hand-addressed envelopes are encouraged. The letters will be gathered and placed at the Vietnam War Memorial on Memorial Day 2015. For more information, go to [www.vietnamfulldisclosure.org](http://www.vietnamfulldisclosure.org). To send a letter by email: vncom50@gmail.com. To send in a hand written envelope: Full Disclosure; Veterans for Peace; 409 Ferguson Rd.; Chapel Hill, NC 27516 by May 1, 2015.

**HERE ARE SOME LETTERS WE HAVE RECEIVED SO FAR**


**MEMORIAL DAY/DAY OF MOURNING THE VICTIMS 2015**

Google Search, May 7, 2015

Little of significance on page one, mainly dates of the Day; page two adds “chilling out in Las Vegas” and sport events, but also two entries on Workers Memorial Day.

**MEMORIALIZING THOSE WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY NONVIOLENTLY AND DIED VIOLENTLY WHILE DOING IT**

**Teachers Killed in School Shootings, Google Search, May 7, 2015**

[teachers killed in school shootings](http://www.kron4.com/article/news/local/teachers-killed-in-school-shootings/326860690)

1. List of school shootings in the United States - Wikipedia, the ...
February 6, 1864: Ashland County, Ohio, The school teacher of the Pyfer's SchoolHouse, George W. Longfelt shot and instantly killed student Alfred Desem, and ...

Bath School disaster - Enoch Brown school massacre - Red Lake massacre

2. A closer look: How many school shootings since Newtown ...


CNN

Jun 19, 2014 - CNN examined Everytown for Gun Safety's list of school shootings; Everytown says ..... Read: Students injured, teacher killed at middle school.

3. Timeline of Worldwide School Shootings - Infoplease

www.infoplease.com › ... › Crime & Law Enforcement › Crime Data

Dunblane, Scotland, 16 children and one teacher killed at Dunblane Primary School by Thomas Hamilton, who then killed himself. 10 others wounded in attack.

4. America's Many Fatal School Shootings Since Newtown ...

www.motherjones.com/.../fatal-school-shootings-data-since...

Mother Jones

Dec 9, 2014 - A teacher lay sprawled on the ground as Davis started to run for the school building. ... in Santa Monica and another near Seattle—in which four or more victims were killed. ... The school shootings occurred across 16 states.

5. Have there been 74 school shootings since Sandy Hook? A ...

www.politifact.com/.../have-there-been-74-school-shootin...

PolitiFact.com

Jun 13, 2014 - After an Oregon high school freshman armed with an assault rifle injured a teacher, killed a student and killed himself Tuesday, a striking ...

6. Twenty-eight killed in 44 US school shootings since Newtown

www.theguardian.com › US News › US gun control

The Guardian

Feb 12, 2014 - Thirteen school shootings recorded in first six weeks of 2014 alone as study ... Others have gone further and debated allowing teachers to carry ...

7. Two teachers killed this week: How safe are US schools? (+ ...
8. School shootings since Columbine High massacre - The Denver Post
   www.denverpost.com/school-shootings-since-columb...
   The Denver Post
   Dec 13, 2013 - Columbine High School, Jefferson County - Eric Harris, 18 and Dylan Klebold, 17, killed 12 students and one teacher and wounded 24 other ...

9. Sandy Hook: A chart of all 137 fatal school shootings since - Slate
   www.slate.com/sandy_hook_a_chart_of_all_196_fatal_school_sh...
   Slate
   Dec 19, 2012 - Since 1980, 297 People Have Been Killed in School Shootings .... Introducing Slate's New Education Podcast: Ask a Teacher! Watch and Smile ...

10. History of School Shootings in the United States | K12
    www.k12academics.com/school-shootings/history-school-shootings-unit...
    February 26, 1902 Camargo, Illinois teacher Fletcher R. Barnett shot and killed another teacher, Eva C. Wiseman, in front of her class at a school near Camargo, ...

Searches related to teachers killed in school shootings

children killed in school shootings
people killed in school shootings
number of people killed in school shootings
number of students killed in school shootings
how many students have been killed in school shootings
news school shootings
school shooting deaths by year
first high school shooting

teachers killed in the line of duty Google Search, May 7, 2015

1. Fallen teachers honored - Emporia Gazette: News
   www.emporiagazette.com/article_5d201a10-f322-56c0-...
   Emporia Gazette
   Jun 13, 2014 - Carol Strickland, Director of The National Teachers Hall of Fame, ... The
memorial honors 113 teachers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. ... When six educators and 20 school children were killed in a shooting at ...

2. Teachers Killed in the Line of Duty - The Educator's Room

theeducatorsroom.com/.../looking-back-terrible-week-teachers-killed-lin...

Oct 25, 2013 - Looking Back on a Terrible Week: Teachers Killed in the Line of Duty... who had survived two tours of duty in Afghanistan, was fatally shot by ...

3. National Teachers Hall of Fame in Emporia to include ...


The Wichita Eagle

Jun 8, 2013 - Four teachers, a principal and a school psychologist from Sandy Hook ... “People like to honor those people killed in the line of duty, and ...

4. How many teachers have to be slain before Americans take ...

www.theguardian.com › Opinion › US education

The Guardian

Oct 26, 2013 - Mr Michael Landsberry's is a story of heroism, as he lived a life of being "in the line of duty". While on recess duty, eyewitnesses reported gun ...

5. Teachers die in the Line of Duty - Examiner.com

www.examiner.com/article/teachers-die-the-line-of-duty

Oct 27, 2013 - Teachers across the world die in the “line of duty”. ... Police say a 53-year-old teacher was stabbed to death at a park in California in front of her ...

6. Trooper killed in the line of duty remembered by friends ...

www.wisn.com/...killed-in-the-line-of-duty...teachers/320155...

WISN-TV

Mar 25, 2015 - Friends and former teachers remember Trooper Trevor Casper.

7. Jackson Co. teachers remember US Marshal killed in line of ...

www.wlox.com/.../jackson-co-teachers-remember-us-marshall-killed...

WLOX
Josie Wells, the deputy US marshal who was killed in the line of duty this week in Baton Rouge, will be laid to rest Tuesday in Jackson County. The wake will be ...

8. "died in the line of duty" - WordReference Forums

forum.wordreference.com › ... › English Only

WordReference.com

Dec 17, 2009 - 12 posts - 8 authors

A police officer might be said to die in the line of duty if he is killed while .... A teacher killed in his classroom by a violent student would most ...

9. Trooper killed in the line of duty remembered by ... - YouTube

www.youtube.com/watch?v=7v3ncQ2vS1o

Mar 25, 2015 - Uploaded by WISN 12 News

Friends and former teachers remember Trooper Trevor Casper. Subscribe to WISN on YouTube for more: http ...

10. General Laws: CHAPTER 32, Section 100A - Massachusetts

https://malegislature.gov/.../Section100A

Massachusetts General Court

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter or any other general or special law to the contrary, there shall be paid a killed in the line of duty benefit,
FIREMEN KILLED IN LINE OF DUTY, Google Search, May 7, 2015

1. Firefighter fatalities in the United States
   apps.usfa.fema.gov › ... › Statistics
   United States Fire Administration
   Statistics and reports on U.S. firefighters who die while on duty and the ... assistance for families and coworkers of firefighters who were killed in the line of duty.

2. Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths-Firefighter Fatalities ...
   www.firehouse.com/latest-news/line-of-duty-deaths
   Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths - Complete coverage of firefighter line of duty deaths and on-duty deaths from around the U.S. and world. Firehouse.com includes ...

3. Firefighter Line of Duty Deaths (LODD) - FireEngineering
   www.fireengineering.com › ... › Health and Safety
   FireEngineering.com
   See the latest reports on firefighter deaths in the line of duty.

4. Firefighter fatalities in the United States - NFPA
   www.nfpa.org/.../firefighter-fatalities...
   Overall statistics on line-of-duty firefighter fatalities in 2013, including non-incident-related deaths. Includes patterns, trends, career vs. volunteer comparisons, ...

5. Line of duty death - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
   en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Line_of_duty_death
   A line of duty death (LODD) is a death in the fire service while on duty at an ... The leading cause of fatalities of firefighters is heart attack (44%), followed by ...
6. The Secret List - Firefighter Close Calls
www.firefighterclosecalls.com/secret.php

We regret to pass on to you the Line of Duty Deaths of the following two Firefighters:
Swainsboro, Georgia: Lt Ricky Thurman died in the Line of Duty this evening ...

7. Firefighter Close Calls
www.firefighterclosecalls.com/

The last line-of-duty-death for the DC Fire and EMS Department was Lt. McRae's cousin, ...
Lt. Kevin McRae is the 100th DC firefighter to die in the line-of-duty.

8. Fire News - FireRescue1.com
www.firerescue1.com/fire-news/

Here's the newest and most interesting firefighter gear and technology from the ... New alert system helps Bolivar firefighters stay safe ... Line-Of-Duty Deaths.

www.iaff.org/.../advancedSearch...

International Association of Fire Fighters
"Line of Duty Deaths 1918 - Present". Enter or select your search data in the fields below.
You can narrow your search by selecting additional fields. All fields are ...

10. 19 firefighters killed in Arizona blaze; 'Our entire crew was ...
www.cnn.com/2013/07/01/us/arizona-firefighter-deaths/

CNN
Jul 2, 2013 - "Today, our thoughts and prayers go out to the families and loved ones of the 19 firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty," she said in a ...
1. **USFA Firefighter Fatalities**

Search for USFA Firefighter Fatalities Look Up Quick Results Now!

Searches related to Firemen killed in line of duty

- police officers killed in the line of duty
- firefighters killed in the line of duty statistics
- firefighter line of duty deaths statistics
- niosh firefighter line of duty deaths
- firefighter line of duty deaths 2014
- firefighter line of duty deaths 2012
- firefighter line of duty death benefits
- firefighter line of duty death quotes

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**WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY, APRIL 28**

**Presidential Proclamation -- Workers Memorial Day, 2015 ...**


White House

Apr 27, 2015 - On Workers Memorial Day, we honor those we have lost and recommit to improving conditions for all who work hard to provide for their families ...

**Workers Memorial Day - AFL-CIO**

[www.aflcio.org › Issues › Job Safety](http://www.aflcio.org › Issues › Job Safety)

AFL–CIO

Every year on April 28, the unions of the AFL-CIO observe Workers Memorial Day to remember those who have ... 2015 Workers Memorial Day Materials.

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Conscientious Objection to Conscription 5-15
Instead of Dead Warriors, let us celebrate those who tried and are trying to prevent the killing. Let us truly strive to stop the expansion of the National Cemeteries!


Let us celebrate firemen, teachers, all workers killed in the line of duty.

“Memorial Day, it seems to me, should also honor the Thoreaus, the conscientious objectors, the anti-war protesters, who attempted to forestall or shorten the more unjust or immoral of these wars. It isn’t only the fallen soldiers who served the nation, but also those who worked to ensure that no soldiers fell in unjust wars, in wars that after the UN Charter was passed in 1945, would be designated as ‘illegal.’”  Juan Cole, Informed Comment, May 27, 2013

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Critiques, Think About This Day

Commercialization of Memorial Day

The Weather Channel Celebrates Memorial Day

PBS Celebrates National Glory

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Lisa Garrett, Wake Up to USA Transformed
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