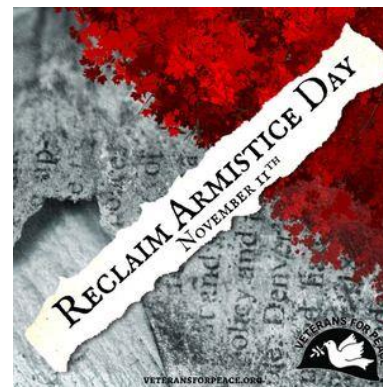


**RECLAIM
ARMISTICE DAY
FOR
PEACE**



**in Honor of 11/11/19
Call 11 Members of Congress
for HR 1111
Call Around Nov. 11, 2019**

Those of us who know war are compelled to work for peace. There is no better, more meaningful way to acknowledge and honor the sacrifices of veterans and to express a love of American than to “perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations.” – Camillo Mac Bica, “Reclaiming Armistice Day: A Day to Perpetuate Peace,” Common Dreams, 9/30/18

On November 11, 1918, World War I ended with an armistice agreement and has been celebrated ever since. In 1926 Congress passed a resolution to observe this “war to end all wars” with a holiday “to commemorate with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designated to **perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations.**”

“After World War II ... Armistice Day was flipped from a day for peace into a day for displays of militarism. ... We want generations after us to never know the destruction war has wrought on people and the earth.” (Veterans for Peace, <http://bit.ly/VFPArmisticeDay>). Veterans for Peace has taken the lead in lifting up the original intention of November 11th as a day for peace. The Peace Alliance National Department of Peacebuilding Campaign stands with Veterans for Peace and others in honoring the original intention of November 11th.

Peace Alliance/ Campaign for a U.S Department of Peacebuilding/ Peace Advocates will honor Armistice Day by calling 11 members of Congress before or shortly after Armistice Day (11/11/19)

**Urge Members of Congress to Cosponsor
Congresswoman Barbara Lee’s (CA-13) legislation for a cabinet-level
U.S. Department of Peacebuilding (DoP/ HR 1111)**

*In honor of Armistice Day, please call these 2017 cosponsors of HR 1111 who have not yet signed on as cosponsors of the **2019** Department of Peacebuilding legislation. Thank them for cosponsoring in the past & ask them to cosponsor HR 1111 now.*

Karen Bass (CA-37) 202-225-7084	Marcia Fudge (OH-11) 202-225-7032	Carolyn Maloney (NY-12) 202-225-7944
Tony Cardenas (CA-29) 202-225-6131	John Garamendi (CA-2) 202-225-1880	Bobby Scott (VA-3) 202-225-8351
Yvette Clarke (NY-9) 202-225-6231	Marcy Kaptur (OH-11) 202-225-4146	Darren Soto (FL-9) 202-225-9889
Dwight Evans (PA-3) 202-225-4001	Ro Khanna (CA-17) 202-225-2631	

See reverse side for more information.

YOU Can Make a Difference

You can make a difference by **calling before, on or shortly after November 11, 2019**. It is past time to actualize a culture of peace. **Please contact the 11 members of Congress listed on the reverse side. Ask each Representative to sign on as a cosponsor of this urgent legislation.**

Sample script: "My name is _____. I am a constituent **or** I am an individual who is very concerned about the violence in this country and internationally **or** I am one of thousands of Peace Alliance supporters. The Department of Peacebuilding legislation (HR 1111) addresses the root causes of violence by researching solutions and promoting policies and programs that already work. It is cost effective and will save lives and money. **Please make peace a national priority by cosponsoring this legislation.** To do this, contact Samira Damavandi in Rep. Barbara Lee's office (samira.damavandi@mail.house.gov or 202-225-2661)."

We need a Department of Peacebuilding to:

- Focus comprehensively on **preventing violence** domestically and internationally
- Save lives and money as nonviolence is proven **practical and cost effective**
- Expand civilian capacity for peacebuilding and **nonviolent conflict intervention**
- Promote and fund the many community-based violence prevention "**best practices**"
- Uniformly teach **violence prevention & mediation** skills to America's school children
- Address root causes of terrorism to **enhance homeland security**
- Support the military with complementary approaches & **post conflict reconstruction**

Over one hundred years ago the world celebrated peace as a universal principle. 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." **Veterans -- and others -- know that a day that celebrates peace, not war, is the best way to honor the sacrifices of veterans.** Turning that day of peace into a way of life -- a culture of peace -- is the best way to honor the sacrifices of veterans and to celebrate the work of peacebuilders.

Veterans For Peace and the Campaign for a Department of Peacebuilding **call on the U.S. public and our legislators 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. (See www.veteransforpeace.org)

**Each call takes only a few moments ... time well spent to build peace ...
See reverse side for the call list and contact information.**

REPORT YOUR CALLS TO US

Please let us know who you called by emailing nancy@peacealliance.org.

It is past time to establish a Department of Peacebuilding to reduce suffering on a national and global scale while saving billions of dollars through violence reduction and increased economic productivity. – Congresswoman Barbara Lee

BE A VOICE FOR PEACEBUILDING

(For more information, see www.peacealliance.org)