

## **Knox, Michael (2018): 100th anniversary of Armistice Day. A letter.**

Dear Friends,

Today marks the 100th anniversary of **Armistice Day** - the end of WWI and the **celebration of peace as a universal principle**. We should think about how the U.S. has failed to heed the call for an end to all wars, having invaded well over 25 countries since the end of WWII.

Brown University just released a new study reporting that "between 480,000 and 507,000 people have been killed in the United States' post-9/11 wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan." Of these, 244,124 to 266,427 were civilians. Dr. Neta C. Crawford's November 2018 brief paper, "[Human Cost of the Post-9/11 Wars: Lethality and the Need for Transparency](#)" is well worth reading. She concludes that "This update just scratches the surface of the human consequences of 17 years of war."

Her figures do not include the deaths from continuing U.S. wars in Somalia, Libya, Yemen, Syria, and Niger. We are responsible for killing, wounding, and making refugees of innocent civilians, contributing to the worst humanitarian crises the world has seen since 1945.

The need to change our war culture by honoring those who stand for peace is greater than ever. Documenting and honoring the work of antiwar activists will cause an evolutionary shift in our culture and motivate more Americans to speak out for peace. By advancing the recognition of heroic peacemakers - by celebrating their actions and accomplishments to normalize their roles in society - we can inspire more citizens to publicly express their antiwar sentiments.

**Work with us to honor Americans who stand for peace and help end the U.S. war culture.** When you reply with a contribution, you are showing that you value and support our programs to recognize courageous Americans.

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