



## Wreath Ceremony To Recognize Overlooked Victims of War

**Sat. Nov. 11, 2017, 2:30PM**

**Seaforth Peace Park (1st & Burrard), Vancouver BC**

This year, Vancouverites from many backgrounds will gather for a special Remembrance Day ceremony. **"Let Peace Be Their Memorial"** will commemorate refugees and other civilian victims of war, groups that aren't normally included in traditional ceremonies.

The city-sanctioned wreath laying ceremony is jointly hosted by Vancouver Peace Poppies and the BC Humanist Association. Wreaths of red and white poppies made by local students will highlight the huge growth in civilian casualties. 90% of contemporary conflict victims are non-combatants.

Following music and a brief presentation, ten 'Universal Wreaths' will be laid to recognize often overlooked victim groups, including • Refugees, • Women, • Medical & Aid Workers, • Children, • Conscientious Objectors, • Civilian & Military PTSD Sufferers, • Child Soldiers. Following this, community groups will lay wreaths to remember victims of particular conflicts.

This ceremony expands the focus of Remembrance Day by recognizing that both modern warfare and Canadian society are changing. By highlighting war's devastating effect on civilians and the environment, we challenge governments to count all the costs before seeking military solutions to complex human problems. By reflecting the diversity of Canadian perspectives on war and remembrance, we can ensure that Remembrance Day is an inclusive and relevant occasion for all Vancouverites.

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