



Wreath Ceremony To Recognize Overlooked Victims of War

Sun. Nov. 11, 2018, 2:30PM

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

This year, Vancouverites from many backgrounds will again gather for ***Let Peace Be Their Memorial***, a special Remembrance Day ceremony to 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. An estimated 90% of contemporary conflict victims are non-combatants.

Music, poetry, and a talk by featured speaker Tima Kurdi, author of 'The Boy on the Beach' will be followed by the laying of 'Universal Wreaths' to recognize often overlooked victim groups. Included will be wreaths for • Child Soldiers, • Refugees, • Women, • Medical & Aid Workers, • Civilian & Military PTSD Sufferers, • Children, • Indigenous Victims of Genocide and others. Following this, community groups will lay wreaths to remember victims of particular conflicts.

The 100 years since the end of WW1 have brought enormous change to both warfare and Canadian society. 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. ***Let Peace be Their Memorial*** expands the focus of Remembrance Day to reflect the diversity of Canadian perspectives on war and remembrance, and acknowledge the war experiences of immigrant Canadians. In doing so we hope to keep it an inclusive and relevant occasion for all Vancouverites.

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