Dear friends,

2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the armistice that ended fighting in World War I. This war and the many before and after have left indelible marks on our country, our people, our military and our societal structure.

The 1918 armistice brought hopes of world peace after the “war to end all wars,” and Armistice Day was soon designated as “a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated.” Congress rebranded this day as Veterans Day in the 1950’s, and as time went on, it changed from a day of remembrance and peace to a day to celebrate militarism.

Militarism is but one of the Triple Evils emblazoned in American consciousness that Martin Luther King described as being a “barrier to our living in the Beloved Community,” the other two being racism and poverty. On militarism, King wrote in 1967:

“A true revolution of values will lay hands on the world order and say of war—‘This way of settling differences is not just.’ This way of burning human beings with napalm, of filling our nation’s homes with orphans and widows, of injecting poisonous drugs of hate into the veins of peoples normally humane, of sending men home from dark and bloody battlefields physically handicapped (or) psychologically deranged, cannot be reconciled with wisdom, justice and love. A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death.”

First among threats to peace, not to mention humanity’s survival, is nuclear war. While the Pentagon under Obama pledged a trillion dollars over three decades to upgrade an already overwhelming nuclear arsenal, the Trump Administration has instituted measures that increase the likelihood of nuclear conflict.

- In February his Pentagon released the updated Nuclear Posture Review that advocates production of low yield nuclear weapons, lowers the threshold for responding to even non-nuclear (including cyber) attacks, calls for development of modern sea launched cruise missiles and states that the United States will not seek ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.
- In May, the US withdrew from the Iran Nuclear Deal.
- Three weeks ago, President Trump announced his intent to leave the INF treaty.

In December of 2017, the Trump administration announced plans to completely withdraw from the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty, a 1987 treaty that for years has been the cornerstone of international arms control and nonproliferation efforts. This move is unnecessary, creates a nuclear arms race and endangers the world.

The thaw in nuclear arms control that began in 1991 with the START I Treaty and continued with START II in 1993 and the INF Treaty in 1987 was a direct result of the Cold War and the belief that nuclear war and total annihilation was unacceptable. This belief was so compelling that it led to the United States eventually pulling out of the bilateral treaties it signed with the former Soviet Union in the 1980s. The United States should be pushing for more, not less, arms control treaties.

As the year comes to an end, please give generously to the Peace Center. We need your help to continue our work to support nuclear arms control, nonproliferation and arms reduction programs.

Please support the peace center by giving generously this holiday season.

Thank you!

Peace,

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Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces Treaty, known as the INF.

Together, these reduce important avenues of discourse between nations, increase the already dangerous numbers of nuclear weapons on the planet, and shorten the time to intelligently respond to a perceived threat.

But our militaristic policies go further. Having already destroyed numerous countries in the Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia, we continue to give full military support and diplomatic cover to Saudi Arabia to flatten Yemen, the poorest country in the Middle East. Here, arms deals that for decades have been hushed are now shouted loud and clear, as President Trump equivocates on punishing the Saudis for the murder of Jamal Khoshoggi because it could jeopardize $110 billion in arms sales and loss of American jobs. Sad it is that this is the driving force of our economy and foreign policy.

We, in Veterans for Peace, call to end war as an instrument of foreign policy that impoverishes our country and its foreign victims, to restrain our government from intervening in the internal affairs of other nations, to abandon threats to use nuclear weapons, and to seek justice for veterans and victims of war.

Please join us and the Women in Black to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the World War I Armistice at 10:45 on Sunday, November 11 at the Vietnam War Memorial in Missoula's Rose Park.

Dexter Aspvig, Missoula
John Garrity, Missoula
Rob Holden, Missoula
Dave Herries, Missoula
Walter Honan, Missoula
Steve Hutchens, Stevensville
Mac Palmer, Missoula
Danny Showalter, Turah
John Snively, Missoula
Pat Vaughan, Hamilton
John Walker, Missoula

Calendar

Thursday, November 8, 6:30 pm, on your computer screen. Join the Doctors Without Borders Webcast, Bearing Witness: Stories from the Central American Migration Crisis highlighting public perceptions of the global migration crisis, with a focus on images and stories of people forced to flee extreme violence and poverty in Central America. Panelists will share their experiences from the field, caring for displaced people and documenting the medical and mental health challenges they face. At the time of the event, tune in to our webcast here.

Sunday, November 11 marks the 100 year anniversary of Armistice Day, the day the guns fell silent marking the end of WWI. There is an effort around the world to organize Battle’s Over, an international commemoration. It begins at 6am with over 1,000 lone pipers playing Battle’s O’er, a traditional Scottish air played after a battle and other related events. In Missoula, a few pipers will be playing at the dough boy statue at the Missoula Courthouse. Then at 7.05pm churches and cathedrals are encouraged to ring their bells as part of Ringing Out for Peace and more than 140 town criers will perform a specially written Cry for Peace Around the World, the first of them in New Zealand and then across the globe through the various time zones.

Sunday, November 11, 10:45 am, Rose Park in Missoula, VFP Chapter 133 Armistice Day program. Assemble at 10:45 and begin observance with timing to allow bell ringing at approximately 11:00. There will be readings, music and reflection on the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day.

Monday, November 12, 2-8 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. Veteran’s Day Fundraiser to raise funds for the Heroes Therapeutic Outreach Program. Raffles, food and Kombucha. Participate in sample classes by Red Willow instructors. Learn about Community Resilience and see a special Native American Honoring Ceremony at 6 pm. 10$ suggested donation. info@redwillowlearning.org

Wednesday, November 14, 5 pm, Frenchtown Elementary School. Celebrate the opening of Freedom Gardens Greenhouse Learning Center. This sustainable platform will demonstrate sustainable food production and provide year-round fresh food for all cafeterias.

Thursday, November 15, 5:30 pm, Missoula College (1205 E. Broadway). The Warfare of Tariffs: Understanding the Trade War from China's Perspective. SGLong financial invites you to join guest speaker Dexter Roberts, former China Bureau Chief at Bloomberg Business Week and our strategic Investment Management Team for an evening of insight, analysis and discussion. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres from 5:30-6:30, followed by the presentation. RSVP to 721-0999 or smedeiros@sglong.com

Thursday, November 29, 5:30-8 pm, The Gilkey Center for Executive Education. The Montana World Affairs Council in partnership with the Mike and Maureen Mansfield Center presents: At the Nexus of Politics and Economics: Are Peace and Unification Possible on the Korean
**Peninsula?** featuring distinguished speakers Philip Yun, Executive Director of the Ploughshares Foundation & Thomas Byrne, President of the Korea Society. For directions, please click here. RSVP by 11/26 to Janet Rose, Executive Director at jrose@montanaworldaffairs.org or call (406)728-3328.

**Thursday, December 6, 6-8 pm. Western Cider. DIY Holiday Wreaths** with Earth Within Flowers. Weave together local winter foliage, dried flowers and herbs into a circle that represents the gifts of 2018. $45 in advance, $50 day of. Two tickets for $80 (use code DIY2018 at checkout) [https://earthwithin.com/workshops/](https://earthwithin.com/workshops/)

**Friday, December 7, 5-8 pm, JRPC.** It's our annual Kid's Night at the Olive Branch. Bring your kids for a kid-friendly shopping experience. You tell us what their budget is and we'll have volunteers on hand to help them find the perfect gifts for everyone on their list -- and we'll even help them wrap their gifts. Call us at 543-3955 with questions.

**Tuesday, December 18, 6-8 pm, Western Cider. DIY Garlands** with Earth Within Flowers. Dress up your home with a unique seasonal garland. We will have an assortment of dried local dried flowers, foliage and aromatics to play with. $45 in advance, $50 at the door. Two tickets for $80 (use code DIY2018) [https://earthwithin.com/workshops/](https://earthwithin.com/workshops/)

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**Action Opportunities**

**Test your Abolition Awareness**

Journalist Jamal Khashoggi was killed inside the Saudi Embassy in Turkey on October 2, 2018. This 59-year-old writer worked for the Washington Post. He was in self-imposed exile as he has been critical of the Saudi government. Khashoggi had gone to the embassy for paperwork related to his upcoming marriage to a Turkish woman. Amnesty International urges us to ask our government officials to demand justice and full disclosure from Saudi Arabia for Jamal Khashoggi. We also have hard copy postcards available at JRPC.

- Senator Jon Tester, 311 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-2604
- Senator Steve Daines, 320 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 2051
- Representative Greg Gianforte, 1419 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
- President Donald Trump, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20500
- Prince Khalid bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Embassy of Saudi Arabia, 601 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20037

EmpowerMT announces the **MLK Youth Art and Essay Contest**. Submit a piece of 2-D art work or an essay, poem or letter of no more than 250 words in response to the quote, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is what are you doing for others". Handwritten or typed essays will be accepted. Artwork may be any medium but no larger than 8.5 X 11 inches. On the back of each entry please include the student’s full name, grade, school, home address and home telephone number. To enter you must be a student in preschool12th grade in Western Montana. Entries are due no later than December 21, 2018 to the Missoulian (MLK Contest, Missoulian, P.O. Box 8029, Missoula, MT 59807). Winners will receive a cash prize, be featured in the Missoulian, and recognized at the MLK Community Celebration on Monday, January 21, 2019. Contact Jamar Galbreath at 541-6891 or jamar@empowermt.org

Are you an employee of the State of Montana? If so, you have an opportunity to support JRPC through your employee giving program. Starting September 24th, state employees can support JRPC through the **State Employee Charitable Giving Campaign** using SECCG #8042. Many other workplaces can support JRPC as a part of Montana Shares, making giving easy, simple and painless. If your workplace doesn't offer payroll giving, contact us to find our how you can participate.

We accept nominations for peacemaker throughout the year. Now accepting for the 2020 award. Go to [https://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/](https://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/)

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**Fair Trade News**

[Olive Branch](https://www.olivemissoula.com/)

Missoula's only all fair trade store, a program focused on JRPC's international peacebuilding efforts!

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**Ongoing Events and Meetings**

**Global Issues Study Group.** Third Monday, 4:30, JRPC
**Spanish Conversation Group.** Thursdays, 12 noon-1 pm, JRPC. Jim, jimcook47@gmail.com, 529-1917 or Walter, wrwilde44@msn.com, 721-5289
**Climate Smart Missoula.** First Thursday of every month. Topics vary. 5 - 7 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing Co.
Contact: amy@climatesmartmissoula.org
Women in Black & Veterans For Peace  Fridays, North end of the Higgins Bridge, 12:15-12:45 pm. missoulawib@montana.com
Balanced View Clarity Online Call  Sundays, 11am-noon, or Mondays 5-6pm. Contact: CheyenneRivers@BalancedView.org. Visit http://www.Bright.how
Veterans For Peace first Monday of each month (September 11), 4-6 pm, JRPC. 406-363-6150 or pvauhan184@gmail.com
Citizens Climate Lobby, 2nd Monday of every month, 6pm, Imagine Nation Brewery. Contact Scott at sebovard@gmail.com
JRPC Coordinating Council Third Monday of every month, 5:30 pm at JRPC. All are welcome to attend!
350Missoula Coal & Renewables Committee third Monday of each month, 5:30 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. leemet@bigsky.net
Women in Black of Polson Mondays, 12-12:30 pm, Polson courthouse. c211p110@earthlink.net
Peace & Conflict Studies Group, Thursday, 1-2 pm, JRPC. 406-697-5032. NO MEETING ON OCTOBER 11!
Knitting For Peace every Tuesday, 1–3 pm, JRPC. 543-3955.
Nonviolent Communication Practice Group Second and Fourth Wednesdays, 12-1 pm, JRPC info@patrickmarsolek.com
The Cranium creates origami delights every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday, 1:15-3:15, JRPC. bonnie@bonniertarses.com
Time Bank Orientation Contact info@missoulatimebank.org for individual and group orientation for new members at a location TBD.
Montana Moves To Amend statewide phone calls 4th Tuesday of each month. Contact Sue at 543-3254

Articles Of Interest

If you missed the "It's complicated" Tell Us Something last month where Betsy Mulligan-Dague told the story of her friendship with Dan Gallaagher, here is the podcast.https://www.tellussomething.org/stories/2018/its-complicated/3211/

We Are The Elders Who Remain, by Marc Freedman

Not In Our Town holds vigils across the country in response to hate crimes in Pittsburgh and elsewhere.

RIP Mike Chessin and thanks for all your work for peace

Ways to Help JRPC

1. We want to reimagine our community room space and we are looking for folks to help. If you have ideas or
2. creative energy to share, please call us.
3. We are always looking for good folks to help lead our organization by becoming great board members. Call and talk to us about his great opportunity to be a bigger part of our great family

Jeannette Rankin Peace Center ha been in Missoula since 1986, working to build non-violence, social justice and sustainability. We are pleased to be a member of the Montana Shares Network, a partnership of Montana-based nonprofit groups devoted to improving the quality of life in communities throughout the state. Give to JRPC through your workplace. www.montanashares.org

The JRPC e-newsletter is sent to our listserv each Thursday. Deadline for calendar items is noon, Wednesday. We always appreciate your contributions, comments and suggestions. If you would like to be taken off our mailing list, please unsubscribe below. To sign up, click this link.

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