

Memorial Day Weekend Dedication
SWORDS TO PLOWSHARES
BELL TOWER
MAY 23- 26, 2014



Have You or Your Family Been Affected by War?

Veterans For Peace invite the public to join them this Memorial Day weekend for the unveiling of a touring 'Swords to Plowshares Bell Tower' which will be dedicated *to ALL victims of war, regardless of race, faith, or nation.*

Friday Dedication Ceremony: 5:00pm, May 23 – NCSU Bell Tower

Memorial Day Ceremony: 5 pm Monday, May 26 - NCSU Memorial Bell Tower

Memorial Evening Readings, Poetry and Song – 7pm, May 26 – Pullen Memorial Baptist Church

The 24-foot tall touring tower was inspired by the prophetic words on the bronze door of the WWI-era Memorial Bell Tower at NCSU, and is covered with shimmering aluminum leaves. The tour commemorates the 2014 Centennial of WWI, and 100 years of failure of "*War To End All War*". Wherever the tower appears, veterans and victims of war of different national origins will ring the bell and share stories of how their families have been traumatized by war. It is hoped that an honest dialogue about the costs of war may help victims heal and veterans recover from the "moral injury" which has been linked to an epidemic of veteran suicides.

Throughout a weekend vigil visitors will be encouraged to meditate, write and speak on two topical questions:

- **How has your family been traumatized by war?**
- **How might we "beat our swords into plowshares" to prevent future trauma from war?**

Please contact NCVeteransForPeace@gmail.com for further information on events and sharing of stories.

