

NEWS AND VIEWS

CONFLICT ABOUND: IS IT THE EFFECTS OF THE PILLAR OF WAR?

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The Fracture has seen its fair share of bloodshed and battle. With the variety of cultures around and about, disputes and disagreements are inevitable. Conflict is natural, and sometimes violence accompanies such conflict. Recently there have been several violent conflicts between large groups of people. Some might say that these conflicts have been wars, but what is war? Is it only a violent fight between two or more groups? Does it always have death?

As previously stated, conflict is natural. That is why War became one of the Pillars. Some might view War as something detrimental to all, and others might say that War is just a purview of Death, but is it really? The most basic definition of war is an active or vigorous conflict. At its most basic, war is a duel on a larger scale. However, war does not always need to be violent or end in death for there is such a thing as bloodless war.

In its essence, War is about a natural part of life. Conflict is going to

happen when people of different beliefs come together, but not all conflict sheds blood. Not all conflict involves physical weapons.

There are times when words are more powerful and meaningful than any weapon or physical ability. The best examples of this can be seen when watching the followers of the Pillar of War. Florence Sebastian II of the AERF has been holding discussions on philosophies of war. He invites all comers to join him in the discussions for words can harm as easily as the blade. Jenny Lynn of the Stone Circle regularly holds weapons practice at a clearing near her settlement for others to join. She gives pointers on best practices for each of the weapons. Private Emerson of the Green Sash Army enjoys teaching others strategy games to better understand fighting in groups.

The followers of the Pillar of War show that you do not need to seek battle to be a good follower. Teaching, practice, and discussion can be just as meaningful.

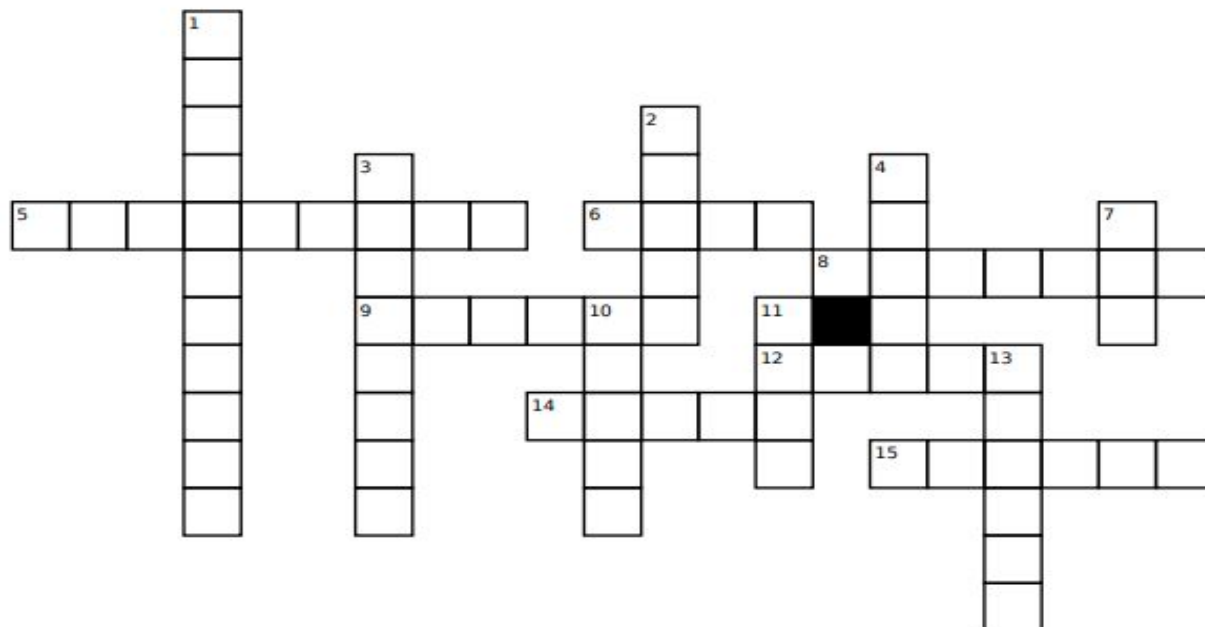


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PUZZLE OF THE SEASON



Down:

1. Time piece usually attached to a chain
2. Strategic board game
3. A common edible fungus
4. Deck of 52; kings, queens, and jacks to name a few
7. A brewed beverage
10. A court hearing
11. To increase in size
13. To decrease in size

Across:

5. An exciting experience or expedition
6. Lock openers
8. Lawn game played with mallets and balls
9. Shapes or symbols of love
12. Flowers with thorns
14. Long-legged pink bird
15. A looking glass

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I CAN'T SLEEP!

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Sleep is a vital part of a being's health, but for Bridgend, sleep seems to be nigh impossible. For months now, every time he tries to rest, his sleep is disrupted by someone

or something talking to him. It keeps asking for his name and no matter how many times he says it, the thing keeps coming back. How can this poor man survive without sleep? What is this thing assaulting him?



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