

Urgent Action: VFP's Pre-Presidential Election Campaign Against Sanctions and War on Iran

With the heightened threat of an attack on Iran by Irsael before our presidential election, which would certainly drag the United States into another war in the Middle East, the need for urgent action by VFP and other peace organizations in the U.S. and around the world is greater than ever before.

In response to the present critical situation, VFP is initiating *immediately* a nationwide, multifaceted campaign against sanctions and war on Iran in conjunction with other peace organizations that have signed the Iran Pledge of Resistance.

We urge all VFP members and chapters to mobilize, without delay, around the following compontes of our nationwide campaign.

1. VFP calls for a week of action by all chapters (in conjunction with other peace organizations in their area) at the local offices of their congressional representatives, including demonstrations and meetings with congressional representatives, to express our opposition to sanctions and war against Iran. This week of action shall start immediately and can go on until the Democratic and Republican national conventions.
2. VFP urges all its chapters and members to start a campaign of letter writing to their congressional representatives, asking them to oppose sanctions and war on Iran.
3. VFP chapters and members are urged to distribute widely, and publish in all their local newspapers (even as paid ads if necessary), the poster prepared by the VFP's Iran Working Group against sanctions on Iran.
4. VFP urges all its chapters and members to immediately begin a wave of letters and op-eds, as members of VFP opposed to war and sanctions on Iran, to their local newspapers. Wherever possible, radio and TV interviews and speaking tours can also be organized.

There is no need to explain the urgency of the dangerous situation we are all facing today. The sanctions on Iran have already started to threaten the lives of children, the sick and the elderly in Iran. A war on Iran will inflame the whole of the Middle East and will wreck havoc on the already depressed U.S. economy and American people's lives. Veterans For Peace stands in solidarity with the people of Iran who, like all of us, are struggling for democracy, social justice and peace.

We all must act now before it is too late. We urge all of our members and chapters to initiate their local campaign against sanctions and war on Iran immediately.

Please send the reports of your local activities to our Iran Working Group (faraz@akhgar.org) and/or VFP national office (shelly@veteransforpeace.org) so it can be publicized on the VFP web site.

Our Iran Working Group is preparing several campaign support documents, including talking points, letter templates, petitions, etc., which will be send to all chapters and members for use.