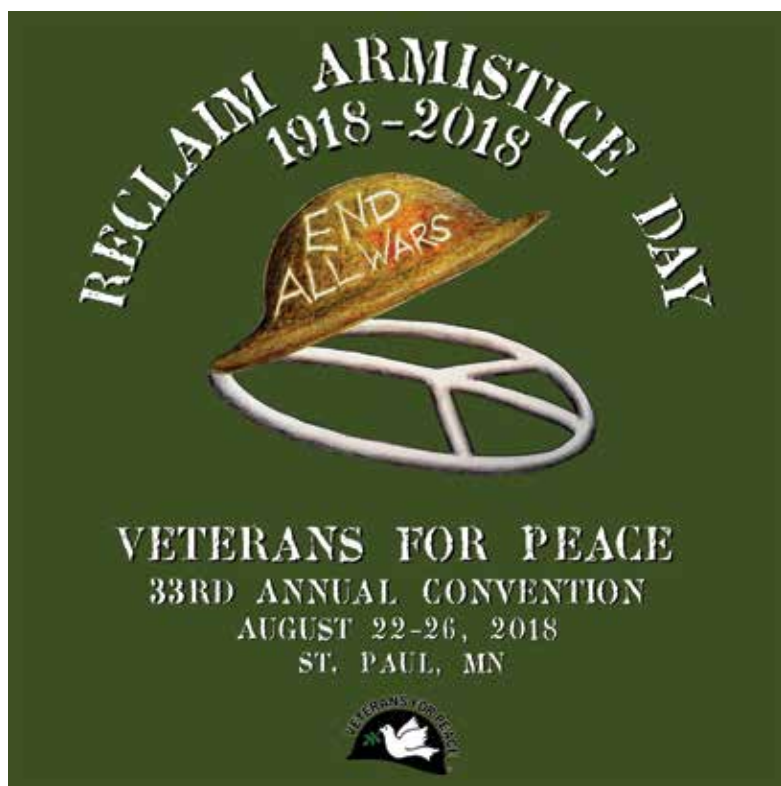


33rd Veterans For Peace National Convention

August 22-26, 2018



**Hosted by Twin Cities
VFP Chapter 27**
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Welcome to St. Paul, Minnesota!



**Twin Cities Chapter 27
is proud to be hosting
the 33rd Annual Veterans
For Peace Convention**

Of special significance in 2018:

- 100-year anniversary of the WWI Armistice
- 90-year anniversary of Kellogg-Briand
- 50-year remembrance of Tet and My Lai

*We remember and honor
Wayne Wittman,
1929–2016,
recipient of the
VFP Howard Zinn
Lifetime Achievement
Award and friend of
SOA Watch for 25 years.*

Presente, Wayne!



Wednesday–Sunday, August 22–26, 2018

**INTERCONTINENTAL SAINT PAUL RIVERFRONT
11 E Kellogg Blvd, St. Paul, Minnesota, USA**



Welcome to Minnesota: *Wayne Wittman, Presente!*

Six years ago, Wayne Wittman proposed at a VFP executive meeting that the 2018 Veterans For Peace be held in St. Paul, Minnesota to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the Armistice that ended World War I and the 90-year anniversary of the signing of the Kellogg-Briand Treaty. Well, here we are, but sadly, Wayne is no longer with us except in spirit! We chose this hotel (InterContinental St. Paul–Riverfront) because it is located on Kellogg Boulevard, named after Frank Kellogg, the Secretary of State under Calvin Coolidge who was the first Minnesota native to win the Nobel Peace Prize. It is also owned by the Mille-Lacs Band of Ojibway and is a Union hotel.

Hosting an international convention is a challenging and collaborative proposition and we hope you are happy with the results! Through the tireless efforts of our local chapter and the advice and support of our National office and board, we hope to properly represent the many voices of Veterans For Peace. We are very proud to have the voices of the First Nation, the Indigenous people who were the original inhabitants of this country, whose ancestors' blood lies buried beneath the concrete we walk on today. They will be heard loud and clear throughout the next week!

Finally, we have strived to give you a Minnesota welcome by serving up a convention filled with knowledgeable speakers, music, food, and lots of dancing and carrying on. We want to make Wayne proud by touching your mind and spirit. Please pack your dancing shoes because we are going to party like it's 1999!

Dave Logsdon, President
Twin Cities VFP Chapter 27



VETERANS FOR PEACE

Veterans For Peace is an international organization made up of military veterans, military family members, and allies. We accept veteran members from all branches of service. We are dedicated to building a culture of peace, exposing the true costs of war, and healing the wounds of war. Our networks are made up of over 120 chapters across the United States and abroad.

Statement of Purpose

We, having dutifully served our nation, do hereby affirm our greater responsibility to serve the cause of world peace. To this end we will work, with others:

- To increase public awareness of the costs of war;
- To restrain our government from intervening, overtly and covertly, in the internal affairs of other nations;
- To end the arms race and to reduce and eventually eliminate nuclear weapons;
- To seek justice for veterans and victims of war;
- To abolish war as an instrument of national policy.

To achieve these goals, members of Veterans For Peace pledge to use nonviolent means and to maintain an organization that is both democratic and open with the understanding that all members are trusted to act in the best interests of the group for the larger purpose of world peace.

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A Word from VFP Executive Director, Michael McPhearson

We are gathered here in St. Paul,

Minnesota because of the vision of one of our greatest members, Wayne Wittman, who died in 2016. In 2013, the national membership passed a resolution submitted by Wayne to hold the 2018 national convention in St. Paul to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the Kellogg-Briand treaty, outlawing war. Put forth by U.S. Secretary of State Frank Kellogg and the French Foreign minister Aristide Briand, it was initially signed on August 27, 1928 by Germany, France, and the U.S., and later by most other nations. *Encyclopedia Britannica* calls the treaty “the most grandiose of a series of peacekeeping efforts after World War I.” Frank Kellogg was a resident of St. Paul, and before his stint as U.S. Secretary of State, he represented Minnesota in the U.S. Senate.



This year we also remember the 50th year anniversaries of Tet and My Lai and, as reflected in the convention theme, the 100th Anniversary of the WWI Armistice.

This is my 13th annual convention. My first was in 2003 in San Francisco. It solidified my connection to Veterans For Peace. Every convention I have attended has been inspiring and helped me continue the struggle for peace and justice. Why? Because when you bring together so many awesome people—veterans, military families, peace and anti-war activists, justice seekers, peacemakers and at times former battlefield enemies—nothing but the warm fire and energy of inspiration can happen. We have come together, all of us one year older, former servants of war, now prophets of peace, to share and think about how to resist war and support each other as we recharge our batteries to continue the struggle. That is something to celebrate!

Veterans For Peace, you are special. You are the light at the end of a long tunnel of war. But we are not a passive light waiting for people to find us. We take the light into the darkness, rushing forward to build and illuminate a path of peace. And while we clearly do not have the path all figured out, we know that we must keep building it and supporting each other as we do it.

Thank you for all you do and let's have another awesome convention!

A Message from Your President



In 1983-84, I had the privilege of coordinating the first two veterans' delegations to revolutionary Nicaragua, to oppose the CIA's "contra" war against the popular Sandinista government that had overthrown the U.S.-imposed Somoza dynasty. Many veterans had the same thought: "We don't want to see another Vietnam War in Central America."

Shortly afterward, in 1985, Veterans For Peace was founded. For thirty-three years we have used our collective veterans' voice to educate about the "true causes and costs of war." We have worked hard to "restrain our government(s) from intervening, overtly or covertly, in the internal affairs of other nations." We have pressed our government to "reduce and eventually eliminate all nuclear weapons." We have undertaken vital projects that "seek justice for veterans and victims of war." We continue to pursue our ultimate goal, "to abolish war as an instrument of U.S. foreign policy."

Nobody ever said it would be easy or quick. With 800 military bases around the world, U.S. imperialism is ubiquitous and it is relentless. It seeks to dominate every corner of the globe. It abides no resistance to its "penetration." With Orwellian cries of "democracy," "freedom," and "human rights," it crushes movements for independence and socialism and imposes its own dollar-driven world order.

The U.S. government is still trying to overthrow the Nicaragua revolution, and the Venezuelan revolution too. Combining overt and covert means, including election "meddling" on steroids, it has succeeded in overturning progressive governments in Honduras and throughout the Americas.

And we all know the horrendous impacts of recent U.S. wars on the peoples of Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Libya, Yemen, Syria, Palestine and throughout the Middle East. Now Iran and Russia are being targeted, peace talks with North Korea are in jeopardy, and U.S. Special Forces with drones are fanning out across Africa. The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists,

acknowledging the dual existential threats of nuclear war and global warming, recently moved the hands of their Doomsday Clock to two minutes to midnight.

Then there are the “wars at home,” where the flames of racist violence are fanned, and militarized police are experienced as occupying armies in poor Black and Latino neighborhoods. Veterans For Peace now regularly stand in solidarity with community activists who are resisting racism, Islamophobia, misogyny, and gun violence, sometimes all at the same time! VFP members have begun to play an important role in the promising new Poor People’s Campaign, which also seeks to overturn the “war economy.”

These interlocking struggles will be on display here in St. Paul, in plenaries, mini-plenaries, workshops, and a community cultural event. We will hear from Aida Touma-Sliman, a Palestinian member of Israel’s Knesset. Iraq veteran/war resister Camilo Mejia will speak about the crisis in his home country of Nicaragua. At our Saturday night banquet, Christine Ahn, founder of Women Cross DMZ, will inspire us to continue working for peace on the Korean Peninsula. These are just a few of the amazing presenters we have access to this weekend. What a great opportunity to learn from each other and to discuss issues and strategies. There is lots of fun in store too, with music and art experiences integrated into convention programming, and dancing on the Riverboat Cruise and at the banquet!

So please enjoy this special annual coming together. Enjoy one another’s good company. Learn a lot and share a lot. We hope you will return home inspired to recommit yourselves to the long struggle for peace and justice. You will not be alone. Veterans For Peace is part of a growing international peace movement. Our work is more important than ever, and we are stronger because of you.

PEACE AT HOME, PEACE ABROAD!

Gerry Condon, Board President
Veterans For Peace

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23 • 7:00–9:30PM



BOARDING AT 7:00PM AT PADDLEFORD LANDING
205 DR. JUSTUS OHAGE BLVD., ST. PAUL

The boat is not Proud Mary, but let's go "rollin' on the river" on the side-wheeler Anson Northrup. Grab a bite to eat after the last workshop at 5pm and make your way to the Paddleford Landing.

The landing is a one-mile walk from the hotel. Transportation for non-walkers will be provided. Either way, meet in front of the hotel at 6:30pm. Boarding starts at 7:00pm and the cruise starts at 7:30.

Healthy and tasty appetizers are included. A snack bar of hot dogs, nachos and chips for purchase will also be available. Adult and non-alcoholic beverages will be available at the cash bar.



Music suitable for listening and dancing will be provided by Twin Cities vocalist Ali Washington with guitar accompanist (see p. 15).

Tickets: \$25 ~ Purchase at veteransforpeace.org, under convention registration.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24 • 7:00–9:30PM

THE POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN: INTERSECTING PERSPECTIVES

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • 500 CEDAR ST., ST. PAUL

(Light rail stop in front of church.)

The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival is uniting tens of thousands of people across the country to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, militarism, environmental destruction and the nation's distorted morality. **Please join us as we hear from the Minnesotan communities most impacted by these issues:**



DANIEL ROMERO

Minn Conference (UCC) Immigration Team

AUSTIN BERGER

Youth Against Gun Violence

MONIQUE CULLARS-DOTY

Black Lives Matter Minnesota

ROSE WHIPPLE

Honor the Earth

Music to keep us inspired...



Clockwise from above: Strong Buffalo,
Jayanthi Kyle, Jacqueline Ultan,
Larry Long, Tonia Hughes,

Convention Notes

ART SHOW: IMAGINE A WORLD WITHOUT WAR

Wednesday setup, all day • Thursday–Saturday, 8:00am–6:00pm

Location: Minnesota West Ballroom

Exhibit of 2D and 3D artworks on the theme, “Imagine a World Without War!”

TABLING

Wednesday, 3:00–6:00pm • Thursday–Saturday, 8:00am–6:00pm

Location: Minnesota Court

VFP gear, t-shirts, books, postcards, and information on actions, causes, and future events—find it all in the Minnesota Court. The room opens for setup on Wednesday at 3:00pm, and will be open to tablers for pickup on Sunday morning between the hours of 8:00am and 1:00pm.

MORNING MEDITATION

Thursday–Sunday, 7:30–8:30am • Location: State III



Marc Anderson is an internationally recognized percussionist with credits on more than 250 recordings and numerous tours. He is a priest in the Soto Zen lineage, and founder/director of the M2 Foundation, a St. Paul non-profit that advocates for more mindful and compassionate communities.

MORNING YOGA PRACTICE

Thursday–Sunday, 7:30–8:30am • Location: Governors II

Morning yoga practice offered by Veterans Yoga Project, an educational and advocacy organization dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of military veterans. www.veteransyogaproject.org

Thursday: Mike Millios

Friday: Kathi Reeves

Saturday: Holly Krook

Sunday: John Jadryev

FRIENDS OF BILL W.

Thursday–Sunday, 7:30–8:30am • Location: State I

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings for Early Risers. (It's okay not to drink!)

WEDNESDAY POETRY READING

Wednesday, 6:45–8:45pm • Location: State I

Poets, please come prepared to read aloud one of your poems. If time permits, you will be asked to read another. Please see poetry reading coordinator John Spitzberg to get your name on the schedule.

EARLY MORNING & LATE NIGHT FILMS

Wednesday–Saturday • Find details on page 56-59.

Offerings include eight comedy antiwar short films made by Johnny Lewis, Regis Tremblay's latest film, *Who Are These Russians and Why Do We Hate Them?*, Sheldon Wolfchild's film, *The Doctrine of Discovery*, and a 25-minute flick about the *Golden Rule* titled *Making Waves*. Plus a few classics...

SUNDAY MORNING OPEN MIC

Sunday, 8:30–9:30am • Minneapolis East Ballroom

Bring your chapter reports, your desires for VFP, your plans for VFP, your observations of world events—whatever did not get covered in the rest of the convention. Everyone who shows up will get a few minutes!

GETTING TO OFF-SITE EVENTS

Location: Meet in front of the hotel.

River Cruise: Meet at 6:30pm to walk or ride together 1 mile to the boat landing.

Friday Event: Meet at 6:30pm to walk or use LRT together 1/2 mile to the church.

Sunday: Meet at 9:30am to march together a few blocks to the Landmark Center.

REGISTRATION & ASSISTANCE

Wed.–Sat. • Location: Minnesota Event Office

Volunteers will be stationed at the Event Office most of each day to register people, provide information and help answer questions. (The Event Office is immediately visible when getting off the escalator/elevator.) If you need assistance at a time when the office is unstaffed, please call Penny Gardner at 651-428-2649 or Dave Logsdon at 612-203-9768.

Convention Schedule

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

| TIME | EVENT | LOCATION |
|---------------------|--|---------------------|
| 8:00am–6:00pm..... | Art Show | Minn. West Ballroom |
| 9:00am–4:00pm..... | Board Meeting | Governors Boardroom |
| 3:00–6:00pm | Tabling | Minnesota Court |
| 3:00–8:00pm | Registration | Minn. Event Office |
| 5:00–6:30pm | President’s Reception..... | State I & II |
| 6:45–8:45pm | Poetry Reading..... | Minn. East Ballroom |
| 9:00pm–midnight ... | Films: 8 Comedy Shorts..... and <i>Occupation 101</i> | State I |

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

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| 7:30–8:30am | Yoga | Governors II |
| 7:30–8:30am | Meditation..... | State III |
| 7:30–8:30am | AA..... | State I |
| 8:00am–6:00pm..... | Art Show | Minn. West Ballroom |
| 8:00am–6:00pm..... | Tabling | Minnesota Court |
| 8:00am | Film: Ray McGovern talk.... | Governors III |
| 9:00–10:30am | Opening Plenary I | Minn. East Ballroom |
| 10:45am–12:15pm... | Plenary Session II | Minn. East Ballroom |
| <hr/> <i>Genocidal Aspects: The Doctrine of Discovery, Papal Bulls, The Great Commission, and the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas</i> <hr/> | | |
| 12:15–1:30pm | Lunch Break | on your own |
| 1:45–3:15pm | Workshop Session I | See page 11 |
| 3:30–5:00pm | Workshop Session II | See page 11 |
| 7:30–9:30pm | Riverboat Cruise | Paddleford Landing <i>Board at 7pm!</i> 205 Dr. Justus Ohage Blvd., St. Paul |
| 10:15–12:15pm | Film: <i>Doctrine of Discovery</i> | State I |

WORKSHOP SESSION I

Thursday, August 23 • 1:45–3:15pm

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MEB = Minnesota East Ballroom; Gov = Governors

Convention Schedule

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- 7:30–8:30am Yoga Governors II
7:30–8:30am Meditation..... State III
7:30–8:30am AA..... State I
8:00am Film: *9/11 Truth*..... Governors III
8:00am–6:00pm..... Art Show Minn. West Ballroom
8:00am–6:00pm..... Tabling Minnesota Court
9:00–10:30am Plenary Session III Minn. East Ballroom

Palestine, Yemen and Iran: U.S. Wars in the Middle East

- 10:45am–12:15pm... Mini Plenaries Session..... See listings at right
12:30–1:30pm Lunch Break on your own
1:45–3:15pm Plenary IV Minn. East Ballroom

Veterans For Peace, the United Nations and Realizing World Peace

- 3:30–5:00pm Workshop Session III See listings at right
5:00–7:00pm Dinner Break on your own
7:00–9:30pm Public Event Central Presbyterian
Central Presbyterian Church History Theater, 500 Cedar St., St. Paul, MN

Poor People's Campaign: Intersecting Perspectives

- 10pm–Midnight Films: MLK on the 3 Evils; .. State I
Bill Moyer's *Secret Government*;
Citizen Clark

WOMEN'S CAUCUS MEETING

Friday Dinner, 5:30–6:30pm • Location: Governors II

MILITARY FAMILIES SPEAK OUT MEETING

Saturday, 10:00am • Location: Governors II

MINI PLENARIES

Friday, August 24 • 10:45am–12:15pm

| ROOM | TITLE | SEE PAGE |
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WORKSHOP SESSION III

Friday, August 24 • 3:30–5:00pm

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

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7:30–8:30am Meditation..... State III
7:30–8:30am AA..... State I
8:00am–6:00pm..... Art Show Minn. West Ballroom
8:00am–6:00pm..... Tabling Minnesota Court
7:30am Film: *Making Waves*..... TBA
8:00am–5:00pm..... Business Meeting Minn. East Ballroom
4:00–5:30pm Film: Regis Tremblay's Minn. East Ballroom
*Who Are These Russians
and Why Do We Hate Them?*
6:00–7:00pm Social Hour..... Great River Ballroom
7:00pm–Midnight ... Dinner Banquet..... Great River Ballroom
10:30pm–Midnight . Film: *Kill / Capture* and State I
and The World is My Country

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

- 7:30–8:30am Yoga Governors II
7:30–8:30am Meditation..... State III
7:30–8:30am AA..... State I
8:00am–Noon Tabling Pickup Minn. West Ballroom
8:00am–Noon Office Pickup Minn. Event Office
8:30–9:30am Open Mic Minn. East Ballroom
9:30am March to Landmark Ctr Meet at Hotel
10:00am–Noon..... Closing Ceremony & Program

The Kellogg-Briand Pact: Necessary Then, Necessary Now

Landmark Center landmarkcenter.org
75 West Fifth Street, Saint Paul, MN 55102

Saturday Night Banquet Schedule

- 6:00 SOCIAL HOUR ~ Great River Court
- 7:00 BUFFET DINNER ~ Great River Ballroom
- 7:45 PROGRAM
- Welcome ~ Michael McPhearson / Penny Gardner
 - *Presente!*
 - About Face ~ Maggie Martin
 - Awards
 - Keynotes ~ Ann Wright / Christine Ahn
 - The Pitch ~ Doug Zachary
- 9:45 DJ / DANCING 'til Midnight



We hope your attendance at the Veterans for Peace

National Convention in St. Paul, MN

is a fun-filled week of camaraderie and learning.

**We welcome you to Minnesota which has the best state fair
in the United States where you can get almost any food on a stick.**

Veterans for Peace, Chapter 115, Red Wing, MN

Speakers & Entertainers

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET



Christine Ahn is founder and international coordinator of Women Cross DMZ, a global movement of women mobilizing to end the Korean War, reunite families, and ensure women's leadership in peacebuilding. In 2015, she led 30 international women peacemakers across the De-Militarized Zone (DMZ) from North Korea to South Korea. They walked with 10,000 Korean women on both sides of the

DMZ and held women's peace symposia in Pyongyang and Seoul where they discussed how to end the war. Christine is also co-founder of the Korea Policy Institute, Global Campaign to Save Jeju Island, National Campaign to End the Korean War, and Korea Peace Network. Ahn has been interviewed on major network television shows and her op-eds have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *CNN*, *Fortune*, *The Hill*, and *The Nation*. She is a regular columnist at the Institute for Policy Studies' *Foreign Policy In Focus*. Christine has addressed the United Nations, U.S. Congress, and ROK National Human Rights Commission, and she has organized peace and humanitarian aid delegations to both North and South Korea. She has delivered keynote addresses at major universities including Harvard, Stanford, and U.C. Berkeley. She has worked with leading human rights and social justice organizations, including The Global Fund for Women, the Oakland Institute, The Institute for Food and Development Policy, the Women of Color Resource Center, National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, and the Nautilus Institute for Security and Sustainable Development. She co-produced *Fashion Resistance to Militarism*, a popular education show on the dominance of militarism in our lives. Christine has a Master's degree from Georgetown University and a certificate in ecological horticulture from the University of California at Santa Cruz. She was inducted into the OMB Watch Public Interest Hall of Fame and recognized for her peace activism by the Agape and the Wallace Alexander Gerbode Foundations.

Col. Ann Wright — see photo and bio on page 27.



Maggie Martin has been a member of About Face: Veterans Against the War for over a decade, holding volunteer positions as a chapter leader, campaign team leader, and regional organizer before coming on staff in 2011. She was in the U.S. Army from 2001–2006, deploying three times to Kuwait and Iraq. Maggie has helped build the organizing program for About Face, and has played a key role in mobilizing veterans for countless community-building, training, and action opportunities. She currently resides in Decatur, Tennessee.

THURSDAY RIVERBOAT CRUISE

Ali Washington is one of the most diligent and versatile professional vocalists of the Twin Cities. Ali commits a substantial amount of energy as band leader for The Bluewater Kings, and works as a sub vocalist for several other bands in the Twin Cities. Ali brings a refreshing twist on the soulful sounds of classic Motown and today's Pop and R&B, but has no qualms about rocking out to Guns N' Roses if the opportunity arises. At the young age of 18, Ali wrote and recorded "And So It Goes" with Matt Fink, otherwise known as Dr. Fink from Prince & The Revolution. This song brought Ali to Los Angeles to share the stage with Broadway professional, Shoshanna Bean. Singing and collaborating with such professionals acted as a springboard for what Ali today considers her "dream job." Since then, Ali has had the opportunity to perform alongside some of the most lucrative musicians in the Twin Cities including Dr. Mambo's Combo, Robert Robinson, Mark Lickteig and the Vicious Licks and NBC *The Voice's* Jesse Larson. Ali is currently recording her single, "Never Give Up," to be released in late 2018.



Speakers & Entertainers

FRIDAY PUBLIC EVENT CO-HOSTED WITH POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN MINNESOTA AUGUST 24 • 7:00–9:30 PM

Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival—Intersecting Perspectives

When poor people take action together they will do so with a freedom and power that will be a new and unsettling force. —Martin Luther King Jr., 1967



Daniel Romero is the Minister for Faith Formation at the First Congregational Church of Minnesota and a member of the Minnesota Conference (UCC) Immigration Team. Previously, Daniel worked as a community organizer in several states where he organized churches and community organizations around immigration reform and creating Sanctuary Coalitions. In 2016, Daniel worked with the World Council of Churches in the West Bank of Palestine. Locally, Daniel is a volunteer leader with ICOM (Interfaith Coalition on Immigration), MIRAC (Minnesota Immigrant Rights Action Committee), and with the Minnesota Poor People's Campaign. He is also a former member at Southside Presbyterian Church in Tucson, where the modern Sanctuary Movement began.

Austin Berger of Youth Against Gun Violence is the Membership Director of Students Demand Action Minnesota. He started advocating for gun violence prevention policy when it directly impacted his community a few years ago. One of the biggest challenges we face in America is the militaristic culture we have cultivated around guns, especially assault-style weapons. This facet of militaristic culture has made its toxic presence known through the historically high number of school shootings we have seen in 2017 and 2018, and it is time we come together and build coalitions to make our communities safe and prosperous.





Monique Cullars-Doty is the Aunt of Marcus Golden, killed by Saint Paul Police Officers Jeromy Doverspike and Dan Peck on January 14, 2015. SPPD buried Marcus in lies, but his family and friends buried Marcus with love. Monique knows the importance of community support first

hand and is grateful for all the individuals, community leaders, and organizations that stood up to counter the false and inconsistent SPPD narrative surrounding Marcus's death. Monique is dedicated to creating and supporting platforms centered on justice for police homicide victims of all colors, support for their families and police accountability, to address issues painfully unique to police homicides. Monique believes "an injury to one is an injury to all," and supports the work of various organizations to connect the struggles of people of color, the working class, poor people and clean water—intersectional activism support being key to building a sustainable movement for liberation from oppression.

Organizations: Justice 4 Marcus Golden, Twin Cities Coalition for Justice for Jamar, Black Lives Matter Twin Cities Metro, Black Lives Matter Minnesota, Industrial Workers of the World Local 14, IWW General Defense Committee, and Blue LIES Matter.

Rose Whipple is a 17-year-old indigenous organizer from the Santee Dakota and Ho-Chunk nations. She works as the Twin Cities Organizer for Honor The Earth, and is one of the 13 Youth Climate intervenors who fought the line 3 pipeline in the permitting process.



Speakers & Entertainers

Friday Public Event *cont.*

Larry Long is an American singer-songwriter who has made his life work the celebration of everyday heroes. Author, historian, actor, and broadcaster Studs Terkel called Larry “a true American Troubadour.” Now a Smithsonian Folkways recording artist, Long has sung at major concerts and festivals throughout the United States and world, including Awesome Africa Festival (South Africa), Winnipeg Folk Festival (Canada), at the Hollywood Bowl with Kris Kristofferson, and at Madison Square Garden with Joan Baez and others for Pete Seeger’s 90th Birthday Celebration. Long is a recipient of the In The Spirit of Crazy Horse Award, Bush Artists Fellowship, and the Pope John XXIII Award for his work in forgotten communities.

Tonia Hughes

is a proud recipient of the 2017–2018 McKnight Fellowship for Musicians! She’s a contemporary gospel singer, songwriter, and recording artist, and often engages in culturally diverse collaborations alongside some of Minnesota’s most accomplished musicians. The Twin



Tonia Hughes and Larry Long on stage together.

Cities recording artist and actress is undoubtedly one of the best kept secrets in the Midwest. Her vocal style is colored with melodic acrobatics and elements of Gospel, Blues, Jazz, R&B, Rock and Worship. The fusion produces a delivery that is authentic, incomparable, and electrifying! Tonia has garnered critical acclaim for her leading roles in musical and theatrical productions. Her credits include *Encounters* (2002), Southern Theater; *Black Nativity* (2003–present), Penumbra Theater; *Caroline or Change* (2009), Guthrie Theater; *Loves Covers* (2010), Women’s Club of Minneapolis; *Mahalia* (2011), Fellowship Baptist Church; and *Cinderella* (2011), The Ordway Theater.

Jayanthi Kyle has performed in many churches, bars/nightclubs, preschools, schools, hospitals, libraries, street corners, homes, funerals, births, festivals, and theaters throughout the Twin Cities, across the country, an orphanage in India, and the Ulster Museum in Belfast Ireland. Jayanthi (translated, Victorious One; pronounced *giant-thee*) has been in more than ten bands and is a founding member of The Million Artist Movement (<https://millionartistmovement.wordpress.com/>). A mother of three (10, 9, and 5 year-olds), and a long-time child caregiver, Jayanthi strongly believes in the sacred power of the hearts and minds of children and nurturing kindness through respect as well as growing magic and curiosity. She has learned and now teaches many protest songs to help lift the workers of justice and peaceful dissent. Kyle also has a passion for singing to soothe the journey of those passing from this world or the grieved and touched they've left behind.



JAYANTHI KYLE

Vocalist, Speaker, Million Artist Movement member/co founder

Specializing in arrivals, departures and life's other celebrations and struggles, Jayanthi Kyle is a vocalist and activist working to bring joy through music while dismantling racism and injustice.



Thomas LaBlanc, Tatanka Ohitika (Strong Buffalo) is an enrolled member of the Sisseton Wahpeton Dakota, and a decorated Vietnam veteran. He has been writing poetry before there was anything called Native poetry, starting last century. His words—translated into more than 17 languages, 3 published books, 6 CDs, lectures and performances—contribute to a world where we use creativity and options other than war, racism, classism, and exploitation to solve the problems that we all share, by just being alive...

Cellist **Jacqueline Ultan** — see photo and bio on page 23.

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THURSDAY MORNING: OPENING PLENARY I AUGUST 23 • 9:00–10:15 AM

Welcome to Turtle Island

Drum Circle ~ Mendota Dakota Drummers

Water Poem ~ Tatanka Ohitika (Strong Buffalo)

Opening Remarks ~ VFP Chapter 27 President Dave Logsdon

Welcome to Turtle Island ~ Sheldon Peters Wolfchild

VFP Executive Director Michael McPhearson

VFP President Gerry Condon

CAIR Executive Director Jaylani Hussein

"Badlands" ~ Cellist Jacqueline Ultan

Sheldon Peters Wolfchild was born and raised on the Lower Sioux Reservation in Morton, Minnesota. He is also a Former Tribal President of the Lower Sioux Reservation and a Vietnam veteran (1970). Wolfchild spent 25 years working in the Hollywood film industry, starting out at Disney Studios in 1971. His film credits can be found under American Indian Actors. He is also a documentary filmmaker, producer, and director with 38 Plus 2 Productions LLC. His film, *The Doctrine of Discovery* was released in 2014. His latest film, *The Indian System*, is in post-production and will be released November 2018.



Jaylani Hussein is the executive director of the Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR-MN). In 2013, he created Zeila Consultants to develop and offer cross-cultural training workshops on East African cultures. Hussein has presented on the Somali Culture to diverse public and private organizations across the U.S. He specializes in the areas of urban planning, community development, youth development (with over eight

years experience working in juvenile treatment centers for court adjudicated youth), legal and civil rights. Hussein has been active with various community organizations in Minnesota, including the Islamic Cultural Center of Minnesota Board of Directors, Wilder Foundation Advisory Board, Muslim Youth of Minnesota



Advisory Board, Islamic Resource Group Speakers Bureau, and ARAHA Board of Directors. He has traveled to the Horn of Africa twice on behalf of ARAHA, to open a regional field office and oversee large-scale humanitarian projects during the Somali Famine of 2011. Hussein received the 2015 the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits (MCN) annual “Visionary Leader” Award. Hussein appears regularly on Minnesota’s local television and radio stations, and has also appeared on national and international outlets. Hussein’s family emigrated from Somalia to Minnesota in 1993 and he is trilingual (English, Somali, Arabic). Hussein holds degrees in Community Development and City Planning from St. Cloud State University and Political Science from North Dakota State University.

Jacqueline Ultan is a performing cellist, composer, and improviser whose passion is to explore music inside and outside...in nature, in poetry, in all living, loving, and dramatic realms. She performs in a wide variety of ensembles that cover an eclectic range of musical styles—drum/cello quartet Jelloslave, Mirrorlands (Persian fusion), and improvising collective Sans le System/iNMiGRATiON, among others. She has recorded and collaborated extensively with local and national theater, dance, pop, rock, and new music artists, and has been recognized with numerous grants and awards. A dedicated teacher at the MacPhail Center for Music and Minneapolis’ Community and Technical College, Jacqueline holds a Masters Degree in Cello Performance from Yale University.



Plenary Sessions

THURSDAY MORNING: PLENARY SESSION II AUGUST 23 • 10:30 AM–NOON

Genocidal Aspects: The Doctrine of Discovery, Papal Bulls, The Great Commission, and the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas



Chris Mato Nunpa is a Wahpeton Dakota from the Upper Sioux Community near Granite Falls in southwestern Minnesota. Mato Nunpa (or, Two Bear) is a Retired Associate Professor in Indigenous Nations and Dakota Studies at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall Minnesota. Chris volunteered for the U.S. Army in the 1960s, when there was a draft, and was honorably discharged from

the military in 1968. In addition to Dakota History and culture, Indigenous Nations History, and U.S. History, his research interests include Genocide Studies and Bible Studies. Dr. Mato Nunpa attended Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. He has just completed a manuscript for his first book, which is now at the publisher.

Mitch Walking Elk defines himself as a singer, songwriter, musician, actor, and political and environmental activist. “I’ve been labeled a folk singer, but to Native Americans, I’m a protest singer,” Mitch said. Mitch escaped his label as a folk singer with the release of his fifth CD, *Time for A Woman*, a blues recording that won him an award for Best Blues recording at the 2005 Indian Summer Festival in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mitch has toured Europe, mostly German-speaking countries, 14 times, which speaks to the universality of his songs. He has also performed in Japan, Mexico City, Columbia, South America, and Canada.





Indigenous Youth Ceremonial Mentoring

Society is a program of GAP (gapschool.org), an inner city alternative school in St. Paul, Minnesota. The program is designed to teach ceremonies to Indigenous youth in St. Paul Public Schools. Mitch Walking Elk is the Mentor for these students. They will talk about their amazing journey to the Vatican; how they got there and the message they brought with them about the Doctrine of Discovery.



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Plenary Sessions

FRIDAY MORNING: PLENARY SESSION III AUGUST 24 • 9:00–10:30 AM

Palestine, Yemen and Iran: U.S. Wars in the Middle East

Why does Israel's policy toward Palestinians amount to Apartheid? Why are U.S. troops fighting in Yemen, Libya, Syria and Iraq? Why are Trump and Bolton trying to start a war against Iran? How can we pursue peace in the Middle East?

A 2007 Nobel Peace Prize nominee, **Aida Touma-Sliman** is a member of the Israeli Parliament (the Knesset) from the Joint List-Hadash (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality). She is also the Chairwoman of the Knesset's Standing Committee on the Status of Women and Gender Equality—the first MK to occupy such a position in Israel. From 2011-15, she was the Chief Editor of *Al-Ittihad*, the only Arabic newspaper published in Israel, and is a co-founder and member of International Women Commission for Just Peace Israel Palestine. Aida Touma-Sliman is currently a member of the Political Bureau and Central Committee of the Communist Party of Israel. She is also President of Peace and Solidarity Committee in Israel.



Bahman Azad is the Coordinator of the Coalition Against U.S. Foreign Military Bases, member of the Executive Board and Organizational Secretary of the U.S. Peace Council, and NGO representative of the World Peace Council at the United Nations. He is also Co-Coordinator of the Hands Off Syria Coalition and Chair of Iran Working Group of Veterans For Peace. Bahman has done extensive research on the subject of the Middle East and Iran and has published numerous articles on these subjects (both in English and Persian languages) in various publications in the United States and Iran. His area of research also includes the political economy of Capitalism and Socialism, and his articles on this subject have appeared in such journals as *Political Affairs*, and *Nature, Society and Thought*. He is the author of



the book, *Heroic Struggle, Bitter Defeat: Factors Contributing to the Dismantling of the Socialist State in the USSR* (International Publishers, New York). He has a Master's Degree in Economics and a Ph.D. in Sociology, and is a retired professor of Economics and Sociology.

Medea Benjamin is a cofounder of both CODEPINK and the international human rights organization Global Exchange. Benjamin is the author of eight books. Her latest is *Drone Warfare: Killing by Remote Control*. Her direct questioning of President Obama during his 2013 foreign policy address, as well as her recent trips to Pakistan and Yemen, help shine a light on the innocent people killed by U.S. drone strikes.



Benjamin has been an advocate for social justice for more than 30 years. Described as “one of America’s most committed—and most effective—fighters for human rights” by *New York Newsday*, she was one of 1,000 exemplary women from 140 countries nominated to receive the Nobel Peace Prize on behalf of the millions of women who do the essential work of peace worldwide. She received the 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Prize from the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and the 2012 Peace Prize from the U.S. Peace Memorial. Benjamin serves on the VFP Advisory Board.



Col. Ann Wright is a retired U.S. Army colonel, a retired U.S. State Department official, and an outspoken critic of the Iraq war. She was one of three State Department officials who resigned in protest over the U.S. invasion of Iraq. Col. Wright won the State Department Award for Heroism for her assistance in helping thousands of refugees escape the civil war in Sierra Leone. She has been a long time peace activist and was aboard Challenger 1 as part of the Gaza Flotilla. Raised in Arkansas, she received a masters and law degree from the University of Arkansas and later was awarded a Master's Degree from the U.S. Naval War College. Col Wright is a member of VFP and serves on the VFP Advisory Board.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON: PLENARY SESSION IV AUGUST 24 • 1:45–3:15 PM

Veterans For Peace, the United Nations, and Realizing World Peace

Imagine what it would be like if there was no opportunity available for countries to come together to discuss international matters. Would there be cooperation among nations? Would there be consensus on international matters? Would any international problems be resolved?

The United Nations charter describes four main purposes:

1. Maintaining worldwide peace and security.
2. Developing relations among nations.
3. Fostering cooperation between nations in order to solve economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian international problems.
4. Providing a forum for bringing countries together to meet the UN's purposes and goals.

This plenary will look at: the relationship and the role of Veterans For Peace as an NGO registered with the Department of Public Information at the UN; the roles of different bodies within the UN; the question of whether the United States has used the UN to further its imperial policies; the importance of the UN to smaller countries in the world; and, finally, the potential of the UN to “end the scourge of war and bring peace and security to the world.”

Barry Ladendorf (Moderator) serves on the Board of Directors for Veterans For Peace and was the president of the Board from 2015-2017. From 2015-to the present, he is one of four VFP representatives to the United Nations Department of Public Information. Barry will provide an update on the Veterans International Peace Conference.





Ellen Barfield is the long-serving Head Representative for VFP to the UN Department of Public Information. She will discuss VFP's relationship to the UN and how so-called civil society interacts with the nation-state members of the UN. She will also explore how VFP might upgrade its UN affiliation and the benefits of having access to UN events and personnel.

Marjorie Cohn is a professor emerita at Thomas Jefferson School of Law and member of the VFP advisory board. She will discuss the structure of the United Nations system. She will also cover the roles of the Security Council, General Assembly, Human Rights Council and International Court of Justice, and explain how they have been used to promote international peace and human rights.



Phyllis Bennis is the author of books on both the potential and limitations of the United Nations, will discuss the long history of U.S. domination of the UN, including the contradiction between democracy and power in the

global institution. She will talk about the legacy of Washington's use of the UN as an instrument of U.S. imperial policy, but also about the potential for the UN to function as part of global movements against "the scourge of war"—including in the run-up to the U.S. war in Iraq in 2002–2003. Phyllis is also a member of the VFP advisory board.

Plenary Sessions

SUNDAY: CLOSING CEREMONY & MARCH AUGUST 26 • 9:30 AM–NOON

The Kellogg-Briand Pact: Necessary Then, Necessary Now

March in Celebration and Remembrance of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I and the 90th anniversary of the signing of the Kellogg-Briand Pact for peace worldwide, on August 27, 1928.

Meet at 9:30am to march the few blocks from the InterContinental Hotel, 11 E. Kellogg Blvd., to the Landmark Center, 75 W. 5th St.



David Swanson is an author, activist, journalist, and radio host. He is director of *World-BeyondWar.org* and campaign coordinator for *RootsAction.org*. Swanson's books include *War Is A Lie* and *When the World Outlawed War*. He blogs at *DavidSwanson.org* and *WarIsACrime.org*. He hosts Talk Nation Radio. He is a 2015, 2016, 2017 Nobel Peace Prize Nominee.

Steve McKeown did a stint as a Radio Operator in Viet Nam with the 4th Infantry Division. A founding member of Minneapolis–St. Paul Veterans For Peace Chapter 27, he has served as the chapter's newsletter coordinator for 27 years. Steve is active in promoting nuclear disarmament, the Kellogg-Briand Pact, and the reclamation of Armistice Day.



Mary Beaudoin is a resident of St. Paul and has been a long-time peace activist. She was on staff at Women Against Military Madness (WAMM) from 2003 to 2009, and the director for five years. She is a member of the WAMM End War Committee and the WAMM Middle East Committee. Currently, she is the editor of and a writer for the *Women Against Military Madness Newsletter*.



John Varone began his musical career in East St. Louis, Illinois, in a 1960s gig with the Four Dimensions. After that he he played with lots of different groups. He sat behind Chuck Berry one night on the drums and played Dixieland Jazz in the Gas Light Square area of St Louis when he was 17. He had pizza with Gene Krupa and played Motown in Detroit in 1967. He switched to guitar and played all over until drafted in 1968, and studied Music at Henry Ford College in Dearborn, Michigan. After 'Nam he started numerous bands; the last one, Mid Life Crisis, a pure rock 'n roll endeavor. The band's spirit was lost after bass player and best friend Tommy died of Agent Orange, years ago.



Peace be with you!

Norman Aulabaugh
VFP Chapter 175, Janesville, Wisconsin

Plenary Sessions

FRIDAY MINI-PLENARIES **AUGUST 24 • 10:45 AM–12:15 PM**

three panel presentations to choose from

Save Our VA: The Fight to Stop Privatization of the Veterans Health Administration

LOCATION: MINNESOTA EAST BALLROOM

The session features expert speakers on the VHA and other critical healthcare issues. It will focus on current attempts to dismantle the VHA. The Koch-brothers-influenced VA MISSION Act (Maintaining Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act) and Trump's executive orders are among the most immediate threats that will greatly advances privatization of the Veterans Health Administration. We will learn what is wrong with the MISSION Act as well as other privatization threats, and how they will erode the VHA and damage veterans healthcare. For example, the VA MISSION Act adds major unfunded mandates to the VHA's workload, which will force cuts to an already underfunded agency. We will also discuss strategies to halt or reduce the damage, and ideas for how to approach our fellow veterans, VSOs, other citizens, and legislators to protect veterans healthcare. Immediately after the mini-plenary, there will be a lunchtime discussion with VFP chapters to consider how to best organize local struggles to stop VA privatization; fix, fund, and fully staff the VA; and coordinate our efforts with others.



– PRESENTERS –

SUZANNE GORDON is an award-winning journalist and author with a focus on nursing and healthcare. She is author or co-author of 11 books and co-editor of 8 more. Her latest is, *The Battle for Veterans' Healthcare: Dispatches from the Frontlines of Policy Making and Patient*

Care. Suzanne is an Assistant Adjunct Professor at the UCSF School of Nursing and an Affiliated scholar with the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine's Wilson Centre. Suzanne is the Senior Policy Fellow at the Veterans' Health Care Policy Institute.

IAN HOFFMANN is the Legislative and Political Organizer, District 12 (Nevada and Northern California), for the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE).

SHAWN SCHLOESSER is the Veterans and Military Affairs Representative for Congressman Tim Walz in Minnesota's 1st District.

IRMA WESTMORELAND is the Chair of Veterans Affairs for National Nurses United (NNU).

Korean War: The Past and Future

LOCATION: GOVERNORS III

With the adoption of the Panmunjom Declaration on April 27 by the two leaders of Korea and the historic U.S.-DPRK summit on June 12, are we going to see an official end to the Forgotten War finally in the near future? Is a peace treaty going to be signed to replace the Armistice Agreement? What is the origin of the Korean War? What are the costs of the Korean War for the U.S. and Korea? This workshop will attempt to answer these questions in the course of examining the horrible U.S. policy on Korea from mid-19th century to the present. Sponsored by VFP-Korea Peace Campaign project (VFP-KPC).

– PRESENTERS –



JOHN KIM, coordinator of VFP-KPC, is a past VFP Board member, and formerly served in South Korea as a U.S. Army soldier.

LARRY KERSCHNER (pictured at left) is a member of VFP-KPC Steering Committee. He was a U.S. Army soldier in the Vietnam War

ANN WRIGHT is a retired U.S. Army colonel and State Department official. She is a member of VFP-KPC Steering Committee. She visited DPRK and crossed the Korean DMZ in 2015.

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Refugees, Regime Change, and Resistance: Stories from Nicaragua, Colombia, and the U.S./Mexico Borderlands

LOCATION: GOVERNORS IV

Join us for this Latin-America-focused panel highlighting disparate yet connected human rights struggles. From the Borderlands of U.S./Mexico to Nicaragua to Colombia, panelists will reveal historic roots of unrest that have led to today's refugee crisis, and share inspiring personal stories about the power of resistance and the hard work of peace-building. Learn how U.S. interventions, historic and current, its economic policies, and its imperialist and racist approach to border security all have a devastating effect on migrants, refugees, indigenous communities, and on communities of color across borders. Learn how you can resist the militarization of the Americas and support powerful people's movements for respect, dignity, justice, and the right to self-determination of communities.

– PRESENTERS –



MARIA LUISA ROSAL (Moderator) has been an organizer within the SOA Watch staff collective since 2013. A political refugee in the U.S. since she was a small girl, Maria Luisa and her family fled Guatemala during the height of the armed conflict, after the 1983 disappearance of her father. Maria Luisa earned her BA in Political Science from Virginia Commonwealth University, and earned her Master's in Human

Rights and Democratization in Latin America and the Caribbean from the Universidad Nacional de San Martín in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

CAMILO MEJIA was born in Nicaragua and eventually moved with his family to Miami, Florida, via Costa Rica. Before graduating from college, U.S. Military service took him to Iraq. In 2003, after five months in active combat, including in the Al Asad detention center where detainees were routinely tortured, he was sent home on leave, and never returned. He recognized the Iraq war as an immoral and criminal war of aggression, and subsequently became a prisoner of conscience at Ft. Sill in Oklahoma. Active with Miami VFP, he continues to speak out against U.S. imperialism.



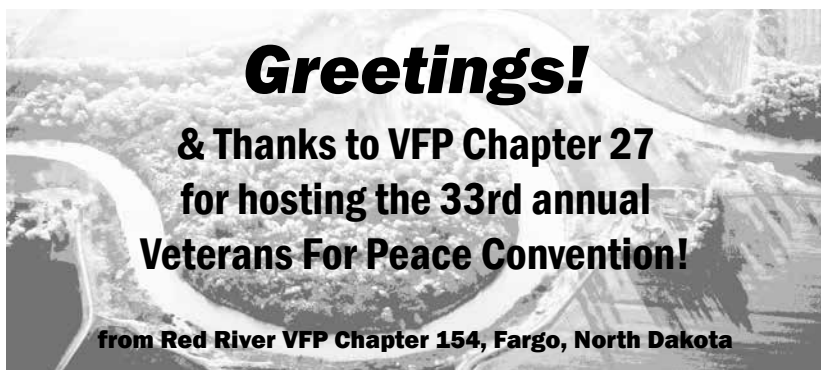


NELLIE JO DAVID is an organizer focusing on indigenous human rights and autonomy on the imposed U.S./Mexico borderlands intersecting the Tohono O'odham Nation. Nellie is from Ajo, Arizona, traditionally Hia-Ced O'odham territory, just West of the Tohono O'odham reservation, just North of Mexico. Nellie was inspired to raise awareness on border issues upon witnessing the increased militarization of her community. She dedicates her work to migrant justice issues and protecting the rights of indigenous peoples and wildlife along the border. Nellie obtained her J.D. with a certificate in indigenous law and policy from Michigan State University in 2014.

DAIRA QUIÑONES is an Afro-Colombian human rights defender, singer, and peace-builder. After being displaced from her ancestral lands in Tumaco, Colombia, Daira began organizing with other displaced Afro-Colombian, Indigenous and campesinx women in Bogotá, creating spaces of sharing and hope.



Amidst escalating violence in post-accords Colombia, Daira works to build women-led movements and organizations that fight for complete reparations (including territory), and truth commissions that honestly examine crimes committed during the conflict, with direct participation of all victims.



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WORKSHOP SESSION I **THURSDAY, AUGUST 23 • 1:45–3:15 PM**

1968 and Today: An Intergenerational Conversation between Veterans on the Nature of War, Prospects for Change, and Strategies for Resistance

LOCATION: MINNESOTA EAST BALLROOM

Nineteen-sixty-eight is a year that still haunts. Ancient history to some, for others it seems like just yesterday. The title of The Doors' 1967 album; Strange Days, is still apt. In this war-and-peace focused conversation, three veterans of the Vietnam generation and three of younger generations will compare and contrast events of 50 years ago and today, revealing both continuing struggles and new challenges for those of us who seek a true revolution of consciousness. The discussion will be guided by three main strategic points: (a) U.S. vulnerability and the criminal nature of its interventions; (b) resistance movements within civil society and the military, and (c) building anti-war and anti-fascist alliances. This workshop is hosted by VFP's Vietnam: Full Disclosure Committee (VNFD), which works toward honest commemoration of the American war in Vietnam. VNFD members Becky Luening and Doug Rawlings will co-facilitate, and the last half-hour will be reserved for whole-group discussion.

– PRESENTERS –

PAUL COX, a “Recovering Marine,” is Co-coordinator of the Vietnam Agent Orange Relief and Responsibility Campaign, past President of VFP San Francisco Chapter 69, and Past President of Swords to Plowshares.

In 1966, **JJ JOHNSON** and three other active-duty military—Denis Mora and David Samas—refused orders to Vietnam to fight in “an illegal, immoral, unjust war.” They were court martialed in September, 1966 for insubordination. JJ was sentenced to five years in prison and given a Dishonorable Discharge. He served 28 months in Leavenworth. JJ retired as a labor journalist and has been a lifelong activist for progressive causes.

In 1968, **SUSAN SCHNALL** was on active duty in the Navy and protested the war by speaking out in uniform against the American war in Vietnam, dropping anti-war flyers

on military bases and leading the GI and Veterans March for Peace in October. She was tried by general court martial, sentenced to six months at hard labor, and dismissed from service. Today she is Co-coordinator of the Vietnam Agent Orange Relief and Responsibility Campaign, President of VFP New York Chapter 34, and Chair of the Science/Public Health Committee on Agent Orange/Dioxin.

MAGGIE MARTIN is Co-Director of About Face: Veterans Against the War (Formerly IVAW) and has been a member of that organization for over a decade, holding volunteer positions as a chapter leader, campaign team leader, and a regional organizer before coming on staff in 2011. She was in the U.S. Army from 2001-2006 deploying three times to Kuwait and Iraq. Maggie has helped build the organizing program for About Face and has played a key role in mobilizing veterans for countless community building, training, and action opportunities. She currently resides in Decatur, Tennessee.

CAMILO MEJIA was born in Nicaragua but eventually moved with his family to Miami, Florida, via Costa Rica. Before graduating from college, U.S. Military service took him to Iraq. In 2003, after five months in active combat, including in the Al Asad detention center where detainees were routinely tortured, he was sent home on leave, from which he never returned. He recognized the Iraq war as an immoral and criminal war of aggression, and subsequently became a prisoner of conscience at Fort Sill in Oklahoma. Mejia lives in Miami and continues to actively speak out against U.S. imperialism.

SARAH N. MESS served on active duty in the U.S. Army from 1992 to 2000, including a combat tour with the 42nd Field Hospital in Mogadishu, Somalia, in 1993. Her poetry presentations have electrified audiences in New Jersey, New York City, Chicago and beyond, and her poems and art are featured in the anthologies, *Warrior Writers* and *Sound Off: Warrior Writers NJ*. She is a lifetime member of Veterans For Peace. Sarah is also involved with The Quinism Foundation, a long-awaited resource for veterans and civilians suffering from quinism due to poisoning by Lariam Mefloquine and other neurotoxic quinolones.

Building Bridges: Making Peace Possible

LOCATION: GOVERNORS I

Since 1995, Chapter 160's grassroots programming in Viet Nam and the U.S. focuses on building bridges between veterans, their families, and communities. This workshop provides a brief overview of the chapter's current and future programming, tours, and social media efforts designed to address war legacies, build

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peace between former foes, and develop meaningful relationships with future leaders, military, artists, students, and researchers, including those developing genetic markers to identify mutations caused by Agent Orange and other chemicals used during the U.S. war in Viet Nam. Reaching out to research institutions connects the past to the present for a peaceful future—with the potential for improving lives.

This workshop includes a 15-minute brainstorming session so that participants can reinterpret presented methods and successes, and then apply them to their efforts, with the hope that participants gain practical and inspirational solutions for building strong relationships in their communities and globally—for peace.

– PRESENTERS –

CHUCK SEARCY, a Vietnam Veteran, is president of Veterans For Peace Chapter 160 and the international advisor for Project RENEW. Chuck first returned to Viet Nam in 1982 and since then has established strong roots by building bridges with former foes and positive relationships with new friends, including Vietnamese and American youth. In 2004, Chuck was awarded the National Friendship Medal of the State of Viet Nam, the highest honor for foreigners who have served their country.

DAVID CLARK is VFP Chapter 160 secretary-treasurer and an active member based in Da Nang since 2013. A former U.S. Marine, he served with First Marine Division ground forces in the Quang Nam Province in Central Viet Nam from July 1968 thru August 1969. David is married to Ushi, a Vietnamese woman with four children and seven grandchildren. David and Ushi help raise funds and awareness for Bicycles for Viet Nam, a program that provides bicycles to children in rural Viet Nam who live more than 10km from school. David is also active with Da Nang Viet Nam Association of Victims of Agent Orange (DVAVA), and Project RENEW.

RACHEL CUNNINGHAM is a lifetime member of VFP Chapter 160 who has lived in Viet Nam and Laos since 2005. She has experience in international investment banking and economic development. Rachel is also a former journalist currently doing research on contemporary foreign policy in Viet Nam and Australia. She is an avid supporter of the arts, including filmmaking. Most recently she assisted in the research and production in Viet Nam of *Monsoon* by BAFTA-nominated director Hong Khaou. Rachel received her B.A. in Political Science from the University of Chicago and is currently doing research at the University of Western Australia and the Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam.

Free Speech in War Time: WWI to the Global War on Terror

LOCATION: GOVERNORS II

Free speech suffers in a time of war. The assault on expression has taken different forms during different wars, and is evolving today. While the legal standard for political speech that the government may suppress is more permissive today than it was in WWI, challenges remain. Is the ‘public square’ shrinking? Has the expectation of a ‘permit’ resulted in government controlled and rationed speech? Are law enforcement and the courts dealing fairly with people who exercise their civil liberties? Will our constitutional rights survive the Forever war, the Global War on Terror.

– PRESENTERS –

JORDAN S. KUSHNER is a criminal defense and civil rights attorney based in Minneapolis.

ROGER CUTHBERTSON is a recently acquitted defendant in a Black Lives Matter protest case.

MIKE MADDEN is a recently acquitted defendant in a Muslim Ban protest case.

Making Peace Possible through Civilian Diplomacy

LOCATION: GOVERNORS III

Presentation on the first and second VFP Speaking Tours in Japan, and 2018 Summer Short Tour, organized by Rachel Clark and many local supporters.

– PRESENTERS –

A native of Japan, **RACHEL CLARK** holds a degree in International Studies from Ramapo College of New Jersey, where she concentrated on Afro-American studies and women’s rights. As independent interpreter and global coordinator, she has had the chance to utilize her language capacity internationally in the service of high-profile public figures. Currently Rachel resides in New Jersey, balancing her job as an interpreter, global coor-

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Civilian Diplomacy *cont.*

dinator, and volunteer activities as a lifetime member of VFP and volunteer staff of Peace Boat U.S. She is a member of Manhattan Project for a Nuclear-Free World, and founder of a volunteer group called “able.” Rachel’s dream of collaboration between VFP and Peace Boat finally came true last November, when Mike Hanes and Ken’ichi Narikawa (VFP Japan) were invited as guest speakers to Peace Boat’s 95th voyage during the ship’s final leg between Honolulu and Yokohama, prior to the pair’s second speaking tour in Japan. Rachel has helped promote VFP speaking tours in Japan, and the establishment of the VFP Japan Chapter was a fruit of the first one, which led local supporters to become vital associate members who then helped recruit former self-defense force soldiers in order to establish this new VFP international chapter.

Creating a Climate of Peace: Decolonizing Conversations & Cultural Safety in Relationship with Working Together for Our Environment

LOCATION: GOVERNORS IV

Internâational Initiative for Transformative Collaboration (INITC) invites its VFP relatives to an experiential investigation of what it means to genuinely work together for creating and maintaining peace in the face of militarized aggression (through Oceti Sakowin Camp lens) and establishing relationships for healing the wounds of conflict and war, including those to our shared environment.

This session will include interactive activities for inquiring:

- What makes genuine Transformative Collaboration?
- What is cultural safety and how do we get some?
- How do we establish agreements for what comprises a decolonizing conversation?
- How do we define and develop inter-cultural and Inter-faith relationships? and
- How do we engender well-being/wellness (emotional, mental, physical, spiritual)?

– PRESENTERS –

JOHNNIE, BEN, LISA, MONISHA – Members of the Internâational Initiative for Transformative Collaboration (INITC)

Creating Successful Projects and Grant Applications: Outcome-Setting and Evaluation for Chapter Activities

LOCATION: STATE I

The most successful chapter projects are well designed, with clear goals and evaluation criteria. Funders and collaborators want to support programs that have specific outcomes and metrics for assessment. This interactive workshop will cover how to design strong projects, and how to use assessment tools to both prove results and improve campaigns. Participants will learn effective, widely applicable skills and will practice creating clear and achievable outcomes and evaluation metrics. Workshop capacity is limited to 15 participants.

– PRESENTER –

BRIAN SPARKS works with non-profit organizations in a variety of capacities, including development and program design. He served as an infantry soldier in Iraq in 2005 and has been a member of VFP since 2011. He currently chairs the Howard Zinn Committee, which provides small grants to chapters seeking to address the root causes of war.

Veterans Homeless: Challenges to Solutions

LOCATION: STATE II

Making peace possible is more than simply ending war. It needs to take into account the true total cost of war such as the alarming increase in homeless veterans. The number of homeless veterans across America increased by 17 percent in 2017 for the first time in seven years. VFP's Homeless Veteran Working Group (HVWG) has been sounding the alarm that there is a crisis ahead. The face of Veteran Homelessness is changing, from single male veterans to homeless veteran single women, and entire veteran homeless families. HVWG has created a list of proven "Best Practices" relating to solving some of the problems expressed above. These are proven short- and long-term strategies that directly involve collaboration with local government and community organizations. The overriding

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Veterans Homeless *cont.*

ing purpose of this workshop is to discuss these “Best Practices” and encourage fellow members to share this information back home with their local chapters.

– PRESENTERS –

JACK DOXEY was an infantry man in the U.S. Army. He served in Korea in 1952 and 1953 and was attached to the Belgium Army. He is founder and chair of VFP’s Homeless Veteran Working Group. A lifetime VFP member and past vice president, he is now treasurer of VFP Chapter 190 in San Diego, California.

DAVID DITTEMORE is currently President of the Tacoma chapter of VFP (#134). He was formerly head of the PTSD working group and has been a member of the Homeless working group for several years. He has been keeping track of the homeless problems in the Seattle area.

MAURICE MARTIN is a U.S. Army veteran and lifetime member of Veterans For Peace (VFP) active with East Bay Chapter 162 in Berkeley, California. Currently a National VFP Board member, he is co-chair of VFP’s Homeless Veteran Working Group. He is a co-founder and vice president of Amikas House, housing for homeless veteran women and children. He helped facilitate VFP’s first international chapter in Tijuana, Mexico, and the housing program for Deported Veterans.

WORKSHOP SESSION II **THURSDAY, AUGUST 23 • 3:30–5:00 PM**

No Miramar Air Show, NoMAS

LOCATION: MINNESOTA EAST BALLROOM

Chapter 91’s NoMAS project is designed to dissuade the public from attending the Miramar Air Show. This airshow markets American militarism to the public and is a primary recruiting tool. Gains made include the elimination of the “wall of fire” event, after VFP members made it known that our troops were risking their lives to entertain the public. They dropped the drone strike simulator, where kids were encouraged to call in airstrikes against “terrorists” in the Middle East. They have removed most of the heavy machine guns from their tanks and tracked vehicles where kids were allowed to point them at people in the crowd.

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Workshop participants are asked to view the 20-minute YouTube documentary, *Disneyland of War* by Chris Smiley before attending the workshop. (Search for “Disneyland of War Chris Smiley” on YouTube, or go to www.learnfromvets.com to see Chapter 91’s google-targeted ad and find a link to the same video.)

– PRESENTERS –

DAVE PATTERSON is the current coordinator for the five-year Chapter 91 NoMAS project. Past president of Chapter 91, Dave has been a member of VFP since 2004.

STAN LEVIN is a Korean War Veteran and active supporter and participant in Chapter 91’s NoMAS project.

About Face: Veterans Against the War— Working Towards Transformative Organizing

LOCATION: GOVERNORS I

About Face co-director and members will share ways they have worked to transform themselves and their organization, while working towards transforming our society away from militarism.

– PRESENTER –

MAGGIE MARTIN, Co-Director of About Face: Veterans Against the War, has been a member of About Face (formerly IVAW) for over a decade, holding volunteer positions as a chapter leader, campaign team leader, and a regional organizer before coming on staff in 2011. She was in the U.S. Army from 2001-2006, deploying three times to Kuwait and Iraq. Maggie has helped build the organizing program for About Face and has played a key role in mobilizing veterans for countless community-building, training, and action opportunities. She currently resides in Decatur, Tennessee.

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Ableism 101: Defining, Navigating, and Deconstructing

LOCATION: GOVERNORS II

ABLEISM is discrimination against people with disabilities, including the expression of hate for people with disabilities, denial of accessibility, rejection of disabled applicants for housing and jobs, institutionalized discrimination in the form of benefits systems designed to keep people with disabilities in poverty, etc. This workshop will cover various aspects of ableism in American society and offer ideas for transforming our society into one that treasures each individual regardless of their personal challenges.

– PRESENTERS –

RICK CARDENAS worked for Advocating Change Together (ACT), first as an organizer for Remembering With Dignity (RWD) and then as co-director for 19 years. Prior to that, Rick worked at the St Paul office of Senator Paul Wellstone and most recently as a consultant on the Reconnect Rondo project. He continues consulting at Access Associates, doing physical and programmatic consulting on disabilities.

BETH BLICK has been an advocate within ADAPT, a national grassroots community that organizes disability rights activists to engage in nonviolent direct action, including civil disobedience, to assure the civil and human rights of people with disabilities to live in freedom. Disability rights is a passion for Beth, since she has experienced firsthand many difficulties in housing, health care, employment, and other aspects of daily life.

Veterans' Issues (PTSD, Appeals Process, Benefits, etc.)

LOCATION: GOVERNORS III

The purpose of this workshop is to raise Veterans For Peace awareness of the issues veterans face and how to address them—veterans affairs, claims, appeals, benefits, etc.

– PRESENTERS –

DR. RUDY MELSON, DrPH, MACM, MHA, is President of Consultants for America's Veterans, LLC (CAV), a company dedicated to helping U.S. Military Veterans and Service Members. He also serves as a lecturer at USC Dana and David Dornsife College for Letters, Arts and Sciences, a public health consultant to the U.S. Uniformed Services, and a claims agent accredited by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Dr. Melson is a U.S. Army veteran.

WILLIE HAGER (Moderator) is chapter coordinator of Jacksonville, Florida, Jacob George Chapter 174, past VFP Board member (2013-2016), and chair/coordinator of the VFP National Deported Veterans Advocacy Project.

GEORGE JOHNSON is a longtime member of Veterans For Peace, former VFP Board member, and a hell of a nice t-shirt salesman who is currently active with the Tijuana VFP chapter in Mexico.

Building a Media Strategy

LOCATION: GOVERNORS IV

Our organizing and our ability to communicate our vision is central to the work we do at Veterans For Peace. How do we create good media strategy? How do we send effective press releases? How do we make sure the work of our chapters is reaching a broader audience? Join National VFP office staff as we go over some helpful tips on developing better tools for reaching media.

– PRESENTERS –

COLLEEN KELLY is a community organizer and activist raised in St. Louis, Missouri. Currently she is the Communications Coordinator for National Veterans For Peace. She is also an active member of ARC, the Anti-Racist Collective, a project of the Justice Institute. She was part of the Catholic Worker community, and cooperatively ran a house of hospitality for homeless women and children from 2008-2017. Kelly has been a community organizer with the St. Louis Instead of War Coalition since 2005, and in 2009, she helped form the St. Louis Palestine Solidarity Committee, (PSC). She has actively worked on a number of issues ranging from police brutality and militarization, to privatization of resources, gentrification and anti-oppression.

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The Strength of Armistice, the Power of Pacifism, and the Contributions of Socialists Against War: 1918-2018

LOCATION: STATE I

Rusty will give a brief narrative of how pacifism has transformed his path and informed his worldview. He will connect that to the history of the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the popular rejection of both pacifism and isolationism before and after WWI, including the Kellogg-Briand Pact. Participants will be encouraged to recall impressions they have been given of pacifism and pacifists by media and educators. We will discuss definitions, real and fake, and challenge the cliché, “I’m not a pacifist, but...” This presentation is not intended to convert anyone to pacifism, but to legitimize the term in conversations about armistice, military activities, and the establishment of peace.

Michael will explore the 100 plus years of history of three interrelated political strands that have made up the core of the peace and antiwar movement: pacifists and religious activists, liberal internationalists, and socialists. He will present a historic overview of these three strands with a special emphasis on socialists, and show how the antiwar movement is most successful when all three work together. The presentation will be followed by questions and answers and discussion on how three strands of the movement work together.

– PRESENTERS –

RUSTY NELSON was born into White Privilege in Georgia while his father was a U.S. Navy chaplain in the Pacific Theater of WWII. By the time he had sorted out his own spirituality, he had been a combat boat platoon leader and a commercial broadcaster and married Nancy, a Minnesotan who hastened his journey toward enlightenment. They joined a small Mennonite congregation in Spokane in 1981 and co-directed the Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane between 1988 and 2009. Parents of two, grandparents of six, they live in a strawbale house overlooking the Palouse. In 1987, Sean Daly dragged Rusty into the establishment of VFP Chapter 35.

MICHAEL LIVINGSTON is a member of Minnesota Peace Action Coalition and has been an anti-war/peace activist since 1980. He worked in the Central American Movement during the 1980s, against invasion of Panama and the First Gulf War, and against invasions in occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan. In his work life he is a professor of psychology at the College of Saint Benedict and St. John's University.

Economic Empowerment in Latin America: Real Life Experience with Community Lending Pools

LOCATION: STATE II

Women in Central America are deeply affected by the poverty and injustice created by the legacy of past armed conflicts, and current effects of the drug trade, machismo cultures, gang violence, and immigration systems. Without money to call their own, women have little voice. Over the last ten years, the organization Mary's Pence has been partnering with eight women's networks in five different Latin American countries to create locally owned community lending pools. Executive Director Katherine Wojtan will share learning from a unique model of lending and solidarity that stresses community decisions and partnership. She will provide context for the issues in these countries, and talk about the barriers and successes the women face as they work to provide for their families.

– PRESENTER –

KATHERINE WOJTAN is the Executive Director of Mary's Pence, a nonprofit that funds women for social change. She travels regularly to Central America and Mexico to meet with staff and participants in the ESPERA program. Katherine has been involved in nonviolence for many years, she is trained in Creating a Culture of Peace and annually hosts a CCP interfaith retreat. She was trained by Meta Peace Team (formerly Michigan Peace Team) and was a core team member of the Minnesota Peace Team during the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 2018.

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Applying Military Thinking to Social Change Activism: “Action without strategy is the noise before defeat” (*The Art of War*)

LOCATION: STATE III

Does it feel like you are always playing whack-a-mole with the powers that be? Maybe you’ve noticed that our work often seems more like personal expression than effective action. If so, then this workshop is for you. It’s time to think like the military: deploy winning strategies and tactics. In order to achieve meaningful and enduring change, activists need to take a coordinated and strategic approach. This workshop introduces a new framework for working effectively so that we are all headed in the same direction, even while focusing on our unique missions. We will introduce the Strategic Impact Framework (SIF), an “open source” platform developed by OEP, using MFSO as a study for organizational work. Each participant will practice applying the SIF approach to their own work, and receive a free copy of the SIF framework along with ongoing support as you develop your own successful projects, activities and campaigns. Make your next actions matter!

– PRESENTERS –

BILL SCHEURER is executive director of On Earth Peace (OEP). He is a frequent speaker on the intersections of peace, faith and politics, and has worked as a lay minister, lawyer, and tech-startup entrepreneur. He and his wife, Randi, returned to full-time peace activism after 9/11. They were early members of Military Families Speak Out (MFSO), a call to bring our troops home and take care of them when they get here. Bill served eight years on the National Council Executive Committee of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and is a founding board member of Save a Vet, dedicated to rescuing military and law enforcement dogs and sheltering them with disabled veterans in mutual healing and support. He currently serves on the national steering committees of MFSO and the National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth (NNOMY), the leading counter-recruiting coalition in the nation. He is the author of *Us and Them: Bridging Chasm of Faith*, and a three-time peace candidate for U.S. Congress.

PAT ALVISO is mother of an active duty U.S. Marine and currently serves as the National Coordinator of Military Families Speak Out.

WORKSHOP SESSION III

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24 • 3:30–5:00 PM

Making Peace Possible: Agent Orange and UXOs—Lasting Legacies of War—and Reconciliation between Nations and People

LOCATION: MINNESOTA EAST BALLROOM

From 1961-1971, 3.4 million Vietnamese were directly sprayed by herbicides used to destroy millions of acres of farmlands and forests—by the U.S. Studies show a correlation between exposure to the dioxin in the herbicides and 18 diseases for which the Veterans Administration provides benefits and compensation. The VA recognizes the impact on all children of female American military, but only one birth defect of the children of male American military. Another legacy of the American War is unexploded ordnance, killing more than 40,000 Vietnamese since 1975. Of the 7.6 million tons of bombs dropped by U.S. forces, 10 percent remain undetonated, ready to kill 50 years later. Panelists will discuss available scientific studies, and their work organizing community presentations and lobbying congress for redress, as well as supporting the Vietnamese through Project RENEW, VAVA (Vietnam Association for the Victims of Agent Orange/dioxin), and other organizations in our efforts for remediation of the land and provision of services to those harmed.

– PRESENTERS –

PAUL COX, a recovering Marine of the Vietnam War, is co-founder of San Francisco VFP Chapter 069, and co-coordinator of the Vietnam Agent Orange Relief and Responsibility Campaign.

HEATHER BOWSER is co-founder and President of Children of Vietnam Veterans Health Alliance, an Agent Orange activist. The daughter of an American Vietnam veteran, Heather was born with significant birth defects from her father's exposure to Agent Orange during service in Vietnam.

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Agent Orange, UXOs, and Reconciliation *cont.*

CHUCK SEARCY is President and founding member of VFP Chapter 160, international adviser for Project RENEW in Quang Tri Province, and represents the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation (VVAFA) and Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation VVMF in Vietnam; co-chair of NGO Agent Orange Working Group.

SUSAN SCHNALL is President NYC VFP chapter 034, co-coordinator Vietnam Agent Orange Relief and Responsibility Campaign, Navy veteran court-martialed for anti-war activities; 2006-recipient of Vietnam Medal of Friendship.

DAN SHEA, a Vietnam veteran, is a member of VFP Board of Directors, host of VFP Forum cable television show, and co-coordinator Vietnam Agent Orange Relief and Responsibility Campaign.

BECKY LUENING, an associate member of Portland, Oregon, VFP Chapter 072, was board president of Vietnam Friendship Village Project USA 1996-2016, and visited Vietnam on six occasions between 2002-2016. She received the Vietnam Medal of Friendship in 2014 along with other Vietnam Friendship Village International Committee partners.

It's Time to Abolish Selective Service (Draft) Registration

LOCATION: GOVERNORS II

With the decision to open combat positions to women, Selective Service (draft) registration is back in the national conversation. While much debate has focused on gender, problems with draft registration are extensive and worthy of more thorough consideration. For many, Selective Service registration is about preparation for war, militarization of our communities, and coercion of conscience. In 2016, Congress established a National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service. The Commission's mandate is to consider issues of national service, both military and civilian, including, should registration continue, should women be required to register, and are there changes that should be made to the system. The commission is at work now, and they need to hear from us! It has been decades since there has been a national conversation about Selective

Service. This is a critical opportunity to work for justice. This workshop will explore avenues and strategies for action.

– PRESENTER –

MARIA SANTELLI is Executive Director of the Center on Conscience and War.

Deported Veterans: Issues and Actions Support

LOCATION: GOVERNORS III

After introductions and panel presentations, there will be time for open discussion and questions from the floor, after which workshop participants will compile a list of “Things To Do.”

– PRESENTERS –

MAURICE MARTIN is a U.S. Army veteran and lifetime member of Veterans For Peace (VFP) with East Bay Chapter 162, Berkeley, California. A member since 2007, he currently serves as a national VFP Board member, and in the past has been a leader in VFP Speaker's Bureau. He is co-chair of VFP's Homeless Veteran Working Group, and also co-founder and vice president of Amikas House, housing for homeless veteran women and children. Maurice helped facilitate VFP's first international chapter in Tijuana, Mexico Chapter as well as a housing program for Deported Veterans. He is also involved with a number of other community and national veterans organizations.

ALFREDO FIGUEROA was born and raised in San Francisco. He is a Latinx man that served in the 101st Airborne Division. After his combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, Alfredo decided to start school and earned a BS in Business Administration from the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley. He currently works with veterans who were deported and hopes to assist them in establishing a 501c(3) non-profit in order to raise funds and awareness. To Alfredo, it is critical that we bring back all our veterans home and not turn our backs to them.

WILLIE HAGER (Moderator) is chapter coordinator of Jacksonville, Florida, Jacob George Chapter 174, past VFP Board member (2013-2016), and chair/coordinator of the VFP National Deported Veterans Advocacy Project.

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The *Golden Rule*, the Upcoming Pacific Voyage, and a Nuclear-Free World

LOCATION: GOVERNORS IV

The workshop will begin with a screening of the ten-minute version of the video, *Making Waves: Rebirth of the Golden Rule*, and a status report on the Golden Rule. Presenters will discuss the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and how anti-nuclear groups are working to achieve its implementation. Steve McKeown and Marie Braun will discuss the role and tactics of the End War Committee of Women Against Military Madness—the WAMM Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) to pressure the U.S. government to sign the TPNW. Participants will discuss ideas for supporting TPNW and have opportunities for action: sending postcards to the U.S. senate and U.S. representative to the UN; signing a petition; and organizing local and state resolutions to implement nuclear disarmament.

– PRESENTERS –

STEVE MCKEOWN conscripted into the Army in 1965. and was a radio operator with the 4th Infantry Division in Vietnam, He is a founding member of the local chapter of Minneapolis-St. Paul Veterans For Peace, and has been the chapter newsletter coordinator for the last 27 years. Steve has been active in anti-nuclear resistance and organizing for the last 35 years. and is currently working with the END WAR Committee of Women Against Military Madness (WAMM) to promote the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons signing by the nuclear nations, including our own.

MARIE BRAUN is a long-time peace and justice activist and a member of WAMM for 36 years. Following a trip to Iraq in 1998, she became involved in grassroots organizing against the sanctions and later against the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, and Syria, and in protesting many other U.S. threats of war. Marie has received numerous awards for her activism and is currently spearheading the WAMM Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons.

HELEN JACCARD is Project Manager of the Golden Rule Project and a crew member aboard the *Golden Rule*, starting in 2015.

GERRY CONDON is President of the Board of VFP.

ANN WRIGHT is a member of the Golden Rule Committee and on the Advisory Board of VFP.

Veteran Service Corps and the Healing Power of Service: Veterans Helping Veterans to Help Their Communities

LOCATION: STATE I

Veteran Service Corps (VSC) engages veterans, out of our shared oath of service to our country, to improve our communities and protect constitutional and human rights. VSC is engaged in building toward an equitable world through maximizing the training, education, experience, and talents of the veteran community. VSC volunteers facilitate sustainable solutions that improve our communities, provide the infrastructure necessary to address complex systemic problems, and to build capacity in others through camaraderie, teamwork, and service. Join us to hear the story of how we came together, and the mission that unites and compels us. We will discuss our overarching approach, strategic goals, and two case studies to illustrate our work: fostering economic and community development with the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and addressing the border crisis in collaboration with a coalition of partners. Giving veterans a chance to serve locally, is having and will have some profound effects on these communities.

– PRESENTERS –

The presentation will be a panel/combined effort of Veteran Service Corps Board Of Directors.

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Creating a Climate of Inner Peace: Introduction to Trauma Sensitive Mindfulness Practice

LOCATION: STATE II

Purpose: Trauma and Trauma Recovery through an Oceti Sakowin Camp lens; Maintaining a Peaceful camp. Many Indigenous wisdom traditions recognize the importance of healing through balancing social, emotional, physical, and inner well-being, understandings that are increasingly supported by Western science, particularly in relation to managing the effects of trauma. The experiential practice session integrates a diversity of First Nations traditional healing and western practices to address the effects of trauma through mindfulness. Session will include:

- Introduction and Background
- Trauma and Mindfulness
- Cultivating Compassion
- Experiential practices
- Embodying mindfulness and the importance of authenticity through practice

– PRESENTERS –

JOHNNIE, LISA, MONISHA – Members of the International Initiative for Transformative Collaboration (INITC)

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Pact is evidence—
Peace is Possible.

~ Dan Shea 2018



Working in Coalition: Grassroots Outreach

LOCATION: STATE III

About working in coalition at the grassroots level on nonviolent conflict resolution projects in U.S.–Middle East conflict areas, the workshop and panel presentation will feature projects that are underway in the metropolitan D.C. area through a coalition of faith-based and conflict resolution organizations and government relations with local D.C. City Council hearings, film series, talk-back presentations and book signings. Panel will discuss how to work in coalition to raise awareness of the political/military connection between the U.S./Israel/Saudi military campaigns in the Middle East and their domestic government and public affairs presence to shape policy and mold opinion.

– PRESENTER –

MARY NEZNEK has been an activist and educator with a background in nonviolent conflict resolution in U.S.–Middle East conflict areas with particular work on the U.S./Israel-Palestine Conflict. She was a founding member of the Washington, D.C., National Capital Presbytery Middle East Working Group, former director of Peace Links, a network of congressional spouses and grassroots community leaders and board member of Partners for Peace, Jerusalem Women Speak. She holds a joint masters in Arabic Literature and Arab Studies from Georgetown University and a masters from George Mason University's School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution. She has edited a several books on the Israel-Palestine conflict at the Institute for Palestine Studies, Israel and Latin America—the Military Connection (Bahbah), American Jewish Organizations and Israel and Occupier's Law (Shehadeh). She contributed research on Israeli outreach to U.S. Campus organizations and to the Christian Right and mainstream religious organizations to The Lobby (Tivnan). She currently works with a number of D.C.-based NGOs working on Middle East film series and lobbying against the Israeli military training of domestic U.S. police force leadership from major U.S. cities.

Film Screenings

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

9:00pm–Midnight • State I

8 ANTIWAR COMEDY SHORTS

directed by Johnny Lewis (2017)

Johnny Lewis, associate member of VFP Chapter 93 in Michigan, will screen eight antiwar comedies, each 4-8 minutes long. Filmed in Los Angeles, each of these shorts points out one or more of the absurdities of war, often with a character rethinking their previous ideas or moving to an attitude of empowerment.

TRUTH IN RECRUITING – What if the recruiter actually did tell the truth? What if the “Be All You Can Be” poster had a disclaimer that said: “You might die, or get your arms or legs blown off”?

GONNA BE A SOLIDER – Six-year-old Joey’s parents explain to him that he can’t be a doctor when he grows up, because they’re raising him to be a soldier and kill people in other countries.

BLOCK THIS CALLER – What if an Arab and an American meet randomly in the desert and decide not to fight each other? Even though their so-called leaders urge them to do so.

OCCUPATION 101: VOICES OF THE SILENCED MAJORITY

directed and produced by Sufyan Omeish and Abdallah Omeish;
narrated by Alison Weir (2006 | 88 mins)

One of the best films made about the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.

LINK: www.youtube.com/watch?v=YuI5GP2LJAs

THURSDAY MORNING

7:00am–8:45am • Governors III

RAY McGOVERN TALKS ABOUT WHITE SUPREMACY AND MILITARY BASES

filmed and published by *Other Voices, Other Choices* (2018 | 17mins)

Conference on U.S. Foreign Military Bases, January 14, 2018 in Baltimore, Maryland.

LINK: www.youtube.com/watch?v=ccsPkebs71I&feature=youtu.be

THURSDAY NIGHT

10:15pm–12:15am • State I

THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY: UNMASKING THE DOMINATION CODE

directed by Dakota filmmaker Sheldon Wolfchild and co-produced by Steven Newcomb (2014 | 60mins)

Dakota filmmaker Sheldon Wolfchild's compelling documentary is premised on Pagans in the Promised Land: Decoding the Doctrine of Christian Discovery, a book based on two decades of research by Shawnee, Lenape scholar Steven T. Newcomb. The film tells the story of how little known Vatican documents of the fifteenth century resulted in a tragic global momentum of domination and dehumanization. This led to law systems in the U.S. and Canada and elsewhere, that are still being used against Original Nations and Peoples to this day. The film concludes with traditional teachings that provide a much needed alternative for humans and the ecological systems of Mother Earth at this time.

FRIDAY MORNING

7:00–8:45am • Governors III

THE 9/11 TRUTH MOVEMENT

[details unavailable at time of printing]

Delving into the reasons citizens continue to scrutinize the official 9/11 investigation, film topics include: Building 7; ignored investigation guidelines; a former NIST researcher's 2016 realization that the NIST 9/11 investigation had deliberately suppressed the truth; why so many citizens can't accept anything but the official explanation of 9/11; and scientific experts speaking out regarding 9/11.

FRIDAY NIGHT

10:00pm–Midnight • State I

THE THREE EVILS OF SOCIETY

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., speaking at the First Annual National Conference on New Politics, August 31, 1967 (43mins)

LINK: www.youtube.com/watch?v=j8d-IYSM-08&t=4s

Film Screenings

FRIDAY NIGHT *cont.*

BILL MOYER'S *THE SECRET GOVERNMENT: THE CONSTITUTION IN CRISIS*

produced by PBS (1987 | 90mins)

The full-length version of Bill Moyer's 1987 scathing critique of the criminal subterfuge carried out by the Executive Branch of the U.S. Government to carry out operations clearly contrary to the wishes and values of the American people.

LINK: www.youtube.com/watch?v=75XwKaDanPk

CITIZEN CLARK: A LIFE OF PRINCIPLE

produced and directed by Joseph C. Stillman (2018 | 95mins)

A documentary on the life of former U.S. Attorney Ramsey Clark.

SATURDAY MORNING

PRIOR TO BUSINESS MEETING

MAKING WAVES: THE REBIRTH OF THE GOLDEN RULE

produced by Wendy Rogan and filmed by James Knight during San Diego Fleet Week! (2018 | 25mins)

A little boat set sail in 1958 on a big mission: to stop atomic bomb tests. Sixty years later, the historic Golden Rule embarks on a new voyage of peace and anti-nuclear activism.

The 10-minute version is embedded on the Golden Rule website, vfpgoldenrule.org. The 25-minute version can be seen at vimeo.com/250517563 (password vfgrp18).

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

4:00–5:30pm • Minnesota East Ballroom

WHO ARE THESE RUSSIANS AND WHY DO WE HATE THEM?

the latest by independent filmmaker Regis Tremblay, a member of VFP Chapter 001 in Maine (2018 | 57mins)

The escalating downturn of U.S. relations with Russia has made the world a more dangerous place than at any time during the Cold War, including during the Cuban Missile Crisis. This film explores the many reasons why the U.S. foreign policy establishment hates all things Russian. With the exception of John Kennedy who sought to end nuclear weapons and seek peace with Russia, every president since has used Russia as a threat to American Democracy, interests and security

LINK: registremblay.com/who-are-these-russians-film/

SATURDAY NIGHT

10:30pm–Midnight • State I

KILL / CAPTURE

a PBS FRONTLINE production (2011 | 54mins)

FRONTLINE producers Dan Edge (*The Wounded Platoon*), and Stephen Grey (*Extraordinary Rendition*) carry out an in-depth investigation into the United States' unprecedented campaign of targeted killing. FRONTLINE also enters the lawless border regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan—making contact with defiant Taliban militia leaders and meeting with the U.S. Special Forces who are targeting them. After almost 10 years of war, this film asks: Can the U.S. get out of Afghanistan? [FRONTLINE Season 29: Episode 14, broadcast May 10, 2011]

LINK: www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/kill-capture/

THE WORLD IS MY COUNTRY

produced and directed by Arthur Kanegis (2017 | 1hr 11min)

The true story of the daring, controversial, decades-ahead-of-his-time World Citizen #1, Garry Davis. A song and dance man desperate to stop a war, pulls off an act of political theatre so gutsy and eye-opening that it sparks a huge movement—drawing Albert Einstein, Albert Camus and a cast of thousands into a story Martin Sheen calls “a roadmap to a better future.”

<https://www.theworldismycountry.com/>

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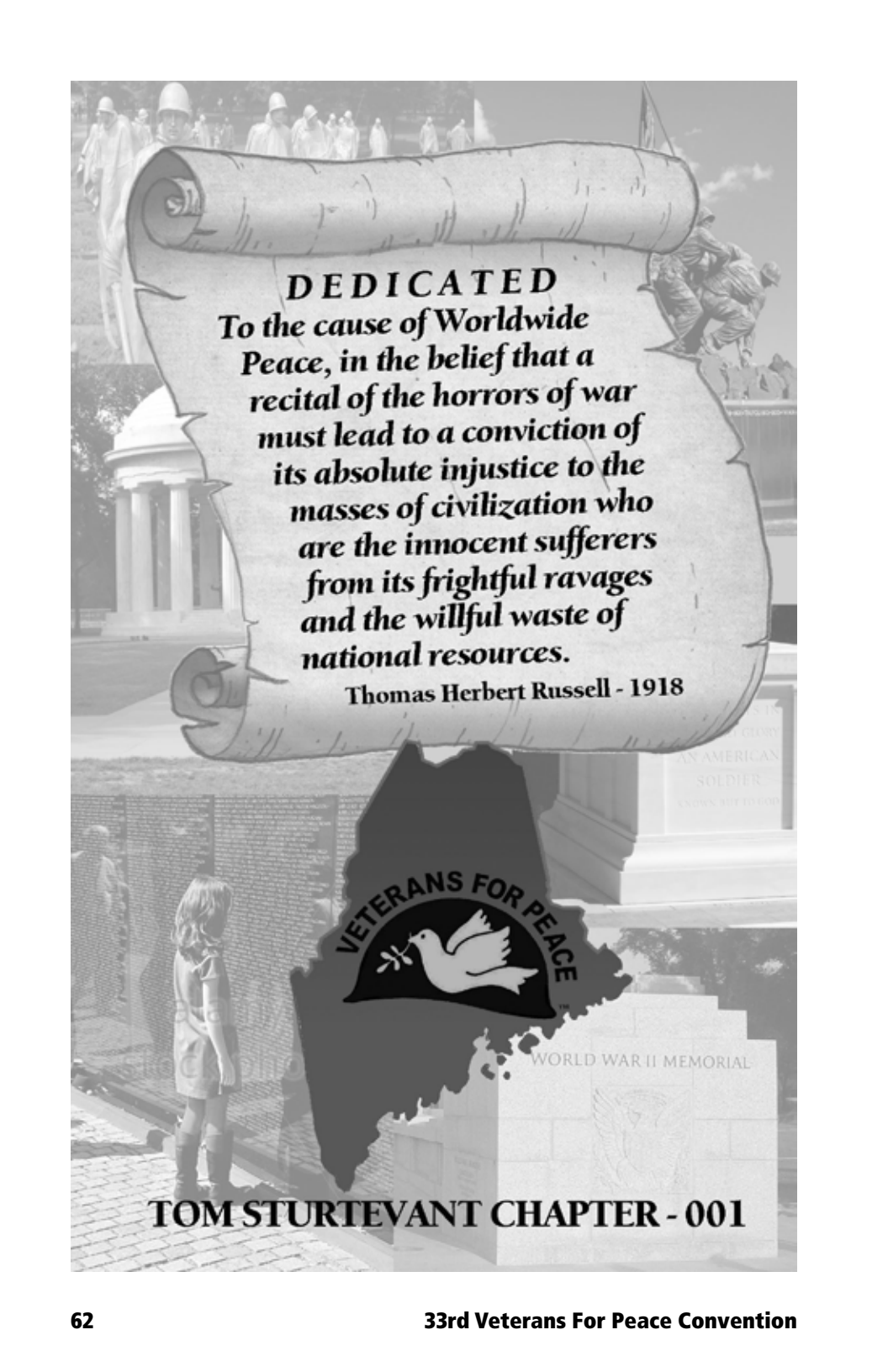
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masses of civilization who
are the innocent sufferers
from its frightful ravages
and the willful waste of
national resources.

Thomas Herbert Russell - 1918



WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

TOM STURTEVANT CHAPTER - 001

“End the Korean War Now!”

(Watch our video on YouTube with above title)



—68 Years of War is Enough—

—Sign a Peace Treaty Now—

VFP-Korea Peace Campaign

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**We in Los Angeles Chapter 007 salute
Twin Cities Chapter 027 for hosting a
great convention!**

We thank all the chapters and members
at large for their continued work
towards peace.

We thank Christine Ahn for speaking to us
about Korea and the near-future resolution
of this conflict.

We recognize the pain caused by continued
conflicts around the world and our country's
participation directly and/or in the form of
"sales of armaments" – blood money that our
government and industry are addicted to.

We draw attention to the war on our
environment and how unsustainable
our lifestyles are.

And we continue to live conscious lives,
spreading peace through words and actions.

We thank all who are working for peace!



Veterans For Peace Chapter 102 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Here's a quote worth quoting—again and again and again!

—by Pulitzer Prize-winning war journalist, Chris Hedges:

“War comes wrapped in patriotic slogans, calls for sacrifice, honor, and heroism, and promises of glory. It comes wrapped in privilege under divine providence. It is what a grateful nation asks of its children. It is what is right and just. It is waged to make the nation and the world a better place, to cleanse evil. War is touted as the ultimate test of manhood, where the young can find out what they are made of. War, from a distance, seems noble. It gives us comrades, and power, and a chance to play a small bit in the great drama of history. It promises to give us an identity as warriors, patriots, as long as we go along with the myth, the one the war-makers need to wage wars and the defense contractors need to increase their profits.”

BUTTONS NOT BOMBS

My button says

"Books Not Bombs"

Hers says

"Bread Not Bombs"

Maybe, Butter Not Bombs?

or, Boobs Not Bombs

Booze Not Bombs?

How about Bourbon?

Beer Not Bombs?

How about buttons that say:

"Ballet Not Bombs"

"Babies Not Bombs"

Bottoms or Bus stops

or, "Bach Not Bombs"

Beethoven, Brahms

Berlioz, better yet

Burritos, Baby Backed Ribs

Bucatini, Baked Beans

"Bees Not Bombs"

lots of buttons with "B's"

Not Bombs.

Dan Wilcox, Tom Paine Chapter, #10

**"The end of war
is peace."**



CHAPTER 021 • NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

GREETINGS FROM FOB* LAFAYETTE PARK



WASHINGTON DC AREA CHAPTER
VETERANS FOR PEACE

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Rochesterians Frederick Douglass
and Susan B. Anthony,
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*“They have the guns,
We have the poets.*

*Therefore,
we will win.”*

—HOWARD ZINN

(in homage to Jay Wenk)



New Hampshire
Veterans For Peace
Chapter 62

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the
Youth**



**Educate
the
Nation**

ChicagoVFP.org

Have a Great Convention!



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**NYC Chapter 34
Veterans For Peace**

Reclaim Armistice Day—End All Wars!



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Celebrating the Peace to Bring All Peace!



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Peace is the Way!

Corporal Jeffrey M. Lucey Chapter 041 Cape Cod, Massachusetts



Advocacy and healing for military victims of combat stress injuries.

**Home of the 23rd annual Voices of Peace Poetry Contest
—this year with 698 entries!**

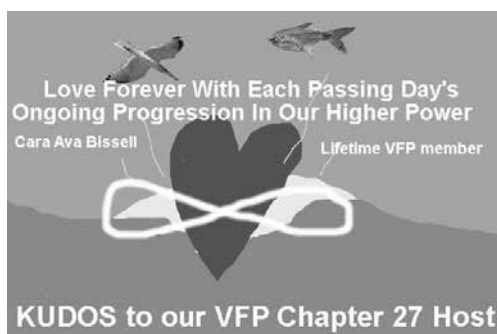
*Best wishes to our brothers and sisters working
for peace and reconciliation, and to abolish war.*

Since 1991, educating the Cape Cod community
about the true costs of war, the possibilities for peace and the dangers of militarism.



VFP Chapter 45, North Shore, Massachusetts sends greetings to our new sister chapter, VFP JAPAN. Local member, Lee VanderLaan and wife Hisako were warmly received by members of VFP's new international chapter during a recent visit to Tokyo, and learned about their political viewpoints and activities.

Welcome to Veterans For Peace! Let's work together to create a peaceful world.



Veterans For Peace Chapter 93 The Utah Phillips / J. David Singer Chapter

Peace Scholarship

Michigan residents enrolled in an institute of higher education, who will pursue studies in a Peace Studies or other program that actively promotes the study of global conflict resolution or issues of peace and justice.



John Lennon Peace Concert

Benefits our scholarship fund
Oct 11, 2018, The Ark, Ann Arbor

Arlington Midwest

One cross for every Michigan soldier killed in the Afghan and Iraq conflicts. Memorial Day at Grand Circus Park, Detroit, Veterans Day at Veterans Park, Ann Arbor

www.vfp93.org/ @VFP93



Whether or not you believe in the pearly gates ... you can be an angel and an ongoing contributor to peace by remembering Veterans for Peace in your will or other Planned Giving options. It's easy, and it doesn't cost a thing while you are alive. Help create a sustainable future for generations to come. Visit the Planned Giving Table at the Asheville Convention.



The Joan Duffy Chapter of Veterans For Peace

Santa Fe, New Mexico

& Filmmaker Steve Jimenez

invite

Convention attendees, families, and friends of VFP
to view the Emmy Award-winning documentary

YEARBOOK—THE CLASS OF '65

at this private YouTube link:
<https://youtu.be/augTaOHHyac>

YEARBOOK—THE CLASS OF '65 tells the story of the Philadelphia high school that lost 66 young men in the American War in Vietnam.

"A powerful, deeply felt portrait... From prom night pictures and home movies to scorching images of war, *Yearbook* invites us to heal the wounds of war. These stories of men from Edison High belong to us all."

—Oliver Stone (Director, *Platoon* and *Born on the Fourth of July*)

"An extraordinary documentary that has revealed the face of a terrible time in our nation's history."

—*The Philadelphia Inquirer*



Would you support a law that

honors the conscience of people who oppose war, so that their income tax dollars aren't used for military purposes? H.R. 1947, the Peace Tax Fund Act, is a bill in congress which will direct the percentage of your income taxes used for military spending towards non-military purposes.

For those who stand for peace, conscience, and the First Amendment, H.R. 1947 will expand conscientious objection to income tax payment. The National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund thanks Veterans For Peace for their endorsement and support, and urges Veterans For Peace members to work towards passage of H.R. 1947 into law.

To find out more about H.R. 1947 and to sign our petition to members of congress, go to our web site:

www.peacetaxfund.org



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Chapter 100
Juneau, Alaska

Waging Peace on the Last Frontier

Supporting Chapter 27 and the National Convention



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VFP Chapter 110
Huntington Beach, CA
Raising awareness about
the true costs of war since 1991



VFP Michael Gramlich Chapter 74
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In honor of our Chapter's namesake, urging justice for veterans who participated in atmospheric, underground and underwater nuclear weapons tests as well as Occupation Forces assigned to Hiroshima and Nagasaki... National Association of Atomic Veterans - www.naav.com

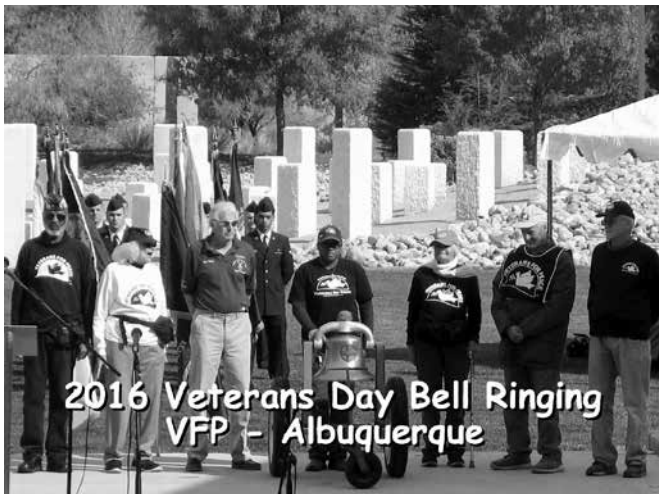
**THE DONALD AND SALLY-ALICE THOMPSON
CHAPTER 63 VETERANS FOR PEACE
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO**

100th Anniversary of WWI Armistice

We, having dutifully served our nation, do hereby affirm
our greater responsibility to serve the cause of world peace.
To this end we will work, with others

- To abolish war as an instrument of national policy.

World War I is one of the largest and deadliest conflicts in history. More than 9 million combatants and 7 million civilians died. Another 20 million were wounded. Bells worldwide rang out at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 1918, to celebrate and recognize the end of WW I, the war to end all wars. To commemorate that peaceful pledge, bells were rung on each November 11th for over 35 years.



The ringing of a bell is a fitting way to honor all military and civilian victims of war, to recognize veterans and active military service members, and to acknowledge the human spirit's eternal longing for peace.



PEACE

I.

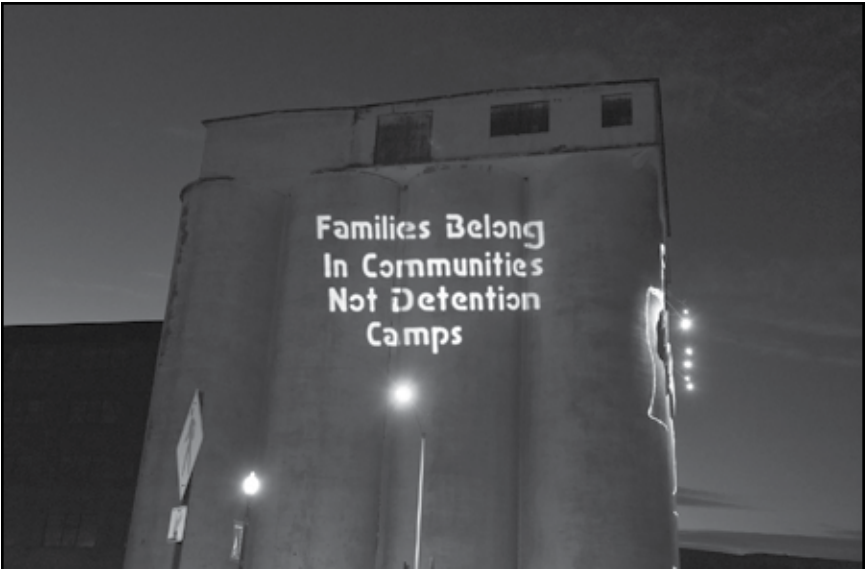
I am as awful as my brother War,
I am the sudden silence after clamor.
I am the face that shows the seamy scar
When blood and frenzy has lost its glamour.
Men in my pause shall know the cost at last
That is not to be paid in triumphs or tears,
Men will begin to judge the thing that's past
As men will judge it in a hundred years.
Nations! whose ravenous engines must be fed
Endlessly with the father and the son,
My naked light upon your darkness, dread! —
By which ye shall behold what ye have done:
Whereon, more like a vulture than a dove,
Ye set my seal in hatred, not in love.

II.

Let no man call me good. I am not blest.
My single virtue is the end of crimes,
I only am the period of unrest,
The ceasing of horrors of the times;
My good is but the negative of ill,
Such ill as bends the spirit with despair,
Such ill as makes the nations' soul stand still
And freeze to stone beneath a Gorgon glare.
Be blunt, and say that peace is but a state
Wherein the active soul is free to move,
And nations only show as mean or great
According to the spirit then they prove. —
O which of ye whose battle-cry is Hate
Will first in peace dare shout the name of Love?

ELEANOR FARJEON
ENGLISH WRITER 1881–1965





“The world that I envision
is one in which national
boundaries no longer exist, ...
a world without passports or
visas or immigration quotas.”

—HOWARD ZINN



*Greetings from VFP Chapter 72
Portland, Oregon*



There is a continuity among peace makers. We have a common bond without bounds of place or race, gender or sexual identity. We do have a common outlook, philosophy, beyond sectarian religious differences; we are all one family. Let us celebrate our boundless family.

PHOTO AND WORDS BY ALAN POGUE

JOHN HENRY FAULK (1913-1990) was the best sort of humorist, as he helped people learn by laughing at their mistakes. The House Un-American Activities Committee called him a Communist. Texans universally loved him. In this portrait, he holds a homing pigeon to be released at a Hiroshima-Nagasaki Memorial in Austin, Texas, in August of 1985. The pigeon, named Dove of Peace, was handed to him by Bill Kelsey.



BILL KELSEY can be seen in this portrait of Veterans For Peace Chapter 66 members at a Hiroshima-Nagasaki Memorial held in the same location on August 8, 2018. Bill holds a picture of a Japanese mother and baby harmed by the atomic bomb, photographed by Yosuke Yamahata. As happened to so many others, the baby eventually died of radiation poisoning. Peggy Kelsey holds a photograph of an Iraqi father and baby that I took in Baghdad during the U.S. cruise missile attack of December 1998.

VFP 92 SEATTLE



**New Vest Style
with Pockets**



**VFP 92 Contingent at
2018 May Day March**

**Order Veterans For Peace vests for
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Honoring the Peacemakers



The US Peace Memorial Foundation directs a nationwide effort to honor Americans who stand for peace. The foundation publishes the **US Peace Registry**, awards an annual **Peace Prize**, and is planning a **US Peace Memorial** in Washington, DC.

“WAR WILL EXIST UNTIL that distant day when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige that the warrior does today.” —John F. Kennedy

VFP Chapter 80 Duluth-Superior is a proud Founding Member of the US Peace Memorial Foundation. **Join us in honoring all Americans with the courage to speak out against war.**

Join. Contribute. Add *your* name to the Register.

Listen up!

VETERANS FOR PEACE RADIO HOUR

Thursdays @ 1PM CST

Livestream — www.radiofreenashville.org

Listen online *anytime* at

[https://soundcloud.com/WRFN Veterans for Peace](https://soundcloud.com/WRFN-Veterans-for-Peace)



Harvey Bennett and Jim Wohlgemuth, VFP co-hosts



**Veterans for Peace Chapter 089
Nashville, Tennessee**

We value your feedback and ideas. Contact us at:
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On the air and online since January 2016



**STU NAISMITH CHAPTER 90
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK**

Creative chapter actions over the years have included...

- Veteran visits to classrooms
- Tabling in school hallways
- Mother's Day events
- Gift Cards for Guns
- War Propaganda workshops
- Free downloads of Chapter 90 peace plays
- Promotion of Global Marshall Plan
- Direct action at killer drone base
- Workshops on nonviolence
- Workshops on Lobbying U.S. Congress
- Support of School of Americas Watch
- Hiroshima-Nagasaki events
- Iraqi-American tombstone cemetery
- Armistice Day church-bell ringings
- Armistice Day leafleting during Veterans Day parade
- Online interviews with Plowshares activists (www.othervoicesOtherchoices.com)...

Information for your chapter?

Contact Jack at jgilroy1955@gmail.com



VFP and counter-recruitment



Learn more at
<https://goo.gl/ubLBGV>

 **National Network Opposing
the Militarization of Youth**
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RECLAIM ARMISTICE DAY 11-11-2018

IFCO/Pastors for Peace is proud to support the important work of Veterans for Peace

Like VFP, the work of PFP began in Nicaragua as a project offering the people of the United States a way to engage in an alternative foreign policy.

We delivered our first caravan of humanitarian aid to Nicaragua in 1988. In 1992 we began organizing Friendshipment Caravans to Cuba

Thank you VFP for your trailblazing work of speaking truth to power!

We wish you all the best for a successful 2018 Annual Convention



The Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization

418 W. 145th St. New York, NY 10031 | www.ifconews.org



Attend this important workshop
presented by Dave Patterson & Stan Levin, San Diego Chapter 91
End Military Air Shows!

SHINE LIGHT

The war was never “‘begun in good faith.” It was not just a “mistake.” It was, from the beginning and throughout, a morally depraved undertaking.

– Doug Rawlings

In reference to the Burns-Novick Vietnam War documentary, Doug served in the 715th artillery in Vietnam's Central Highlands, 1969-1970. He has been a member of Veterans For Peace since its founding in 1985.

FULL DISCLOSURE

www.vietnamfulldisclosure.org



The United National Antiwar Coalition (UNAC) salutes Veterans for Peace on the occasion of your 33rd national convention. The work of VFP has been an essential component of the Peace Movement.

The World is depending on you.

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STOP BANKING THE BOMB



VETERANS FOR PEACE

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WE DEMAND BANKS STOP PROFITEERING ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS
join us on facebook — <https://www.facebook.com/StopBankingtheBomb/>

THANKS TO THE VFP CHAPTERS WHO HELPED US

Challenge the Israeli Blockade of Gaza with the Gaza Freedom Flotilla

Due to the continuing Israeli military attacks on Gaza, Israeli execution of over 160 Palestinians and injury to 16,000 Palestinians since March, Israeli land and sea blockade of Gaza, Israeli theft of potable water, and Israel's criminal reduction of electricity into Gaza, the World Health Organization estimates that Gaza will become unlivable by 2020 – 18 months from now!

The apartheid walls, illegal Israeli settlements on Palestinian land in the West Bank, and imprisonment of over 600 children in the West Bank call on us to support the Gaza Freedom Flotilla and other organizations that challenge criminal Israeli policies toward Palestine!

Gaza Freedom Flotilla boats sailed in July 2018 to bring attention to the brutal Israeli blockade of the 2 million Palestinians who live in Gaza. We will continue to sail until Palestine is free. Visit our website at jfp.freedomflotilla.org. Donate through:

<https://2018boatstogaza-nonviolenceinternational.nationbuilder.com/contribute>

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES



Agency management wants to silence the voice of veterans, hardworking employees at social security, EPA, Veterans Affairs, LEOs, and other frontline federal workers by stripping federal employees of their decades-old right to union representation at the worksite by enforcing three executive orders (EOs).

The Three Executive Orders :

- 1 Severely limits federal workers' rights** and access to representation in the workplace, including drastically limiting the time union representatives are legally mandated to represent employees (official time).
- 2 Undermines civil service merit principles.** It will now be easier for managers to retaliate, discriminate, and suspend employees. This EO also removes consideration of seniority in the case of reductions in force.
- 3 Restricts federal workers' collective bargaining rights.** Your union negotiates workplace conditions such as reasonable accommodations for those with disabilities, employee training, overtime, telework and flexible work schedules. Without the ability to bargain, management can set workplace policy.

Call Congress NOW and tell them to support federal employees, and publicly oppose the executive orders.

District Office: 1-888-775-3148

DC Office: 1-844-669-5146

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO





Smedley Butler Brigade members rallying support for the VA
in front of the Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, hospital.

Save Our VA Salute Armistice Day Scuttle the MIC Stop the Wars

Best wishes to our brothers and sisters
of Chapter 27 in the Twin Cities
for a dynamic and successful
2018 VFP Convention.



Chapter 9, Smedley Butler Brigade



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On the sixteenth anniversary of its founding, the 100+ members of the Santa Fe Chapter ("The Joan Duffy Chapter") salute our colleagues gathered in St. Paul, as well as all the others scattered around the nation and the globe, in the struggle to create a more peaceful world.

The nuclear age was born here in New Mexico. We look forward to a major Veterans For Peace effort to denuclearize the world with a global effort as we approach the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 2020.

*"I object to violence because when it appears to do good, the good is only temporary; the evil it does is permanent."
-Gandhi*

THREE LIVES OF A WARRIOR

I was a U.S. Navy Light Attack/Fighter pilot who went down over North Vietnam in the early days of the Vietnam War. I parachuted into their country when my plane exploded out from under me. Then I spent four days on the run until I was captured and subsequently spent almost eight years, 2,855 days and nights, as a prisoner in terrible conditions. My incarceration as a POW proved to be such a watershed in my life that I now experience my existence as having lived three lives. These obviously are contained in the time periods before, during and after the war.

My POW years were a miserable time. I learned about torture first-hand, unlike the policymakers who twaddle their tongues about brutal treatment of fellow human beings, calling it "enhanced interrogation techniques." What makes my story different is that unlike many of those who shared my fate at the hands of the North Vietnamese guards and interrogators, I didn't come home tightly wrapped in a military banner.

I helped found VFP Chapter 46, Monterey, CA in 1991 and have served and currently serve as chapter president for 15 years. I

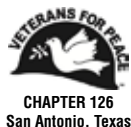


also served 5 years on our National Board of Directors including 3 years as chair of the board. I instituted life memberships and have the honor of holding life membership number one.

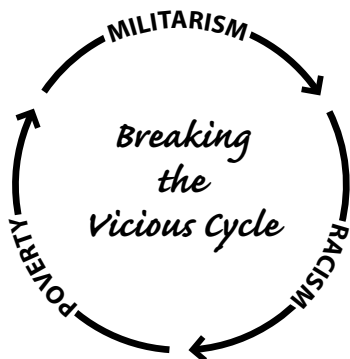
My book, "Three Lives of a Warrior" tells the story of my lives before (learning to be a warrior,) during (being a warrior in war and prison,) and after (being a warrior for peace and justice.) It is available through www.phillipbutlerphd.com or directly www.threelivesofawarrior.com.

BY PHILLIP BUTLER

San Antonio, Texas,
Veterans For Peace
are disturbed that our
city is referred to as
“Military City, U.S.A.”
and we reject the
ongoing colonial
occupation of Aztlan.



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PROUD PARTICIPANT



...uniting tens of thousands of people across the country to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation, and the nation's distorted moral narrative.

WE DEMAND:

"...a stop to the privatization of the military budget and a reallocation of resources from the military budget to education, health care, jobs and green infrastructure needs, and strengthening a VA system that remains public;

... a ban on the proliferation of guns in our communities, including semi-automatic weapons; and

...the demilitarization of our communities on the border and the interior, including an end to federal programs that send military equipment into local and state communities...."

TRIANGLE REGION/NORTH CAROLINA
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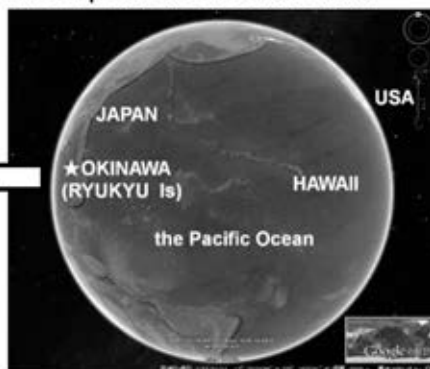
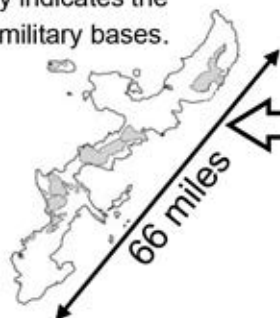


OKINAWA says "NO!"



Okinawa is a small island prefecture colonized by Japan .
70.6% of all US Bases in Japan are in Okinawa.

Grey indicates the
US military bases.

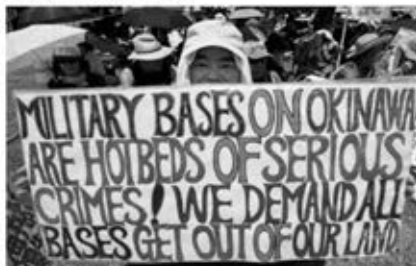


In the Battle of Okinawa, the last battle of WW II ,
over 1/ 4 Okinawan civilians were killed.

Today, 73 years after WW II , US military bases are still
here. Okinawans suffer from a loss of human rights ranging from
toxic wastes in natural resources, environmental destruction,
noise pollution, UXO, Agent Orange, as well as crimes and
accidents caused by US military personnel and the loss of
political and economic self-determination .

Okinawans have had enough.

On 19 June, 2016, over 65,000 people gathered to mourn yet
another victim (a 20 year old woman who was brutally raped and
murdered) and to demand that these bases be removed,
beginning with the Marines at MCAS Futenma.



For more details on Facebook, [VFP.ROCK](#)

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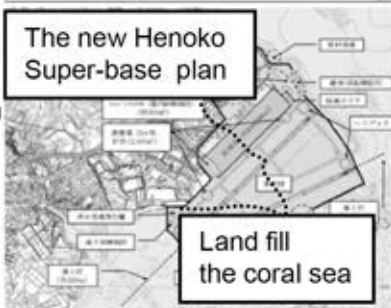
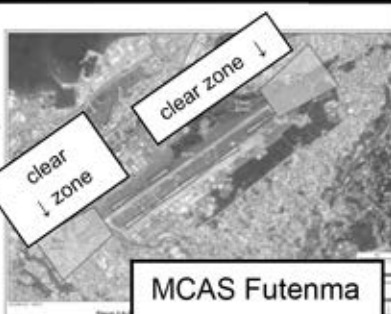
OKINAWA: NO MORE BASES!



Donald Rumsfeld called the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station at Futenma, "the world's most dangerous base." In the midst of a crowded city with schools and housings in it that would violate public health & safety laws in the U.S.

However, the U.S. and Japanese governments have forced Okinawa to relocate the Marine Corps Air Station at a new super-base at Henoko in rural Okinawa as a solution to this problem.

Takae forest, Natural World Heritage Site Nominee, has been ravaged by US osprey aircraft emissions & deforestation by six landing zones forced by Japanese government.



Tree branches buffeted by hot exhaust from osprey flying low over Takae forest.



sub-tropical forest of Takae

Okinawans do not accept these impositions.

Eighty percent (80%) of the Okinawan public oppose the new base construction at Henoko and Takae.





Chapter 146 (North Star) sends our best wishes for a successful and productive convention in St. Paul.

Although these are discouraging times we hope that progress can be made on the many issues that confront us, and that we can continue to move toward our goal of eliminating war as an instrument of national policy.

VETERANS FOR PEACE EAST BAY CHAPTER 162

Waging Peace in Oakland, Berkeley, and the East Bay since March 2011



(L-R) Peter Straus, Maurice Martin, Gene Bernardi, Rick Sterling, Robert McCockran, Cathe Norman, Marti Guy-Downing, Gene Ruyle, Daniel Borgström, Gregory Ross, John Walsh, Fred Norman. (not shown: David Welsh, Alfredo Figueroa, and others)

ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

- * Supporting deported veterans in Tijuana
- * Educating with Literature tables at First Friday events in Oakland & UC Berkeley
- * Supporting KPFA Community Radio
- * Writing, publishing and reading poetry
- * Supporting campaigns against nuclear weapons & testing
- * Opposing the Naval Base on Jeju Island, Korea

RECENT ACTIONS:

- * Co-sponsored Nicaragua event with Camilo Mejia
- * Campaigned against Police Militarization in Berkeley
- * Campaigned against VA privatization
- * Created UC Berkeley Alumni Peace network
- * Co-sponsored conference "Stop the War Machine"
- * Co-sponsored "Tribute to Robert Parry"
- * Joined efforts to demilitarize psychology in the APA



Honor the Dead, Heal the Wounded, Stop the Wars.



Global Campaign Against US/NATO Military Bases

First International Conference Against US/NATO Military Bases

November 16-18, 2018, Dublin, Ireland

The increasingly aggressive actions of US/NATO forces, the raging wars in the Middle East, the burgeoning arms race devastating the national treasuries, the bellicose language replacing diplomatic negotiations, the economic crises facing country after country, the destruction of the global environment through war and unfettered exploitation, their impact on public health, have created crises that, unless checked by popular opposition, can lead to unimaginable catastrophe and war.

None of us can stop this madness alone. Global peace forces must come together, mobilizing the millions in our countries, and around the world, for peace. Based on this understanding, we have initiated the Global Campaign Against US/NATO Military Bases.

We are asking our VFP brothers and sisters to help the global effort to shut down US/NATO military bases by endorsing, attending, and making a financial contribution to this historic conference endorsed by national peace organizations from more than 50 countries.

**For updated information about the
conference and to join the Global
Campaign Against US/NATO Military Bases,
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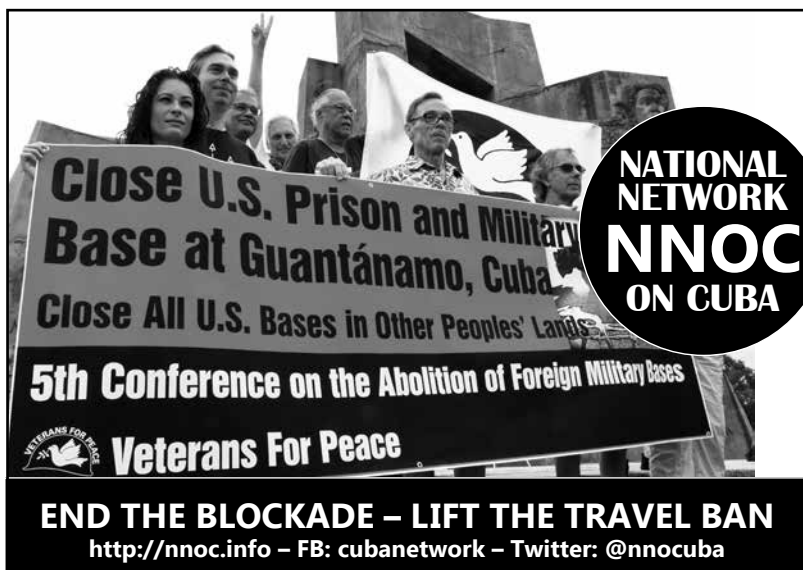


Close All US/NATO Bases!

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Please join us at the VFP UK Annual Gathering
in London this year as we say;
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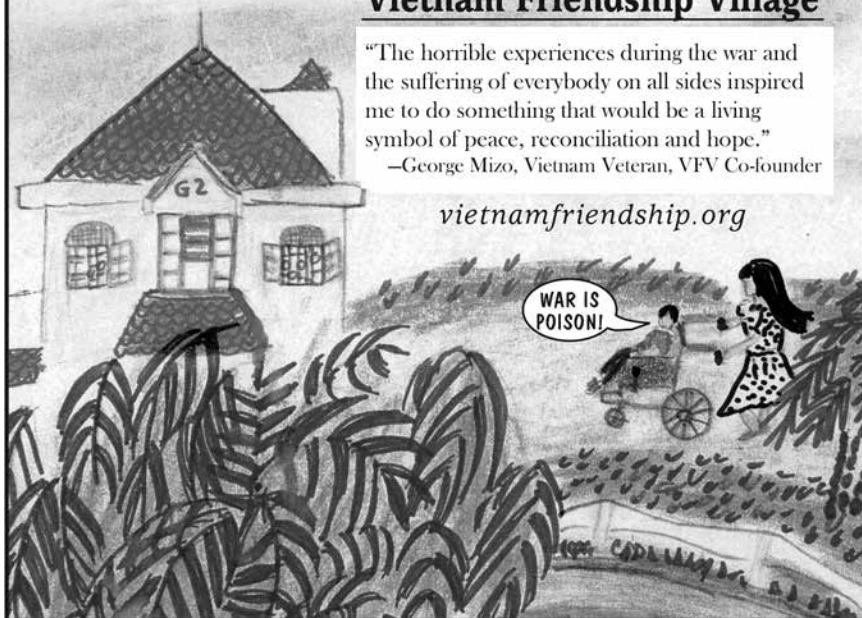
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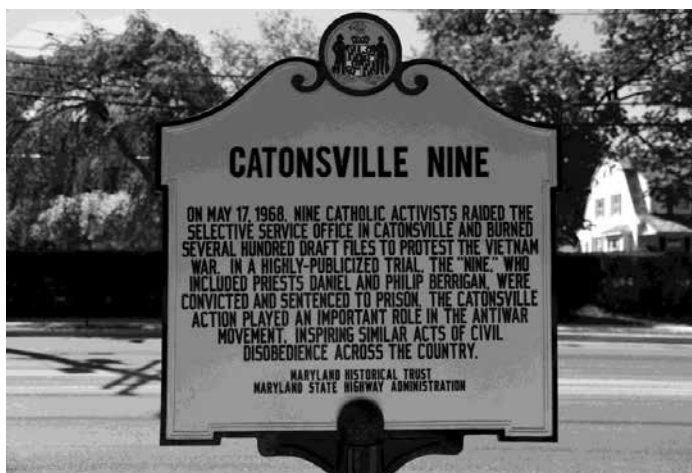
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Eight nurses lost their lives in Vietnam. First Lieutenant Sharon Lane served in Vietnam for only six weeks when she was killed in a rocket attack while on duty. She was the first and only nurse to be killed by enemy fire.



Charlie Atkins Chapter 43
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From VFP Chapter 160

A QUESTION:

***Should we host another VFP
Peace Tour of Viet Nam in 2019?***

Here's the deal: After seven years of successful tours, our VFP chapter declared that the 2018 tour would be our last. But a number of veterans and peace activists have asked us to organize one more tour.

We're thinking about it. We could do it if there's enough interest. Stop at our table, speak to a VFP 160 member, and tell us what you think. Based on feedback from you and others, we'll decide.



2018 VFP Peace Tour Viet Nam Delegation at the DMZ, Truong Son National Cemetery along the Ho Chi Minh Trail, near Khe Sanh.

Tour contributions support bomb cleanup and Agent Orange victims in Viet Nam. This year's 2018 tour raised \$40,000. Since 2012, more than \$150,000 has been donated by VFP tour members.



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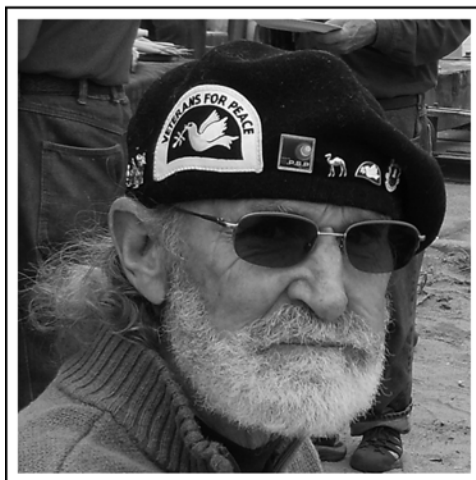
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IN MEMORY of our Friends & Fallen Comrades *Presente! - Presente! - Presente!*



James 'Jim' Sorter

1940-2018 • US Army 1958-1961

🕒 Jim and his wife, Linda, loved to travel. When asked about the pins on his beret Jim would talk of VFP's Mission, offer a VFP pin, and often receive a similar pin in return. Jim's beret was festooned with pins from many nations.

🕒 Jim could always be counted on to pitch in on chapter events and activities. He took on the role of editor and publisher of the chapter's newsletter, *The Foghorn*, and was a Founding Member of the **VFP Golden Rule Project**.

🕒 Jim was an educator, school administrator, and conservationist. He was recognized as the *Humboldt County Teacher of the Year* in 1989. Volunteering at a marine turtle nursery for over 20 years, Jim helped bring the Olive Ridley and Leatherback turtle populations back from the brink of extinction, reduced turtle egg poaching, and quintupled the number of nesting turtles returning to the beaches of San Pancho, Mexico.

John Mulloy

1945-2018 • US Army 1965-1971

🕒 A member of Veterans For Peace when diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, John remained a passionate person and veteran for peace.

🕒 John established relationships with other groups, one of which was regularly attending meetings and events of the Humboldt and Del Norte Central Labor Council. One benefit of this connection was the chapter's ability to collect clothing, boots, shoes, camping gear, and food for homeless veterans that could sometimes fill rooms. His union connections garnered financial assistance, handmade quilts, and pillows for veterans.

🕒 John always seized an opportunity to speak at schools, rallies, and demonstrations. He especially enjoyed visiting a local Montessori school on numerous occasions to share his experiences with the students; according to one teacher, the children loved having John visit.

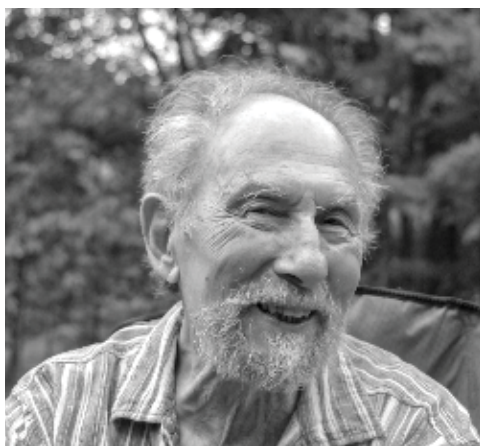


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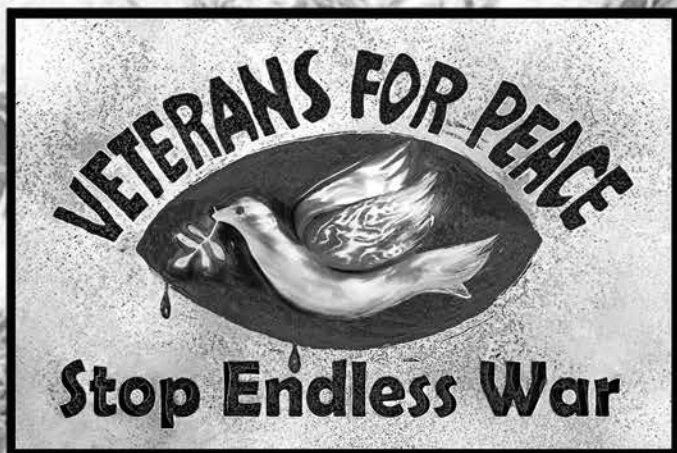
Remembering Jay Wenk and Joel Kovel, heroes of the revolution

"If one believes that capital is not only basically unjust but radically unsustainable as well, the prime obligation is to spread the news, just as one should feel obliged to tell the inhabitants of a structurally unsound house doomed to collapse of what awaits them unless they take drastic measures."

—Joel Kovel



"You speak about 'our troops,' how they're making the world safe for your freedom. You exult in victory, and you don't even have to go back to normal, you never left it. And now that war is over. That's what you think." —Jay Wenk



*Best wishes, VFP Chapter 27
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