

**May 18/19 VPT Nonviolence Training:** [Veterans Peace Team](#) nonviolence training on Friday May 18th 3-9 PM and Saturday morning 8 AM - 1 PM. We encourage all veterans and allies to take this valuable training.

**May 19 Direct Action:** On Saturday at 2 PM after the training we will mobilize for a direct action

**Location for training:**

[Center for Inner-City Studies](#) (of Northeastern Illinois University). 700 East Oakwood Blvd.

**Direct Action:**

After the training on Saturday we will meet up at 2 PM at the [Roosevelt Road transit station](#), Roosevelt Road and State Street intersection. (We will muster east of the station.) 3 El train lines all stop at Roosevelt and State.

VFP folks not taking the training (we hope you do!) should take CTA (Chicago Transit Authority) train, red line (subway), orange line or green line (elevated) to the Roosevelt Road stop. Then proceed to the northeast corner of Michigan Ave. and Roosevelt Rd. That is the south end of Grant Park.

We will then walk down the sidewalk along Indiana Ave. towards McCormick Place to deliver a letter from VFP to NATO.

We prefer no signs or banners at this event. It is NOT a protest or "march". We'll walk 2-by-2 down the sidewalk (no permit required for that). VFP flags are welcome

McCormick Place is just under a mile south of Grant Park. Wherever police barricades may be set up is where we can announce our intention to deliver the letter.

Since the summit starts the next day, the police will probably not block us till we're very close to the building. When we are stopped, we can form up and wait until somebody from NATO accepts our letter or letters or our reps are allowed to deliver them.

There will be NATO people there on Saturday as well as plenty of international press before the official summit begins on Sunday.

May 19th may be the biggest day for VFP and the Veterans Peace Team. We hope VFP turns out in large numbers. We will have a huge international media anxious to cover and talk with us. This may be the BEST time all year for VFP to stand tall and lead the peace message.

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