



VETERANS FOR PEACE Weekly e-News



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Global Week of Action for Peace in Ukraine continues through Sunday!

PEACE IN UKRAINE **NO MORE ENDLESS WAR!**

DEMAND A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION TO THE WAR & \$\$\$ FOR URGENT NEEDS AT HOME.

Tell Congress to vote NO on billions more for weapons and military training to continue the Russia-Ukraine-NATO war. This is a theft of working people's tax the pockets of weapons manufacturers which is opposed by 55% of the American people.

IN THE US...

- 34 million are food insecure
- Most live paycheck to paycheck
- Millions have no access to clean water
- Over 500,000 are homeless
- 650,000 are bankrupt from medical bills

STOP THE KILLING - CEASEFIRE NOW
NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE, NOT WEAPONS FOR ENDLESS WAR
BILLIONS FOR HUMAN NEEDS, NOT FOR WAR PROFITEERS.
NUCLEAR ABOLITION, NOT NUCLEAR WAR!

JOIN THE MOVEMENT TO END THE WAR!
 Take Action: [peaceinukraine.org](https://www.peaceinukraine.org)

QR Code:

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This weekend wraps up the **Global Days of Action** organized by the **Peace in Ukraine Coalition** of which VFP is a part. We have been mobilizing together to end the war. Our demands:

- Stop the Killing on All Sides – Implement a Ceasefire Now
- Negotiations for Peace, NOT Weapons for Endless War
- Billions of Dollars for Human Needs, NOT for War Profiteers
- Nuclear Abolition, Not Nuclear War!

Please join us this weekend! There is a new flyer ready to download, print and distribute that includes the slogans being used for the mobilization and a QR Code pointing to the Global Week of Action landing page.

Find Events to Join this Weekend

Gear Up for Armistice Day!



November 11, 2023, is the 105th anniversary of the signing of the World War I armistice that ceased hostilities on the Western Front, which took effect on the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918. With this instrument, nations still recovering from the dreadful nightmare of WWI, one of the deadliest conflicts in human history, collectively embraced peace as a universal principle and called for an end to all wars.

Click on the button below to read more. Our Armistice Day page has lots of resources, inspiration, and 11 ways you can take action this Armistice Day!

Get Inspired

Armistice 2023 Film Screening

A New Film Features Veterans Telling Hard Truths About War



On November 9, 2023, at 6:30 PM, in observance of Armistice Day weekend, the Dan Lyons VFP Chapter 178 in Northern Colorado presents an award-winning documentary at the Lyric Cinema in Ft. Collins, Colorado. *What I Want You to Know* is about the U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. It's produced by veterans who lived through them. The executive producer is Travis Weiner, a U.S. Army veteran of the Iraq war and past president of VFP Chapter 178. The film has already won Audience Favorite at the Maine Film Festival, and was honored at the International Film Festival at the Hague. For more information, find CH178 contact info on their website, [HERE](#).

Watch the Trailer

#ShutDownAFRICOM International Month of Action

WEEK 1
Watch kick-off webinar and endorse Month of Action

WEEK 2
Facilitate a teach-in

WEEK 3
Organize mass actions, such as banner drops

WEEK 4
Share AFRICOM educational resources on social media and in your community

INTERNATIONAL MONTH OF ACTION AGAINST AFRICOM
#ShutDownAFRICOM
October 2023 | blackallianceforpeace.com/AFRICOM2023

THE BLACK ALLIANCE FOR PEACE

VINCENT BADO / REUTERS

Veterans For Peace is an endorser of this month-long series of actions aimed at exposing and shutting down AFRICOM, organized by the Black Alliance for Peace. Check it out and get involved.



Keynote remarks made by Clare Daly, Jeffrey Sachs, and Kathy Kelly at the 2023 VFP Convention are now available for viewing on the [VFP YouTube channel](#), along with recordings of other special programs and panel sessions. Please watch and share!

"It might sound radical, colleagues, but the answer to war is not more war. The answer to war is peace. And peace is not delivered by the barrel of a gun, it's delivered by diplomacy, by dialog." —Clare Daly, Member of the European Parliament from Ireland

VFP "Pivot to Asia"

Japan Peace Speaking Tour Highlights Military Poisons



Pat Elder, one of the delegates on the 2023 Japan Peace Speaking Tour organized by Rachel Clark, which also visited Okinawa this year, lives 600 meters across a deep saltwater creek from a U.S. Navy base where carcinogenic firefighting foams were used in routine practice for many years. (The above photo shows Pat sampling seawater in St. Mary's County, Maryland.) Pat's and others' concern about PFAS contamination led to the creation of Military Poisons, a project of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom's (WILPF) Earth Democracy Committee that focuses on the military and its use of PFAS, and has begun to monitor the resulting environmental contamination around military bases at home and abroad.

Pat's latest blog entry, dated October 2, reports on Japanese media attention on the issue resulting from connections made on the VFP tour: "Japanese media reports on PFAS contamination caused by U.S. military activities." To keep up with this important work, people are invited to *join the Veterans & Civilians Clean Water Alliance Facebook group (2.5 K members and growing)*.

Women Advocating Peace on the Korean Peninsula



Crossings, the documentary about the 2015 experience of Women Cross DMZ, completed its public television premiere commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Korean War Armistice, and the director is now taking the film on an educational tour to university campuses across the country to engage students, young scholars, and local communities. **All screenings are free and open to the public!** For the schedule, visit the film website: <https://www.mufilms.org/>

Keep Us Strong!



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Help Us Grow!

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From an email sent to VFP from Adam Hicks, Founder & Host of Community Documentary Night, based in Atlanta: In honor of Native American Heritage Month and Veterans Day, Adam invites us all to **watch THE WARRIOR TRADITION [free on PBS], and then join a discussion about the film at a free Special Virtual Event on Sunday, November 5.**

FALL CALENDAR

Attention VFP Members: VOTE!

Submit your electronic or paper ballot by November 3, 2023

VFP Election ballots were emailed to members on October 3, 2023.

If you are a VFP member and did not see the message, search for **invitation@mail.electionbuddies.com** in your inbox and spam folders, and if you don't find it, email Shelly at shelly@veteransforpeace.org. You may also email Shelly to request a paper ballot.

There are 4 board seats open – 3 Veteran seats and 1 Associate seat – plus the Resolutions presented at the convention. Find 2023 ballot information [HERE](#). If you missed our board candidate forum, [click here to view](#).

SEPTEMBER 30–OCTOBER 8

Global Days of Action for Peace In Ukraine (see above)

www.peaceinukraine.org

Veterans For Peace is a coalition member.

OCTOBER 1-31

International Month of Action Against AFRICOM

Find details online: blackallianceforpeace.com/africom2023

OCTOBER 8

Golden Rule Homecoming Party in Samoa, California

Find details online: vfpgoldenruleproject.org

OCTOBER 7-14

International Keep Space for Peace Week

space4peace.org#095294

Each year the Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space holds Keep Space for Peace Week in early October. This year our theme is the dangers of crowded orbits.

OCTOBER 15-19

SOVA Legislative Conference, Washington, D.C.

Join the SOVA National Campaign in Washington D.C. to advocate Congress to help us Save Our VA.

[READ MORE AND REGISTER](#)

OCTOBER 22 • 1-3 PM PDT

Daniel Ellsberg's Celebration of Life

To be held on Zoom

Email the family for info: contact.ellsberg@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 11: Armistice Day

Check out [VFP's Armistice Day_page](#) for information and inspiration. VFP Interim

Director Mike Ferner wrote a great Armistice-themed op-ed in 2019: ["What War Films Never Show You."](#)

NOVEMBER 12 • 8 PM EST

Merchants of Death War Crimes Tribunal

Livestreamed Opening Session

The Merchants of Death War Crimes Tribunal will hold accountable — through testimony of witnesses — U.S. weapons manufacturers who knowingly produce and sell products which attack and kill not only combatants but non-combatants as well. These manufacturers may have committed Crimes Against Humanity as well as violated U.S. Federal criminal laws. The Tribunal will hear the evidence and render a verdict.

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