

VETERANS FOR PEACE Semi-weekly eNews



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Our Call for a Christmas Truce

In case you missed the December 24 special edition email from Veterans For Peace with a link to our current Call for a Christmas Truce along with historical notes about the historic 1914 event, here again is that link. **Honor Veterans by creating Peace: Stop the Wars! Ceasefire now!**

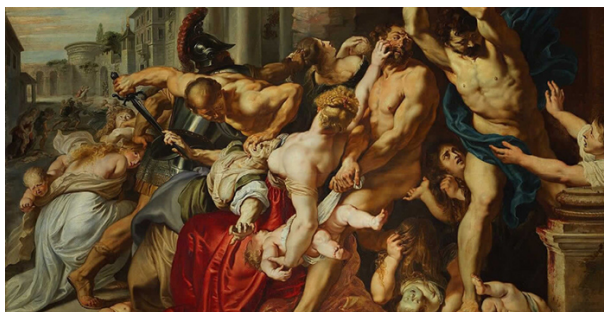
READ OUR CALL FOR A CHRISTMAS TRUCE

VFP Responds to Crisis in Gaza: Syracuse Stages a Special Nativity Scene



As worshipers exited the Syracuse Catholic Diocese Cathedral after 10 a.m. mass last Sunday, December 17, they were met with this powerful version of the Nativity created by members of Veterans For Peace and allies.

VFP National Director Mike Ferner insists he is not a religious man, but he loves to quote from the Bible – specifically, from Luke 10:37: **"Go and do likewise."**



Member John Amidon sent this invitation for anybody in the New York City area:

"Join us at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday, December 28 at 12 Noon for our NYC Nativity Scene Action. The date is when the Feast of the Holy Innocents is celebrated."

Ann Wright makes statement at UN Security Council



Late last week, VFP's Ann Wright was asked to speak at the UN Security Council on weapons in conflict areas... While the topic was on weapons in Ukraine, she got in some comments about Gaza, particularly castigating the U.S. for vetoing the Ceasefire resolution for Gaza.

Ann's testimony has been uploaded to the VFP YouTube channel. As of December 23, this is by far the most popular of all VFP's YouTube posts with 90,000 views and 600 great comments!

[WATCH IT HERE.](#)

Ann also shared with us her *revised* UNSC statement – the one she wasn't allowed to present to the Security Council.

[READ IT HERE.](#)

Rural Wyomingites Call for Ceasefire



On December 13, Veterans For Peace and Fremont County for Ceasefire Now member Tina Jayroe took part in an early-morning protest in freezing weather. In television coverage of their action, the protestors compared Palestinian horror with atrocities affecting Wind River Indian Reservation residents.

[WATCH HERE](#)

[SEE MORE VFP RESPONSES TO THE WAR IN GAZA](#)

Holiday Camaraderie, Veterans For Peace Style



On December 9, VFP's [Deported Veterans Advocacy Project](#), along with James Smith VFW Post 7420, San Diego VFP Chapter 91, Black Deported Veterans, and Military Families Speak Out, hosted an early Christmas Party that also generated media coverage to promote HR 4560, the Veterans Service Recognition Act. [Click on the image to watch the San Diego Ch. 10 news clip.](#)



Thanks to Janet Weil for sending along this photo taken by her husband John Weil: A beautiful group portrait taken at last week's holiday celebration enjoyed by members and friends of Veterans For Peace Chapter 91 in San Diego.

Photos Submitted by Our Members



Tuesday, December 19, Mauston, Wisconsin – VFP members Bradley Geyer from Madison, Wisconsin (on left with flag) and Duane Teschler from Harmony, Minnesota (in center with red sign) joined the candlelight vigil at Volk Field Air National Guard Base protesting drone warfare and advocating peace. Photo by Joy First.



Paul Becker / Becker1999

Friday, December 22, Columbus, Ohio – [Paul Becker](#) captured this fantastic shot of the VFP flag flying above Sue Carter's homemade (pillow case) "cease fire" sign carried in the march by Mike Ferner. About 400 people attended the Columbus peace rally.

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THINK PEACE



This uplifting music video reference was submitted by VFP outgoing Board Member Ken Mayers:

The song "Prayer of the Mothers" was born as a result of an alliance made between singer-songwriter Yael Deckelbaum and a group of courageous women leading the movement of "Women Wage Peace." The message is as timely now as it was then.

Read more and watch this inspiring and uplifting video by clicking below.

[WATCH IT HERE](#)

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 • 11am PT | 12pm MT | 1pm CT | 2pm ET

Merchants of Death Meetup: Can We Claim a Right Not To Kill?

During this holiday season, we want to continue facilitating a forum for reflection and creative exchanges, like that which occurred during the meetup of December 3rd. Please join us if you can. [REGISTER HERE](#).

If you missed any sessions of the **Merchants of Death War Crimes Tribunal**, you can find the tribunal and related webinar recordings on the [Merchants of Death rumble channel](#).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024 • 5pm PST | 6pm MST | 7pm CST | 8pm EST

Korea Peace Campaign Meeting

At this online meeting, participants will share developing news on Korea and discuss KPC campaign plans for the future. Email kpc@veteransforpeace.org for Zoom information. For more information about KPC, [GO HERE](#).

MARCH 23–29, 2024 (HOLY WEEK)

Sacred Peace Walk 2024

In this season of wars, a worldwide refugee crisis and the climate thrown into chaos, when the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists moves up its doomsday clock to 90-seconds before midnight, the Nevada Desert Experience invites you to join us in an event of hope and resistance in the desert. [CLICK HERE](#) for the details. Anyone with questions about the walk is welcome to contact Dave Patterson, who has participated in the walk for years, at dpatterson998@yahoo.com.

COMMENCING SATURDAY, APRIL 27
 WALKING from AUGUSTA, MAINE to WASHINGTON, D.C.
VFP Peace Walk 2024

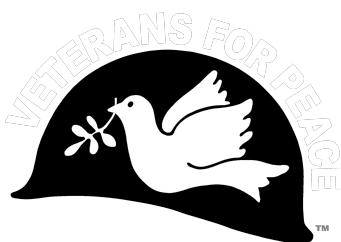
Peace Walk 2024 is a National Project of Veterans For Peace. Visit the website to learn more:
PeaceWalk2024.org.

July 15–August 19, 2024
Poor People's Army March

Also known as the Poor People’s Economic Human Rights Campaign, the mission of the nonviolent Poor People’s Army is to keep people alive and to build a cooperative economy and society. Endorsed by Veterans For Peace, the two-week Poor People’s Army March will go from Mikwaukee – site of the Republican National Convention (July 15) – to Chicago – site of the Democratic National Convention (August 19). The march will deliver the same message to both conventions: ***"We reject corporate greed and demand an end to poverty."***

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