

VETERANS FOR PEACE Monthly eNews



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Taking a Stand Against Cluster Bombs

Rally in Biden's Hometown for Peace in Ukraine

Scranton and the world need movement away from nuclear apocalypse, and toward investment in jobs, education, healthcare, and the environment.

President Biden: Call for an immediate cease-fire in Ukraine; end weapons shipments to Ukraine.

Saturday, July 22, 2023, 11 a.m., at Scranton Army Ammunition Plant (General Dynamics), 156 Cedar Avenue, Scranton, PA.

Speakers: Martha Hennessy, Gloria Caballero Roca, Susan Schnall, Susan Smith, David Swanson, Debra Sweet. **Endorsers:** BanKillerDrones, Campaign for a Global Ban on Weaponized Drones, CODEPINK, Fellowship of Reconciliation-USA, Gospel Nonviolence Group of the Association of U.S. Catholic Priests, Pax Christi USA, RootsAction.org, Veterans For Peace, World BEYOND War, World Can't Wait.

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VFP Responds to Biden's "Cluster Bombs for Ukraine"; Organizes July 22 Rally at Scranton Army Ammunition Plant

Veterans For Peace issued a press release last week denouncing the Biden Administration's decision to send cluster bomb munitions to Ukraine and announcing a rally to be held July 22, 2023 at the Scranton (PA) Army Ammunition Plant. The statement spells out VFP's opposition to sending cluster bombs – and all weapons – into the Ukraine War, and calls for an immediate ceasefire. [Read the full press release here](#)



Click on the image to watch a very short clip on the Destructive Power of Cluster Bombs.

VFP Signs onto Global Women's Statement

Veterans For Peace has also signed onto the following statement released by Global Women for Peace United Against NATO on Sunday, July 9, 2023 at their NO to NATO meeting in Brussels, Belgium. Appreciation to VFP Member/Advisor Ann Wright for bringing this important statement to our attention:

The Global Women For Peace United Against NATO network with representatives of over 120 organizations from 35 countries, strongly opposes the use of Cluster Bombs and Weapons that contain Depleted Uranium and condemns the countries, namely the United States and the United Kingdom, that are sending them for use in Ukraine.

We warn the Government of Ukraine and the Russian Federation against the illegal and criminal use of these weapons.

[Read the Founding Statement of the Global Women here.](#)

Taking a Stand for Peace in Korea



Join the Movement for Peace on the Korean Peninsula: Host a *Crossings* Watch Party

Crossings, the documentary film that screened at our 2022 convention, which chronicles the extraordinary 2015 peace walk by 30 prominent feminist peacemakers across the DMZ in Korea, will premiere nationwide on WORLD Channel on July 23! The filmmaker and friends are working to get 70 people/groups to host watch parties during the film's **30-day free streaming window**, as this is the 70th year since the July 1953 signing of the armistice that ended the hot war.

Crossings is a powerful tool for engaging people in the movement for peace on the Korean Peninsula—a movement Veterans For Peace has long been part of. Help maximize the film's impact! Find more information about the film and the link to sign up to host a Watch Party here: <https://www.mufilms.org/films/crossings/>

Find more ways to support peace in Korea [HERE](#).

Wed, May 31 at 6PM ET
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KOREA POLICY INSTITUTE

MR 1824 books PEOPLES FORUM

The Hidden History of the Korean War

New edition
By I.F. Stone

Christine Hong

Gregory Elich

Martin Hart-Landsberg

Tim Beal

HISTORY LESSON: We highly recommend this online book talk produced by the People's Forum in New York City in May. [The Hidden History of the Korean War](#) celebrates the new edition of I.F. Stone's classic of the same name. The discussion is co-hosted by the Korean Policy Institute's Christine Hong and historian Martin Hart-Landsberg. As they talk with the writers of the book's new introduction, Tim Beal and Gregory Elich, they broach some fascinating questions: How does a divided Korea boost US militarism in the region, and globally, to this day? With the continuation of the war to this day, what have been the costs of division for Koreans? How is the book a "master class" in how to read imperialist elites and their global machinations?

The Voyage Continues



Recent news coverage of VFP's peace boat includes a great piece by Michael Centore published by the *National Catholic Reporter* on June 28, 2023, titled "[Golden Rule boat sets sail for 'a nuclear-free world'](#)," along with a photo of the boat docked at City Pier in New London, Connecticut, prior to a sail on June 9. [Credit: Michael Centore]

The Albany, New York–based *Times-Union News* posted eight photos of the boat on July 12, 2023, under the title, "[Golden Rule Peace Boat Visits Albany](#)"

Recommended Reading



"This is a terrific, comprehensive article about the history and practices of the School of the Americas at Fort Benning, Georgia (which recently underwent a name change to Fort Moore). It isn't difficult to see how the flood of asylum seekers along the Rio Grande is due in no small part to our decades-long investment in subjugation, repression, and torture in Latin America. We assist the elites in making life miserable for working people, enforce mass poverty, terrorize and murder them, and then wonder 'What are all these people doing at our southern border?'" —Interim VFP Director Mike Ferner

"How a Notorious Georgia Army School Became America's Training Ground for Global Torture" by Alan MacLeod | July 5, 2023

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Peace & Planet News

Dedicated to Abolishing War; Establishing Justice, and Fighting Climate Disaster



One of the many thought-provoking articles published in the Spring 2023 edition of the online Peace & Planet News magazine (a project of NYC VFP Chapter 34) is an interview with Benjamin Abelow, MD, titled "[How the West Brought War to Ukraine](#)"

Other recent postings include articles on [peace at home](#) (cop city and continuing militarization of police), [hopeful news for the planet](#) (concerning sea otters), and the [Palestinian struggle](#) (a troubling report by VFP Advisor Marjorie Cohn).

VFP Member Corner

Empowerment Opportunity for Women (and all) Veterans

[Women Veterans Empowered & Thriving \(WVE&T\)](#) is a reintegration program for women veterans that utilizes writing and performance to empower them to thrive in their daily life. The all-volunteer nonprofit organization was founded by [VFP Poet Laureate Jenny Pacanowski](#). (Jenny, who was deployed to Iraq as a combat medic in 2004, discovered that creative expression allowed her to become empowered rather than debilitated by her experiences.)

WVE&T conducts free, virtual workshops to assist women veterans (and now *all* veterans) in discovering empowerment within themselves through writing and performance practice. All veterans are welcome regardless of discharge status or time in service. Previous artistic/writing experience is not necessary. Participants have permission to say no, pass or just observe.

WVE&T's upcoming workshops:

Sun, Jul 23 on Zoom

[Women Veterans Empowerment Workshop](#)

Thu, Jul 27 on Zoom

[All Veterans Empowerment Workshop](#)

VFP Leaders Speak Out!

June 23 – VFP President Susan Schnall addressed peace activists gathered at the New York Public Library to mark the Okinawa Day of Remembrance, and to call for the removal of the U.S. military bases. [Watch video clip.](#)

July 7 – VFP's Ann Wright spoke at an Irish Neutrality conference in Dublin. [06:30]. [Watch video clip.](#)

Dedicated to the Memory of Daniel Ellsberg

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JEFFREY SACHS

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KATHY KELLY

Campaigner for peace and justice, has lived with Iraq, Afghan and Yemen families in war zones, imprisoned repeatedly for disturbing the war

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, July 18, 4–5:30 EDT – Talk and discussion with author Rivera Sun, hosted by Portland State University Professor Tom Hastings: [Narratives of Nonviolence: The Stories We Tell](#), online

Tuesday, July 18, 7pm EDT – World BEYOND War Webinar featuring VFP member Paul Atwood: [War Has Always Been the American Way of Life: Now Where Are We Heading?](#), online

Wednesday, July 19, 7pm EDT – Book Talk with Norman Solomon hosted by Massachusetts Peace Action: [War Made Invisible: How America Hides the Human Toll of Its Military Machine](#), online

Thursday, July 20, 8pm EDT – War Industry Resisters Network Webinar: [U.S. Aims to be “Master of Space”: Militarizing and Profiteering in the Sky](#), online

July 26–28 – [National Mobilization to End the Korean War](#), Washington, D.C.

August 6–9 – Hiroshima/Nagasaki Commemorations, various locations

August 25–27 – [Veterans For Peace 2023 Convention and Annual Business Meeting \(Aug. 26\)](#), online

October 15–19 – [SOVA Legislative Conference](#), Washington, D.C.

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