

# VETERANS FOR PEACE Monthly eNews



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## THANK YOU CONVENTION ADVERTISERS!

We are excited to announce that all of our 2023 VFP Convention ads are now up on the web, available for everyone to peruse and share. Below is a small sample... [CLICK HERE](#) to view all of the ads online.

First things first: Don't miss the Climate Crisis & Militarism panel kicking off tomorrow's convention program!

### *Veterans & Allies, we need your voices! SPEAK OUT on the Links between Militarism and Climate Catastrophe*

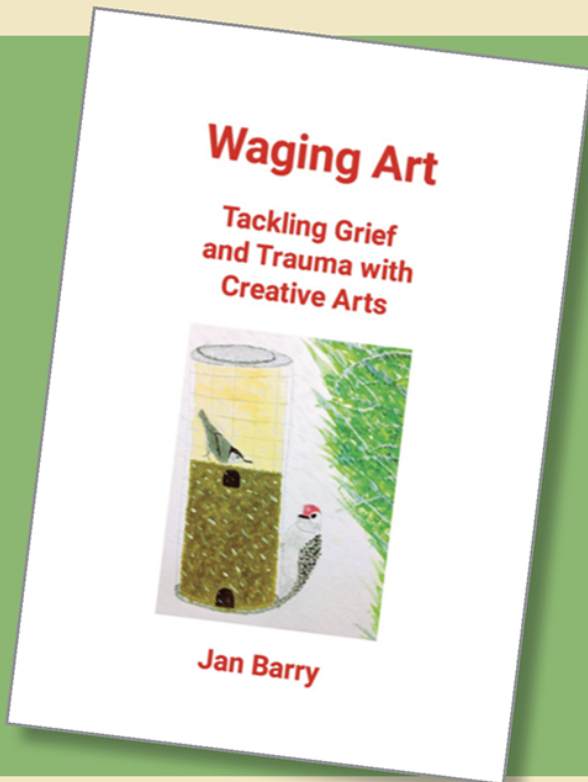


**DON'T MISS WORKSHOP #1**  
**Climate Crisis: Veterans Respond**  
featuring Matt Hoh and  
Miriam Pemberton  
**Friday, 2:00–3:30 pm CT**



Veterans For Peace Climate Crisis and Militarism Project (CCMP) – <http://www.veteransforpeace.org/take-action/climatecrisis>

As usual, we received a few book advertisements, this one from former VFP Poet Laureate Jan Barry.



**Waging Art** is a collection of essays on writing and art programs for military veterans and family members wrestling with the worries and nightmares of war. I believe this book can be of great use to veterans and military families as well as other survivors of grief and trauma.

**JAN BARRY** is a poet, artist, and author of more than a dozen books of poetry, prose, art, and photography. After an Army stint in Vietnam, he helped organize Vietnam Veterans Against the War; he recently served a term as Veterans For Peace Poet Laureate. New Jersey coordinator for Warrior Writers, his books include *A Citizen's Guide to Grassroots Campaigns*, *Sound Off: Warrior Writers NJ* (co-editor) and *Winning Hearts & Minds: War Poems by Vietnam Veterans* (co-editor).

**TO ORDER WAGING ART**

Go to [www.lulu.com/shop](http://www.lulu.com/shop) and type in Jan Barry.

Or just scan this QR code:

Most ads were placed by VFP chapters—below are just a handful. Click on the images to access content referenced in the ad, or [click here to view all of our 2023 ads online.](#)

**MAUI ALOHA**  
**THE PEOPLE'S**  
**RESPONSE**  
[bit.ly/hpfmaui2023](http://bit.ly/hpfmaui2023)

Aloha `Āina VFP...

It is with love of land and people, we welcome support to frontline community warriors mobilizing mālama `ohana – direct aid to families devastated by the catastrophic wildfires and colonization on Maui.

Maluhia me ka Pono...  
 Peace with Justice,

VFP-Hawai`i O`ahu Ch. 113

PHOTOGRAPHY PETE PETERSON / LETTERING SAM JONES

# FLOWER POWER

**PETE PETERSON VFP13  
& HIS UNEXPECTED MISSION**



## VFP JON MILES CHAPTER 13 TUCSON ARIZONA USA

“ THE PHOTO OF THIS TANK WAS TAKEN [BY ME 6-23-2023] IN THE TOWN SQUARE IN VILNIUS LITHUANIA. IT WAS A RUSSIAN TANK DESTROYED BY UKRANIAN FORCES. WHEN I PLACED THE ROSES DOWN THE BARREL OF THE TANK, I QUOTED “I JUST HAD TO DO IT!” IN OTHER WORDS I WASN’T GOING TO STAND BY AND DO NOTHING. A TANK TO ME SYMBOLIZES WAR AND IT WAS THE MOST POWERFUL PEACE STATEMENT I COULD MAKE AT THAT MOMENT. ”

VIEW HIS ORIGINAL PHOTO & STORY ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

**OUR ONGOING VIGILS INCLUDE:**  
DOWNTOWN TUCSON PEACE VIGILS    RAYTHEON MISSILES & DEFENSE  
DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE    GRETCHEN NIELSEN’S HOMESTEAD  
ARMED FORCES COUNTER-RECRUITING CENTER

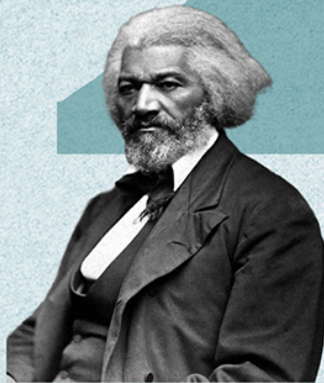
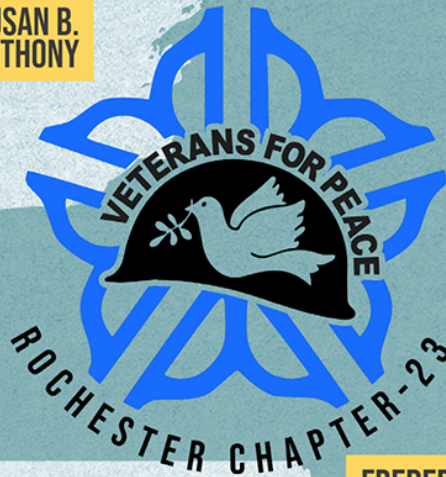
**A FEW OTHER ACTIVITIES:**  
TUCSON TAKE BACK THE NIGHT    THE GOLDEN RULE PROJECT  
HIGHWAY CLEAN-UPS    CHAPTER 13 MEETINGS    CHAPTER NIGHT OUT PUTT-PUTT GOLFING  
MONTHLY CIRCLES CULTURE OF PEACE ALLIANCE (COPA) . . .AND MORE

FINANCIAL DONATIONS TO VFP (ABOVE DUES) IS PUT TO GOOD USE. THANK YOU!

“ NO EMPIRE. NO WAR. BE NONVIOLENT. ”  
PERSONAL COMMITMENT FROM OUR MEMBER, CARA BISSELL, A CONSCIENCIOUS OBJECTOR

"Cautious, careful people, always casting about to preserve their reputation and social standing, never can bring about a reform."

SUSAN B. ANTHONY



FREDERICK DOUGLASS

"Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will."



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### Bob Prokop, presente!

We in Baltimore Phil Berrigan Memorial VFP Chapter 105 mourn our dear friend and dynamo chapter member, Bob Prokop.

Bob (far left) tabled with David Robson and Ellen Barfield at the Peace in the Park festival in Salisbury, Maryland, in September 2021. Last year one of our chapter ads featured Bob's painting of the Golden Rule. We were especially sad he missed the boat's visit. Rest in Peace, Bob.

VFP Phil Berrigan Memorial Chapter Welcomes the Golden Rule to Maryland April 2023



### Propaganda On A Shirt Pocket

The vast majority of Americans are Good Germans. Hitler has always been America's great example of true evil, while the brutality of the U.S. Empire goes undiagnosed.

Over 750 U.S. Military Bases around the World. Since the end of World War II, the U.S. has bombed over 30 countries.

Americans entertain themselves into oblivion, while their government and military gets on with the business of violently exploiting other countries for unfathomable control and profits. Peace is not profitable.

U.S. citizens pretend to live in a sacred democracy. *In God We Trust.*

You cannot be a World Empire and a democracy at the same time.

Propaganda from birth always hides the secrets of the American Dream. *Gott Mit Uns.*

The Lies are closer than breathing, nearer than hands and feet.

Mike Hastie | Army Medic Viet Nam



**“The human mind has infinite capacity for self-deception.” –Howard Zinn**

**In the slide show you will also find a number of ads placed by VFP National projects, including this new one...more info coming soon!**



***THANKS AGAIN TO ALL CONVENTION ADVERTISERS!***

**In case you need another reminder...  
VFP's National Convention starts tomorrow!**



Register for the Convention

View the full ad slideshow on YouTube



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