

VETERANS FOR PEACE Weekly e-News



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Happy 100th Birthday, Sally-Alice!



Sally-Alice Thompson, a Navy veteran who with her husband Donald Thompson co-founded the Albuquerque VFP chapter many years ago, celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday, October 14, surrounded by family and friends—including many members of Veterans For Peace. (Charles Powell is the vet wearing the logo sweatshirt in above photo.) VFP Board Member Ken Mayers attended the Birthday Gala and presented Sally-Alice with a big floral arrangement and a certificate of appreciation on our behalf. For those of you who haven't had the pleasure of meeting Sally-Alice, World Beyond War published a nice article about her a few years ago, covering a few highlights of [a long life dedicated to peace and justice](#).

A Celebration of the Life
of
Daniel Ellsberg

1931–2023

The Family's Memorial Online

October 22, 2023

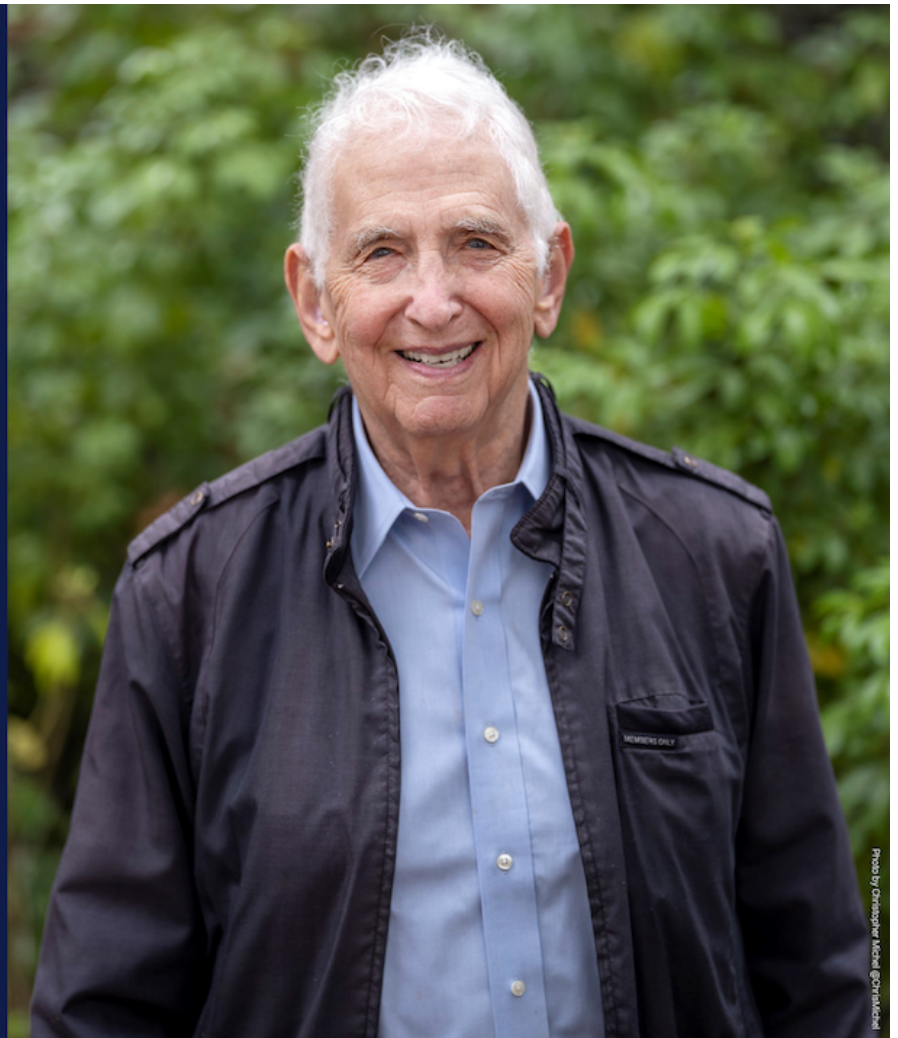
1–3 pm PST /

4–6 pm EST

You are invited to an online public memorial
and celebration of Daniel Ellsberg
on Sunday, 10/22, from 1–3 PM Pacific /
4–6 PM Eastern.

www.ellsberg.net/memorial

We look forward to celebrating
Dan's life with you.



We're very pleased to pass along this invitation from the Ellsberg Family to [join in their online memorial celebration](https://www.ellsberg.net/memorial) of the life of Dan Ellsberg this coming Sunday, October 22, at 1pm Pacific / 3pm Central / 4pm Eastern. Find more information at <https://www.ellsberg.net/>

#ShutDownAFRICOM

International Month of Action: Learn and Share

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

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Non à la France
Voleur de l'Afrique

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

Merchants of Death War Crimes Tribunal



The Merchants of Death War Crimes Tribunal will hold accountable – through testimony of witnesses – U.S. weapons manufacturers who produce and sell products that indiscriminately attack, maim 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. **The live-streamed Opening Session of the Merchants of**

Death War Crimes Tribunal, hosted by World BEYOND War, is slated for November 12. There is no cost to attend. Click the button below to register. Learn more about the Tribunal at <https://merchantsofdeath.org/>

REGISTER NOW

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



On October 18, 2023, VFP Interim Director Mike Ferner responded to the Global War on Terrorism Memorial Foundation's announced "historic" public input campaign for a planned GWOT memorial – "Help Design History"– by issuing this Press Release.

A number of veterans responded to our last eNews blurb about the campaign by sending in their own comments, which we are collecting for our upcoming print newsletter. The GWOTMF public input period ended on October 17, but you can still send us your thoughts via email to vfp@veteransforpeace.org.

Mike Ferner also took the lead in issuing a Veterans For Peace statement last week in response to AARP's contribution to war machine propaganda, which was picked up by the international press agency, [*Pressenza*](#).



We apologize for last week's posting of only one photo (showing damage to a Palestinian structure) to represent the mutually devastating violent exchanges between Hamas and Israel that led to VFP issuing [this statement](#). This week, we opt to illustrate the madness with Pablo Picasso's *Guernica*, painted in response to the bombing of the Basque town of the same name during the Spanish Civil War.

VFP is now calling for a ceasefire and humanitarian aid for Gaza and supports the [Ceasefire Now Resolution](#) introduced by Congresswoman Cori Bush (D-MO) and colleagues on October 16. VFP member Dan Shea sent in [this news clip of a rally in NE Portland, Oregon](#), at which Dan joined Jewish Voice for Peace members and others in calling for congressional support of the same resolution.

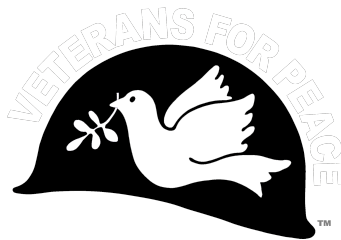
VFP member [Jack Gilroy](#) shared a [video of his televised comments](#) about the horrible events in Israel and Gaza. The press conference, held in front of Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer's office in Binghamton, New York, was covered by three local television news channels.



Do you ever have debates with well-meaning folks who believe war is about protecting "Our Freedoms" or that war will always be with us because conflict is part of human nature? In contemplating U.S. involvement in and support for wars without end, do you often find yourself shaking your head and asking, "Why?"

The [War Industry Resisters Network's](#) most recent webinar speaks to this topic, and the recording is now available: [Forever Wars: Shining a Light on the War Profiteers](#)

Keep Us Strong!



DONATE TODAY

Help Us Grow!

FALL CALENDAR

Attention VFP Members: VOTE!

Submit your electronic or paper ballot by November 3, 2023

If you are a VFP member, you should have received a ballot via email from invitation@mail.electionbuddies.com on Oct. 3, 2023. If you can't find it, email Shelly at

shelly@veteransforpeace.org to request a resend—or, if you prefer, a paper ballot.

You have two more weeks to vote to fill 4 board seats (3 veterans and 1 associate) and weigh in on the resolutions presented at the convention.

GET BALLOT INFORMATION

OCTOBER 1-31

International Month of Action Against AFRICOM is still going on!

Find details online: blackallianceforpeace.com/africom2023

NOVEMBER 2 • 8 PM EST

War Industry Resisters Network webinar: *Running up to War with China*, featuring K.J. Noh. [Follow this link for more information and to register.](#)

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. [Register here.](#)

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