



VETERANS FOR PEACE Semi-weekly eNews



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2023 VFP National Election: The ballots have been counted.

[See Election Results](#)

VFP Responds to Crisis in Gaza: Photos of the Week



Photo 1. VFP National Director Mike Ferner (center), VFP member Robert Goldberg, and NW Ohio Peace Coalition members block entrance to Rep. Marcy Kaptur's office building for her support of military aid for Israel. The five were prepared to be arrested by Toledo police, but were not. Thirty other activists participated and stated they would return frequently. [Photo: Toledo Blade]

Photo 2. Submitted by PaceWorks Kansas City: A group of 17 residents led by Christopher Overfelt and the Kansas City-area Veterans For Peace pay a visit to the office of U.S. Rep. Sharice Davids on November 13 where they presented a letter to Davids' aide urging, "support the Ceasefire Now Resolution."
[[Read the story at PeaceWorks Kansas City.](#)]

RECENT RELEASES from VETERANS FOR PEACE

11.12.2023 | [An Open Letter to the 212 Republicans and 22 Democrats who voted to censure Rep. Rashida Tlaib on November 7, 2023](#) **CALL TO ACTION: Please forward this letter to your congressional representatives. THANK YOU!**

11.13.2023 | [Veterans For Peace Joins International Delegation Attempt to reach Rafah Border crossing with Gaza](#) [A news story about the delegation was filed with the international press agency Presenza on November 14: [Read it here.](#)]

VETERANS FOR PEACE IN THE MEDIA

11.03.2023 | VFP NYC member Ellen Davidson's article [What Does it Mean to Call Israel an Apartheid State?](#) was published by The Independent, and then they followed up with an audio interview with Ellen on the topic: [Listen here.](#)

11.10.2023 | WATCH: [Peace and justice groups gather in downtown Binghamton to call for a ceasefire in Gaza](#) [VFP member Jack Gilroy appears at about 1:42.]

11.12.2023 | [Iowa City 'Veterans for Peace' group observes Armistice Day, calls for peace](#)

11.13.2023 | [Some veterans want a cease-fire in Gaza](#) [VFP Advisor [Matt Hoh](#) appears about two-thirds of the way through this NPR story.]

11.12.2023 | VFP National Director [Mike Ferner](#) is interviewed on [John McDonagh's radio program on WBAI in NYC.](#)

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Wanted: Armistice Day 2023 Reports & Photos



ARMISTICE IN FAIRBANKS: Members of VFP North Star Chapter 146 in Alaska gather with other local peace folk on November 11, 2023, for their annual Armistice Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial.

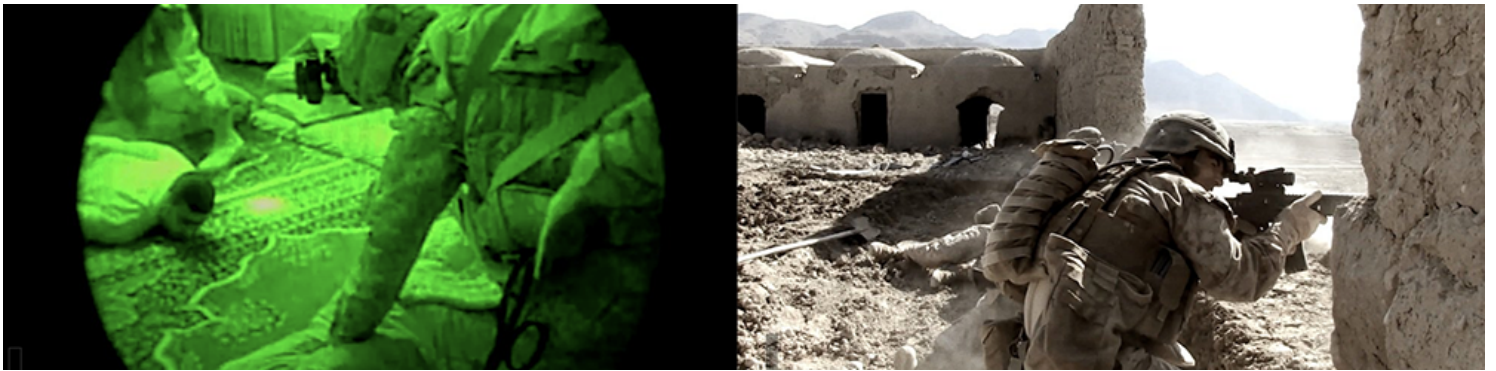
SEND US YOUR CHAPTER'S Armistice pics for sharing on this year's recap page and in the VFP newsletter. The button below leads to the google album for uploading photos (please include caption info notes). You may also email to editor@veteransforpeace.org. If your event got press coverage, send those links to press@veteransforpeace.org.

UPLOAD PHOTOS



The opening session of the **Merchants of Death War Crimes Tribunal** on November 12 drew a large audience and was very well received. This session focused on Palestine. It was recorded and video has already been posted online. All segments of the tribunal and related webinar recordings are available on the Merchants of Death rumble channel.

Harvey and Jim also broadcast an abridged version of the opening session on their November 16 VFP radio show, highlighting the need, the precedent, and the facts about these war criminals.



[What I Want You to Know](#) – This award-winning documentary features post-9/11 Veterans who were deployed to U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and returned with compelling stories of betrayal. This truthful documentary about war deserves to be seen, and we are encouraging chapters to use it as an organizing aid for getting our name out there and bringing in new people. [Watch the trailer](#) and [contact the producer](#) to get started.

WATCH FILM TRAILER

THE NEW YEAR BRINGS A NEW NATIONAL PROJECT

[VFP Peace Walk](#)



READ ALL ABOUT IT

GIs for Peace AND THE Antiwar Movement

Join us for two programs that explore the support of the wider antiwar movement for active-duty service members who opposed the Vietnam War.

PROGRAM ONE: "Thank You for Your Service (for Peace)"
Thursday, November 8, 8 p.m. EST
 This program features a special panel discussion moderated by award-winning filmmaker David Gutter, Vietnam War GI activist, author of *Silence in Combat* (2017) & 2019 and a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), and a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), moderated by David Gutter, Vietnam War GI activist, author of *Silence in Combat* (2017) & 2019, November 8th (2023).

Panel of speakers:

- J.J. Johnson**, a member of the GI Movement who served active duty in Vietnam and was a member of the GI Movement.
- David Gutter**, author of *Silence in Combat* (2017) & 2019, November 8th (2023).
- John Kent**, a former Navy fighter pilot who served in the jungle and other theaters of the Vietnam War and was a member of the GI Movement.
- Paul Lauter**, former Chicago Public Schools Education Secretary and author of *The GI Movement* (2018).
- David Zeiger**, director of *Sir! No Sir!* (2005).
- Connie Field**, director of *The Whistleblower of My Lai* (2018).

PROGRAM TWO: Films of the GI Antiwar Resistance
Wednesday, November 29, 8 p.m. EST
 Moderated by Paul Lauter, former Chicago Public Schools Education Secretary and author of *The GI Movement* (2018).

Panel of speakers:

- Jane Fonda**, producer/performer of *FTA* (1972).
- Holly Near**, musical artist and performer for *FTA*.
- David Zeiger**, director of *Sir! No Sir!* (2005).
- Connie Field**, director of *The Whistleblower of My Lai* (2018).

Please watch the films before the November 29 program. *FTA* and *Sir! No Sir!* are available on YouTube. The Whistleblower of My Lai is available on Amazon Prime.

For speaker bios, and to register, go to:
<https://www.everyaction.com/peacewalk/2023/11/08/thank-you-for-your-service-for-peace>

INFO & REGISTRATION

GIs for Peace & the Antiwar Movement

A special program presented by the Vietnam Peace Commemoration Committee:

Wednesday, November 29 • 8 PM EST

Films of the GI Antiwar Resistance (panel)

A panel of filmmakers discussing their role in producing films on the scale and impact of the GI movement, the role of artists in supporting antiwar soldiers, and honoring helicopter pilot Hugh Thompson who tried to halt the killing and rescue civilians in the midst of the My Lai massacre.

- **Paul Lauter**, moderator, former President American Studies Association
- **Jane Fonda**, producer/performer of *FTA* (1972)
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THINK PEACE



PIVOT TO PEACE IN THE PACIFIC

While we're focused on the massacre in Gaza, the Empire never sleeps in other parts of the planet, and fortunately, a few of our members are paying close attention. Below are a few thought pieces: An excellent article by member Doug Lummis, a Marine veteran and renowned scholar based in Okinawa, and an interview with KJ Noh, a South Korean Army veteran and VFP China Working Group member, helping to explain U.S. moves in that part of the world.

Doug Lummis: [The People of Okinawa Don't Want To Be Pawns In a US-China Conflict](#)

KJ Noh: [Will China-US relations back on track after Xi-Biden Meeting?](#)

More Food for Thought from Mike Wong, facilitator of VFP's China Working Group: "[[The speech given by Chinese President Xi Jinping](#)] is long, but states very clearly China's policies, which have been consistent for years since even before Xi's presidency. If you want to understand the Chinese government's point of view of both the state of the world as well as US/China relations, this is a good summary of it. If I were to sum it up in my own words, it comes down to: Either we humans will all live together, or we will all die together. China prefers to live together. China doesn't care who's number one, as long as China can be peaceful, secure, and prosperous."

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 • 1–2:30pm EST

War Is Not a Game – Vigil 11/19 in Old Bethpage

Rally along Veterans For Peace, Long Island Chapter, in front of the **Museum of American Armor** in Old Bethpage to show our outrage over supporting and sponsoring an event there that glorifies war. [READ MORE ABOUT THIS EVENT HERE.](#)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 • 1pm PST | 2pm MST | 3pm CST | 4pm EST

School of the Americas Watch

SOAW Virtual Vigil for Peace, Justice, and Solidarity

Come together with SOAW for a powerful virtual gathering featuring music and spoken word dedicated to remembrance, peace, and solidarity. [REGISTER HERE.](#)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20 • 7–8:30pm EST | 4–5:30 PST | TUESDAY, 9–10:30 am Tokyo

"Contamination Nations" Webinar

PFAS Contamination in the U.S. and Japan

Sponsored by the U.S. Section of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom or WILPF, panelists include VFP members Pat Elder and Rachel Clark, who will share some of what they learned on the recent VFP Peace Speaking Tour in Japan and Okinawa. [MORE INFO HERE](#).

THURS–SAT, NOVEMBER 23–25
 World BEYOND War Regional Peace Conference
Imagine Africa Beyond War

The objective of this regional conference is to strengthen the collaboration amongst WBW Chapters and allies in Africa and worldwide and envisage World BEYOND War's blueprint for an alternative security system as the approach to imagine Africa beyond war. [INFO & REGISTRATION HERE](#)

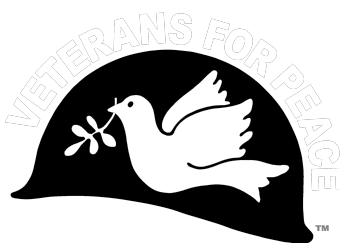
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 • 8 PM EST
Merchants of Death War Crimes Tribunal *continued*

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. [INFO & REGISTRATION HERE](#)

LOOKING FORWARD
 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 Milwaukee — 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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