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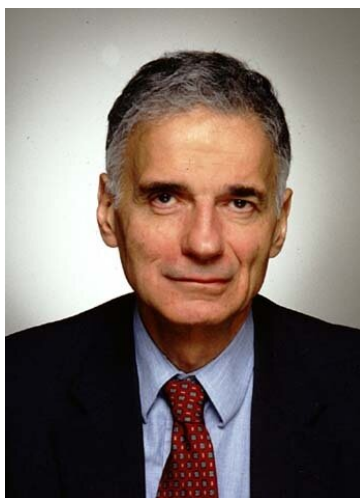
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THANK YOU!

Veterans For Peace is immensely grateful to Ralph Nader for providing another Matching Grant for our Giving Tuesday appeal. And we are immensely grateful to everyone who responded to that appeal: Not counting Ralph's generous contribution of \$5,000, we raised a whopping \$16,253.40 on Giving Tuesday!

If you were one of those who gave, please give yourself a pat on the back, and if for some reason you were out of the room when our Giving Tuesday appeal was made and you are moved to drop a few coins in our fundraising bucket, feel free to click the button below.

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VFP Responds to Crisis in Gaza: Shuts Down Scranton Ammunition Plant





Last Sunday, VFP National Director Mike Ferner participated in the protest and die-in at the U.S. Army Ammunition Plant in Scranton, New York, along with Nick Mottern, Jack Gilroy, Gabrielle Murphy, Elliott Adams, Rafed Aljoboury, John Amidon, and many from the local Palestinian community calling for a halt to Israel's genocidal bombing campaign that has killed many thousands in past weeks. About 150 people total showed up for this sixth protest, effectively shutting down plant operations that day. Photos: Gary Ingraham. [See FULL ALBUM HERE.](#)



On December 6, Patrick McCann reports attending a big protest in Boca Raton, Florida, at a synagogue where Israeli politician Naftali Bennett spoke at a fundraiser. Approximately 200 protesters turned out; overwhelmingly Palestinians joined by Jewish Voices for Peace and other peace activists. Patrick reports he "passed out 49 copies of *Peace and Planet News* and lent them a bullhorn to add to the volume."



In North Carolina, rallies are being held at least once/week with hundreds turning out, largely Palestinians along with many other allies including VFP members. "The Peace Truck has been a great addition," writes Vicki Ryder, "and is loudly cheered whenever it makes its appearance. We're so grateful to VFP for the financial boost to make it happen. Ceasefire NOW!"

VETERANS FOR PEACE IN THE NEWS

The Scranton action was reported in several places. Here are two:

12.3.2023 | WATCH – WYOU-PA News: [NEPA for Palestine rally outside Scranton ammo plant](#) [Mike Ferner speaks out.]

12.3.2023 | LISTEN – WVIA News: [Protesters: Stop the fighting, stop making ammunitions](#) [This post includes a slideshow.]

VFP'S LATEST POSITION STATEMENT

11.18.2023 | [Gaza Massacre Could Lead to Nuclear War](#)

VETERANS FOR PEACE ON SOCIAL MEDIA



"Mike Madden displays the amount of money Sen. Klobuchar has received from AIPAC over the years, enough to support an apartheid state..."

Thus reads the caption on this photo of Madden posted by VFP on X [Twitter] in response to Amy Klobuchar's "I stand with Israel..." statement posted in October. Many people re-tweeted the post as a comment on Amy's post. So far, the VFP post has garnered 3,895 Likes and 1,483 Reposts.

AND... You gotta love this image, posted on VFP's Facebook page December 4 with the hashtag #CeaseFireNow



FROM OUR FRIENDS at COMBATANTS FOR PEACE

American Friends of Combatants for Peace

מרכז לחירות, חירות, חירות
COMBATANTS FOR PEACE

COURAGE IN THE UNKNOWN

Exploring New Possibilities

Friday, December 8, 1pm ET / 8pm Jerusalem

Nizar Farsakh **Avi Dabush** **Hadar Cohen** **Ahmed Helou** **Luma Eldin Moderator** **Ben Yeger Moderator**

EARLIER TODAY, members of [Combatants for Peace](#) presented on the topic "**Courage in the Unknown: Exploring New Possibilities.**" The conversation was led by two Palestinian activists, Ahmed Helou and Nizar Farsakh, and two Israeli activists, Hadar Cohen and Avi Dabush. The discussion was moderated by Luma Eldin and Ben Yeger. The online event was recorded. [WATCH IT HERE.](#)



WATCH AND SHARE! 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.](#)

SPEAKING OF MERCHANTS OF DEATH: An article published by Politico on 11/29/23 confirms what we in VFP already knew: [Bombenomics: Biden admin circulates map showing states that benefit from Ukraine aid.](#)



WAR INDUSTRY RESISTERS NETWORK: Watch the recording from WIRN's recent

webinar, [How does Israel get away with it?](#) with Jeff Halper.



The second annual Ellsberg Lecture, presented by the Ellsberg Initiative for Peace and Democracy (EIPAD) on November 15, 2023, featured **Norman Solomon** speaking on "**The Madness of Militarism.**" [The lecture begins at minute 9:25 in the video.]

"I VERY HIGHLY RECOMMEND this powerful talk by Norman Solomon. It should be seen/heard by every person who cares about the future of the human race." —[David Hartsough](#), author, [Waging Peace](#)

"I totally agree with David Hartsough. Norman Solomon tells it like it is. So did Daniel Ellsberg. The United States is ADDICTED To WAR." —[Frank Dorrel](#), publisher, [Addicted to War](#) comic book

WATCH IT HERE

Commencing April 27, 2024 in Augusta, Maine

VFP Peace Walk



WANTED: A van or small truck for our 2024 PEACE WALK

If you have a vehicle to **donate or lend** to VFP for this purpose (with or without a driver), please contact us. *Thank you!*



San Diego Compassion Campaign

Members of San Diego VFP Chapter 91 hit the streets of San Diego on November 27 to distribute sleeping bags to some of the over 5,000 unsheltered Americans living on the streets of what the city's motto calls "America's Finest City," in the richest country in the world. An additional 5,000+ people are housed in temporary tent cities under city control for the winter.

Jan Ruhman writes: "We always go home feeling good about the interactions of humanizing these folks by introducing ourselves, asking their names, putting out a hand to shake theirs, and inquiring if they could use a new sleeping bag. Since 2011, we have purchased 5,519 sleeping bags and distributed all but 100 of those. To date we have raised \$189,665. Our mission is to distribute bags to those most in need – usually the new folks coming to the streets with the clothes on their backs and a blanket. We are blessed to help these neighbors in our very limited way. " In the photo: Jan Ruhman and Stan Levin

Did you fly or work on Ospreys during your military service?

VFP was contacted by a reporter who wants to talk to someone familiar with flying or maintaining Ospreys. If you fit that description and are willing to be interviewed, please contact Mike Ferner at mike@veteransforpeace.org.



CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 • 4:30pm PST | 5:30pm MST | 6:30pm CST | 7:30pm EST

Why Gaza Matters

Mid-East scholar Mary Neznok will join VFP Chapter 63 monthly meeting with a talk on the Israel/Palestine crisis, followed by Q&A. [JOIN THE MEETING WITH THIS LINK.](#)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 • 4:30pm PST | 5:30pm MST | 6:30pm CST | 7:30pm EST

Medical and Relief Aid to Gaza

This month's Southeast Regional VFP Meeting features Ann Wright, presenting on the above topic. All are welcome to join. [JOIN THE MEETING WITH THIS LINK.](#)

FRIDAY, DEC. 15, 10am–6pm | SATURDAY, DEC. 16, 10am–1pm
IN-PERSON at Rainbow Push Headquarters, 930 E 50th St., Chicago, IL

An Emergency Summit on Gaza: Ceasefire, Saving Lives, and Building Peace

Endorsed by Veterans For Peace. Conveners: Rev. Jesse Jackson, Rainbow Push Coalition, Arab American Institute, Fellowship of Reconciliation, If Not Now, U.S. Palestinian Council, Sojourners, National Council of Churches, Red Letter Christians, Churches for Middle East Peace, Jewish Voice for Peace Rabbinical Council, Muslim Civic Coalition, Faith for Black Lives, and Progressive Democrats for America. For more info., contact Fellowship of Reconciliation Executive Director Ariel Gold at arielgold@forusa.org.

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

Korea Peace Campaign Meeting

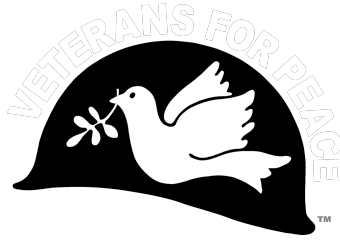
At this online meeting, participants will share developing news on Korea and discuss KPC campaign plans for the future. Email kpc@veteransforpeace.org for Zoom information. For more information about KPC, [GO HERE.](#)

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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