



# Desert Voices

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## NDE Supports Shoshone Youth Drum on Congress for Peace

by Donzie Bobb and Jeremiah Jones

We traveled to Washington DC to participate in the **Alliance for Nuclear Accountability (ANA)** spring lobby days in the beginning of April. This was both of our first trip to DC, and it was great that Jim Haber could accompany us. We are two young Western Shoshone Native Americans, so we brought a unique perspective to the 70-member lobbying effort. We stayed at the **Peace House** where we met Jay Marx and Ellen Thomas, long-time anti-nuclear activists with the Proposition 1 Campaign.

On Sunday, April 3, we went to the ANA lobbying training. We met a lot of amazing people who came from different places in the United States, and there were even friends who came from Russia. Not everyone had experience with nuclear issues where they came from, but we all needed to have a say on what is happening in the world on nuclear issues. By listening, we learned that Nevada is not the only state that has nuclear problems.

On Monday our ANA lobbying group met with Joel Smoot, an aide for Tammy Baldwin (D-WI). Rep. Baldwin is on the Energy and Commerce Committee. We talked about Yucca Mountain. We also brought up the Western Shoshone Treaty lands and the 1863 Treaty of Ruby Valley. Our second meeting on Monday was with Chad Ramey, aide to Jaime Herrera (R-WA) who is on several relevant committees. We talked about transportation of wastes, Yucca Mountain and the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS). Then, along with ANA team leader Gerry Pollet, we shifted to uranium mining issues. We talked about how they had young people building fences below the mines with no protection from the dust that blew towards the people building fences.

On Tuesday we met with Rachel Hines, aide to Russ Carnahan (D-MO). Along with ANA team leader Anne Suellentrop, we again discussed waste transportation and the NNSS. We explained to her about what has been taking place and especially about the Treaty Of Ruby Valley. No one had ever told her that the NNSS is illegal since it's sitting on treaty land. Donzie explained about the gatherings, ceremonies, and events that've been taking place for a lot of years and even before the NNSS was even created.

We were supposed to meet with Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV), but instead we met with his aide, Alexander McDonough. We mainly talked about the Treaty of Ruby Valley. He understood the treaty

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## No Nukes! No Dumps!

**The Department of Energy (DOE) wants to establish a permanent nuclear waste dump, maybe in Nevada. Public comments about the draft Environmental Impact Statement (D-EIS) for Disposal of Greater-Than-Class C (GTCC) Low-Level Radioactive Waste will be accepted through June 27. NDE hopes many people will take a moment to submit comments, so we organized an e-letter to make it easy to do. See <[nvactionnetwork.org/svv](http://nvactionnetwork.org/svv)> for the letter, or check the NDE website for links to sources of more background.**

The radioactive waste being considered in this EIS...

...Is quite dangerous, where the use of remote handling equipment is needed in some cases,

...Is 98% radioactive waste directly generated by commercial nuclear reactors,

...Isn't even intended to ship for at least 20 years (so what's the rush?)

...Was originally to be sent to Yucca Mountain, but could still be shipped to the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) under one of the alternatives being considered.

Current regulations say that GTCC wastes should be disposed of in a geologic repository. The only such site considered is the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP), east of Carlsbad, New Mexico. Four other sites are being considered for near-surface burial, one of which is at the NNSS.

Ultimately, we want an end to the generating of nuclear waste, be it from commercial or military uses. This necessity is heightened by the disaster still unfolding from the Fukushima plant in Japan, the historic accidents at Chernobyl, Three Mile Island and lesser known cases, plus the plans now under way to build pilot-less, stealth planes that could carry nuclear weapons.

For existing waste, we support Hardened On-site Storage (HOSS) which the DOE is not considering! The D-EIS rejects this alternative as non-geologic and only "long-term" rather than "permanent." Many people from around the country advocated for HOSS at DOE's GTCC scoping meetings in 2007 and recently during their public comment sessions. Using HOSS, GTCC waste and irradiated spent fuel would remain at commercial nuclear power plants in long-term storage so that they can be monitored and protected from aircraft crashes or terrorist attacks, eliminating the threats of both transport and disposal. Power plants already have storage for nuclear waste generated there. ☸

**Please, don't be scared of the technicalities.  
Send the DOE your comments by June 27.**

## Shoshone Youth in DC - continued from p. 1

and told us that Yucca Mountain will remain shut down. We thanked him and Sen. Reid for keeping funds at zero so Yucca mtn. will stay closed.

Wednesday morning was our last meeting of the week, with Sen. Dean Heller (R-NV). The same basic issues came up. Dean Heller said that the Yucca waste repository is going to be shut down “no matter what.” Responding to another question we asked, “Are they going to fund the clean up for the Nevada National Security Site?” Dean Heller said “No.” That is the same answer we got about the uranium mines. Mine safety issues came up, and we all agreed that the Mine, Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) has to do a better job for the sake of workers, and for the whole state.

With all of our meetings, the main concerns were about the nuclear issues in Nevada. So Jeremiah and Donzie got to see DC and learned about lobbying from ANA. Once again we'd like to thank Jim Haber and the Nevada Desert Experience for having us go to the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability Lobby Days. ☸

*The Alliance for Nuclear Accountability (ANA) is grateful that NDE was able to send Donzie and Jeremiah to DC Days. They brought important youth and Western Shoshone perspectives to all of our activities. In addition to discussing nuclear issues with their own members of Congress, Jeremiah and Donzie partnered with delegations from other states to educate ANA supporters and members of important Congressional committees about treaty issues and current events at the Nevada Test Site / NNSS. Working with Donzie and Jeremiah was a great experience and I hope that more Western Shoshone and youth from Nevada will be able to participate in DC Days 2012!*

Peace & Power,  
Katherine M. Fuchs, Program Director  
Alliance for Nuclear Accountability



Louis Vitale, Mary Lou Anderson and Peter Ediger “visiting” Disarm Now Plowshares activist Susan Crane outside her temporary “home” at Federal Correctional Institution, Dublin (California). Susan received 15 months for her part in the Fall, 2009 action.

## Ground the Drones—the Trial of the Creech 14

A new book based on this “history-making” trial, is available for \$5 (or free as a pdf) from Brian Terrell at <brian@vcnv.org>.

## From Our Japanese Allies

*The Japan Council against A and H Bombs (Gensuikyo) sent the following protest note to President Barack Obama on May 23, regarding a news report that the United States had conducted a new form of nuclear test in November 2010 and in March 2011.*

May 23, 2011

Mr. Barack OBAMA  
President  
United States of America



*In May, 2010, members of Gensuikyo, the Japan Council Against A & H Bombs joined NDE and Western Shoshone friends for a vigil at the NTS.*

We protest against your conducting a new form of nuclear tests and urge you to make efforts in good faith to achieve a world without nuclear weapons.

The U.S. Department of Energy (the National Nuclear Security Administration) made public by May 21 that it had conducted the new form of nuclear tests twice in November 2010 and in March 2011.

Your Government claimed that these tests were meant to maintain the reliability and efficacy of the nuclear weapons the U.S. already have in its possession. However, any nuclear-weapon test, irrespective of it may involve explosion or not, is aimed at ensuring the use or/and continued deployment of these weapons. This act obviously runs counter to both the objective of achieving “the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons” agreed upon by the NPT Review Conference in May 2010 and the promise you yourself made in Prague in April 2009.

We strongly urge you to abandon any plan of nuclear testing and nuclear development, and immediately undertake efforts for the ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) and the conclusion of a treaty totally banning nuclear weapons.

YASUI Masakazu  
Secretary General

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## Thank you to the Vandenberg Peace Legal Defense Fund!

The Space & Missile Command at Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB) continues to need more activist attention. Nonetheless, the Vandenberg Peace Legal Defense Fund decided to close and share its funds with NDE and the Los Angeles Catholic Worker, two organizations that have remained active at VAFB. Many NDE stalwarts have been arrested over the years at Vandenberg because of the connection between missile tests and nuclear tests; between satellites and command & control of nuclear weapons; between drone operators and their many targets on the other side of the world. Thanks again, and NDE hopes to see you soon on the central California coast and promises to keep you up to date on VAFB goings-on. ☸

# Why NOT Y-12; Resisters Make Case in Court

by Dennis DuVall

The 12 nuclear resisters were not surprised at the guilty verdict for trespassing at the Y-12 Nuclear Weapons Complex during a Celebration of Resistance on July 5, 2010. They were surprised



Steve Baggerly holding sign, just prior to arrest, with other demonstrators in background. Bix is on the far right.

at how much they were able to talk about nuclear weapons and the H-bombs being made at the Y-12 bomb factory.

The court in Knoxville, Tennessee, had issued a ruling that the Y-12 defendants could not talk about whether the production of nuclear weapons violates international law and could not use the necessity defense to argue the greater harm of nuclear annihilation inherent in the 300kt H-bombs being built at the Y-12 bomb factory. But to everyone's surprise, the government prosecutors started talking about nuclear weapons right off, opening the door for the defendants to do the same.

Ted Sherry, Security Chief at Y-12 and the prosecutor's star witness, was eager to talk about work being done at Y-12, "re-furbishing," "modernizing," and "extending the life" of H-bombs whose only purpose is death.

In cross-examination, defendant Steve Baggerly quizzed Sherry about why Y-12 is speeding ahead with extending the lifetime of H-bombs when dismantling H-bombs is more in tune with President Obama's desire to eliminate nuclear weapons. Brad Lyttle took Sherry to task for his notion that Y-12 H-bombs provide "a safe and effective nuclear deterrence." Lyttle introduced his own 74-page paper, "The Flaw in Deterrence," into the record and explained that since the probability of a nuclear missile launch is related to time, in the long run deterrence will fail and lead to thermonuclear war.

In testimony, defendant Bill Bichsel, 82, said he crossed the fence "willfully...full of good will that in some way something very positive could happen here....I was where I had to be."

Defendant Dennis DuVall, 69, entered into the record a sign he was carrying when he was arrested so it could be viewed by the jurors. DuVall said he had the sign showing a profile of Martin Luther King and the words "Abolish Nuclear Weapons...Yes We Can" because "that was the message I wanted to take on to the Y-12 site," and because he took to heart MLK's call to action to confront, with nonviolent direct action, the great injustice of war

and militarism at the Y-12 site.

Questioning by the Y-12 defendants did not elicit an admission from Sherry that Y-12 is in fact building new H-bomb secondaries with new applications and new capabilities and thereby illegal according to the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty. But Sherry's testimony did illustrate the obtuse distinctions between "renewing" and making "new" weapons and components, allowing the jurors to see for themselves just how deceptive the government is in continuing its nuclear weapons modifications program contrary to its stated policy of nuclear disarmament and "a world without" nuclear weapons.



Sr. Jackie Hudson. Photo on left is from last March, during the meeting of the Pacific Life Community. The photo at the right shows her clearly not well during her recent incarceration for the Y-12 action while awaiting sentencing in Tennessee and Georgia jails.

**At this time Jackie is no longer in custody, alone in a Knoxville hospital, but is with friends. Please pray for her speedy recovery.**

While 12 jurors found 12 nuclear resisters guilty of trespassing at Y-12, the three-day trial was a community workshop on H-bombs, Y-12, and why the nations of the world must abolish their nuclear arsenals before the unthinkable horror of using the bombs being made at Y-12 ever happens.

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**Editor's post-script:** Readers are strongly encouraged to follow this case along with that of the Disarm Now Plowshares. Sentencing isn't scheduled until late July. Seven activists refused to abide by the terms of their pre-trial release and were immediately held. In Blount County Jail, they witnessed horrible conditions including an inmate having a seizure being kicked by a guard. Bix, in custody already for the Disarm Now Plowshares action, was refused necessary but routine medical care in transit and was in very dire straits. The Friday of Memorial Day, Y-12 protester Jackie Hudson, then in Irwin Detention Center in Ocilla, GA, started having severe chest pains and other problems after being denied medication refills. After 65 hours she was finally taken to a hospital where a heart attack was ruled out though the pain didn't abate much. On June 10, Jackie was granted a release pending sentencing. The Y-12 activists do not expect favorable treatment when in custody, but they may try to hold the jailers accountable to their responsibilities to provide humane treatment to all prisoners. **Follow both groups of anti-nuclear activists at <disarmnowplowshares.wordpress.com>**

## Resources and Opportunities

### **Nuclear Information & Resource Service <nirs.org>:**

A Post-Fukushima Program for Increased Nuclear Security and Safety in the US

### **911 Families for Peaceful Tomorrows <peacefultomorrows.org>:**

Say Your Peace video contest (entries due by Aug. 15)

### **Nuclear Free Future Month <nuclearfreefuture.org>:**

A project of education and action from the "Nuclear Disarmament and Redefining Security" working group of United for Peace and Justice, expanding Hiroshima and Nagasaki days to include the entire month of August.



## We need a different tree

We need a different tree.  
 For seekers of roots, life has ample proof  
 that Power and Privilege consistently oppress the People.  
 This Power and Privilege is perfected in war...  
 and accepted universally like any other conventional tree.  
 And then, its shade kills the People.  
 Why would an Afghan mother want a tree that kills?  
 Why would scholars promote it?  
 Why would the few rich and powerful insist on it?  
 Why would the People want it?  
 War is NOT what we wish to plant on any day,  
 and certainly not today.  
 We wish to plant a tree rooted in Love...  
 a Love which says 'I live and love,  
 so I shall not kill.'  
 If we wish to live without wars...  
 we need to plant a different tree.  
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The small protest against war today  
 can be the origin of a wave  
 in Afghanistan!



## WORLD-WIDE NDE IN PICTURES

**PAGE 4: Photos from the Afghanistan peace delegation that Jim Haber and Mary Lou Anderson joined in March.** The trip was organized by **Voices for Creative Nonviolence** in conjunction with the **Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers (AYPV)** and other Afghan civil society organizations working to end over 30 years of civil and international conflict. Their New Years is the spring equinox, and tree plantings are customary at that time. The delegation helped plant 60 trees in a school yard in Kabul in what has been dubbed the "Garden of Friendship." The AYPV wrote "We Need a Different Tree" the night before the tree planting ceremony. That night, a candle light vigil was held "for the



Wars Victims" as the table covering says in the top, right photo. The AYPV wear signature blue scarves, a symbol meaning "Why not love?" AYPV and the delegates were given great hope by the existence of each other's organizing. **Anderson and Haber are giving presentations about what they saw and learned.** More about their trip is on the NDE website with updates about AYPV members and activities. **Also visit AYPV's blog and website: <ourjourneytosmile.com> and <livewithoutwars.org>.**

**PAGE 5: Photos from the 2011 Sacred Peace Walk.** It was a very cohesive, dedicated and spiritual group including Nichiren monks, Vets for Peace and Western Shoshone walkers throughout. The walk's first day included the Strip, downtown and a prayer circle outside the DOE complex in N. Las Vegas. A sign was made to mask the NNSS's entry sign. 16 people were arrested there; none at Creech.

**All photos taken by Jim Haber or Mary Lou Anderson.** More images of these and other NDE actions and events are in the "Gallery of Galleries" on the NDE site as well as at <Flickr.com/photos/jimhaber>.



# International Statement in Support of Gangjeong Village

**NDE has signed onto this call. Professor Yang Moon-Yo almost died from a 60 day hunger-strike. Violent arrests continue of nonviolent activists. For updates on the campaign, go to <[nobasestorieskorea.blogspot.com](http://nobasestorieskorea.blogspot.com)>. The statement is at <[space4peace.org/actions/support\\_for\\_gangjeong.htm](http://space4peace.org/actions/support_for_gangjeong.htm)>.**

We, the undersigned organizations, stand in complete solidarity with the Gangjeong villagers on Jeju Island, South Korea in their struggle to stop the construction of a Navy base.

As we can already see, the Navy base construction effort has begun the destruction of this fishing and farming community's natural way of life. This construction process will irreparably harm the soft coral reefs, the fish, the rocks, the vegetation, the water, and other life forms.

When Gangjeong supporters have called the South Korean embassy in Washington DC they have been repeatedly told, "Call the U.S. government. They are pushing us to build this Navy base."

It is evident that as the U.S. expands its military presence in the Asia-Pacific region it needs more ports of call for its naval arsenal. China transports 80 percent of its oil on ships that pass through the Yellow Sea alongside Jeju Island. A base on Jeju Island would give the U.S. Navy greater access, and thus, potential control, of those shipping lanes.

The people of Jeju Island wish to be an island of peace. The building of a Navy base for U.S. warships will only make Jeju Island a target and a zone of conflict.

We demand that construction of the Navy base at Gangjeong be halted and the village be left to its natural state. ㄸ

*Sung-Hee Choi holding a sign reading "Don't Touch Even One Stone or One Flower" before her arrest in May. Choi is a board member of the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space.*



## Federal Judge Rules In Favor of Los Alamos Nuclear Project, Dismisses Environmental Lawsuit

On May 23 U.S. District Judge Judith Herrera dismissed the lawsuit brought last August by the Los Alamos Study Group (LASG), an Albuquerque-based nonprofit, against the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) and Department of Energy (DOE) over these agencies' evolving Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Replacement Nuclear Facility (CMRR-NF), a \$6 billion plutonium complex at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). The lawsuit was brought under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and related law.

The lawsuit sought to compel NNSA and DOE to pause design and construction of the massive project to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) that examined alternatives to the project, which is much bigger, with far greater environmental impact, than when it was originally proposed and analyzed under NEPA in 2003.

"We believe our arguments were sound and remain sound, factually and legally. We are studying the judge's opinion closely and will decide our legal course of action over the next few days," said Study Group Director Greg Mello. "It is never legal for a federal agency to decide to implement a project with significant environmental impact without an applicable, objective EIS, and that is what is happening here."

"This decision, while disappointing, will not stop our opposition to this highly destructive project. It's a speed bump. If NNSA thinks they are in the clear now, they are wrong. This ruling doesn't change the facts on the ground -- the high seismicity, the cramped site and poor geology, the lack of need, the lack of

money, and the basic horror and immorality of the mission. All of these are unfavorable to this project."

The Study Group believes the project is unnecessary and damaging to national security. A call to pause the project on safety grounds was also voiced by Dr. Everett Beckner, who managed the nuclear weapons complex for President G.W. Bush.

Judge Herrera's opinion rested heavily on the "supplemental" EIS process now underway, stating that this process itself, which began only after the Study Group's litigation was filed, and its "public participation" component in particular were sufficient for the court to stay its hand -- and dismiss the lawsuit. The judge did not rule on the Study Group's motion to enjoin the project.

The Study Group has been urging members of the public to stay away from the SEIS hearings, which it regards as illegitimate. "We need to call them 'hearings,' in quotations," Mello said, "because the public record is replete with Administration statements saying it is not under any circumstances going to reconsider its commitment to this project, unlike what is implied in the hearing process; because the SEIS openly and illegally rejects all alternatives but the favored project in its opening pages; and, more broadly, because we believe experience has shown that DOE has never changed its course of action as a result of NEPA "public participation."

The Study Group has instead called citizens to engage substantively with government on all levels to challenge and reform NNSA's position in regard to this giant project. Local government resolutions supporting the Study Group's lawsuit were passed by four local governments.

Mello: "In numerous discussions public and private spanning many years we have concluded that unless citizens can find the courage to face the abyss of freedom and learn to act politically, they will largely remain incapable of self-governance."

*Excerpted from a media alert from the Los Alamos Study Group (<[LASG.org](http://LASG.org)>, 505-265-1200 office, 505-577-8563 cell) ㄸ*

Join Nevada Desert Experience in one of our nonviolent direct actions or invite us to make a presentation or prayer-offering to your community or congregation. We are grateful for your prayers and financial contributions too! Most of our income is from individuals.

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## KC Peace Planters Initiative Drive Grows Despite City Opposition

*Excerpted from June 8 article*

*by Lynn Horsley, The Kansas City Star*

In the first step toward a possible November election, a Kansas City Council committee rejected a proposal to convert a new weapons plant into a facility for green technology.

The council's Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee voted 4-1 against a citizens' proposal to prevent nuclear weapons components production at a plant under construction at 14500 Botts Road in South Kansas City.

A group calling itself KC Peace Planters gathered thousands of petition signatures on an initiative that seeks to convert the weapons plant into a manufacturing facility for environmentally progressive jobs.

After several hours of fierce debate this afternoon, council members Scott Wagner, Scott Taylor, Cindy Circo and Jim Glover voted not to support the peace ordinance. Councilman Ed Ford, who has consistently voted against the weapons plant, was the lone dissenter. The measure goes to the full council on June 16.

The council vote is just the first step in what may wind up as an election ballot measure over the future of the weapons plant. If the full council refuses to adopt the peace ordinance, the Peace Planters can then ask the city clerk to place it on the November ballot for a citywide vote.

Supporters of the peace ordinance argue that Kansas City should not be building a new weapons plant, and they say Kansas City voters should have a say. They recommend the facility could instead be used for green energy production, although they acknowledge no company has approached them as a tenant.

**[Editor's Note: Under a unique arrangement, Kansas City would actually partially own the nuclear weapons facility known as the Bannister Federal Complex, prompting this initiative campaign. To keep informed, see the blog <kcnukeswatch.wordpress.com> and the website <nukewatch.org/KCNukePlant>.]**

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## NDE...What's in a Name?

**Nevada Desert Experience...**If you didn't know what our focus is, what would you imagine it to be? The name fits, but doesn't mention anything about the organization's main focus: stopping nuclear weapons testing and development. But it has been our name for three decades, so what's the problem?

Maybe there isn't one, but for three years now some members of the staff and Council have suggested changing the name for better clarity, transparency of purpose and ease of understanding by people new to us. Other voices have argued that the name has served us well, and that with a name change comes the risk of losing contact with supporters. Also, keeping connected to an organization's historic roots is so important, that changing the name could harm our work and effectiveness.

We recognize that our name has emotional and historical significance to many people. We recognize that new people discover NDE and our work every year. We want to communicate our purpose, goals and work in a swift way through our name. We know that changing our name will cause confusion for some folks. We know that changing our name costs time, energy and money.

We decided to turn to *Desert Voices* readers. There are four choices to consider. Note that the first option is to keep our name as it has been. Please cast a vote prior to 21 September 2011 to let our staffers know:

### What do you prefer as the name for NDE?

- a) Nevada Desert Experience
- b) Nevada Desert Experience and Peace Witness
- c) Nevada Desert Peace Experience
- d) Nevada Desert Peace Witness

**Please respond to the office in writing or by e-mail by September 21, the Fall Equinox. Mark votes with, "NDE Name..." in the subject line.**

See our webpage for more info:

<nevadadesertexperience.org/history/history.htm#namechange>



## Help Wanted!

SUMMER IS DRY IN THE DESERT. SIMILARLY, DONATIONS ONLY TRICKLE IN THIS TIME OF YEAR. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO CARRY US THROUGH TO THE HOLIDAYS. LARGE AND SMALL GIFTS, WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THEM ALL.

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2012 Sacred Peace Walk  
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Nevada National Security Site  
March 31 to April 6  
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and Apathy into Action!



## Louis Vitale's Out!

Louis and the other School of the Americas Watch Prisoners of Conscience were released on May 20 after 6 months in federal prison. Two days later, the L.A. Times ran an article confirming one of Louis' worst fears: that the Air Force is moving forward with plans to build a stealth drone for carrying nuclear weapons.

Meanwhile, his impending court appearance in Santa Barbara for standing outside Vandenberg Air Force Base may (but may not) be cancelled by an appeals court ruling against the base's position on rules governing the designated protest area. Meanwhile Vandenberg's role in nuclear weapons threats and real-time war-making continues to grow.

"It's great to be out, but that isn't what's most important. Nonviolent actions are over-throwing militaries all over the world. Let's turn that inspiration into action here. The world's counting on us!" ☸



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## Nevada Desert Experience, Summer Events

- June 24, Fri. 6:30 to 8:00 a.m.:** Vigil at Creech in solidarity with anti-drone sit-ins in Pakistan
- June 25, Sat. 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.:** Vigil on the Strip (on pedestrian walkway between MGM Grand and Tropicana at Las Vegas Blvd. and Tropicana), in solidarity with anti-drone sit-ins in Pakistan. We got banners.
- June 27, Mon:** Deadline for submitting comments on the draft EIS about proposed nuclear waste dump for GTCC LLRW
- July 9, Sat. 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.:** NDE Community Gathering with Updates from Afghanistan Peace Delegation
- August 8, Mon. evening:** Pot luck and teach-in at Sekhmet Temple in Cactus Springs in memory of victims of atomic bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- August 9, Tues. 6:30 to 8:00 a.m.:** Nagasaki Day Vigil of Resistance at Nevada National Security Site (Mercury exit on US-95) in memory of all victims of nuclearism
- August 20, Sat.** A Celebration of Decades of Peace Ministry featuring Fr. Louis Vitale and Sr. Megan Rice
- Sept. 21, Wed.** Deadline to vote to keep or change NDE's name

*For more details of events, times, locations and directions, check in with the office and look for updates via e-mail or Facebook...and look for event announcements on the NDE home page and events page.*

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