



# Desert Voices



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## What Now, Post-Election?

President Barack Obama has been re-elected to a second term as Commander-in-Chief of the United States Armed Forces, leader of his party, and architect of U.S. policies for the next four years. When he won in 2008, I was buoyed by the enthusiasm of NDE Council member JoAnn Fukumoto and the palpable sigh of relief that emanated from election-watchers around the world. Hope was in the air despite worrisome messages throughout the campaign, like his clear intent to escalate the war in Afghanistan. Whatever his reason, the selection of Rahm Emanuel as White House Chief of Staff was dismaying and disheartening early on because it meant that he would be influenced by hawkish, conservative advisors more than by more progressive ones.

As an anti-militarist, I have been challenged by President Obama. He is pushing for new developments in designs for nuclear bombs, warheads and delivery systems that push our nuclear competitors to further develop their own nuclear arsenals. The United States continues to even conduct military operations against countries we're supposedly not at war with. These covert and military campaigns promote horizontal nuclear proliferation since feared weapons of mass destruction give pause even to the most powerful nation in history.

President Obama has prosecuted whistle-blowers more than all other presidents combined. He personally authorizes assassinations and seems to have zeal for the drone wars he has expanded and even said that ordering the killing of an American in Yemen was "an easy decision" to make.

Like a genie out of a bottle, despite the efforts of NDE and our allies, drones and robots kill uncounted (literally, not counted) civilians while pre-classifying every dead male as an enemy; Obama has taken from the lessons of Vietnam the tenet that if we killed them, they must have deserved it. It is like the "dunking" test from the Spanish inquisition: if the suspect floated, she was a witch and then burnt at the stake. If the suspect sank, they were innocent, but alas, still dead. And Obama has shown bewildering faith in nuclear power, even after the nuclear disaster of Fukushima continues to unfold.

The point of the above litany isn't to promote despair or say how I wanted the election to turn out. As bad as I feel President Obama has been to the cause of peace, I think Mitt Romney's ignorance and lack of conviction could have been worse. My point isn't to attack the president or alienate people who ardently believe in him. He needs us to tell him what we think. We need him to discern between critics who are looking at the issues and those who resent him mercilessly and absolutely.



NDE's work throughout the election cycle was impeccably bipartisan. Our signs and attendance at events indicated that our message was for peace and justice, not for or against a party or candidate. We weren't cheering one and denouncing the other. We called on people who were interested enough to come to a political rally to challenge their candidates to advocate for peace; to question the military budget (**between \$2 billion and \$3 billion spent every day**); to help us stop a renewed nuclear arms race and to put the brakes on the drone weapons race that we, more than anyone else, have pushed and accelerated.

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*This election – like most elections in the U.S. – is not a pathway to accomplish very much.... Whoever wins, progressive activists must know that it takes concerted action from the bottom to make sustainable change happen! Regardless of political Party, no U.S. President will change course unless made to do so from the grassroots.*

**—Wilson Riles, Black Commentator, Nov. 1**

The best thing about President Obama's re-election may be what it says about the American electorate. Some voters were always going to vote for him no matter how much he worked against their own interests. At least as many people were never going to vote for him no matter how much his policies actually aligned with theirs. Those numbers may have effectively cancelled each other out. If America were unable to re-elect the first African-American president, it would have been an indictment of the post-civil rights struggles and progress. Simply stated, Obama's re-election doesn't prove we're "good guys," but if he had lost, it would have said we're worse than we thought.

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**Tell the President and Congress to "take 'all options are on the table' off the table"!**

Please take a moment to sign this open letter. NDE is a member of the *Nuclear Disarmament and Redefining Security* working group of United for Peace and Justice which created this message. The open letter and other resources mentioned in this *Desert Voices* are also pointed to from [unitedforpeace.org](http://unitedforpeace.org)

President Obama, like any president, can do good for the world, but it is going to take prayers and protests for him to pursue peace. We need to point out constantly that one of the pillars that props up injustice and inequality, as Martin Luther King, Jr framed them, and that needs to be knocked down, is militarism, along with racism and rampant materialism. ✨

# Plowshares Activists Always Free—In Prison or Out

*[Plowshare activists put their lives on the line, literally. They venture into zones marked by signs declaring that guards may shoot first and ask questions later. Guards have actually been court-martialed and fired for failing to do so. What differentiates an armed warrior from a civilian isn't their willingness to die for a cause, but rather their willingness to kill, and to follow orders to commit violence and even mass-murder. Gandhi, the preeminent nonviolent activist, abhorred cowardice and indifference even more than he detested violence. At one point he warned his followers not to go to prison as a way of avoiding the front lines and possibly a violent death. I think Gandhi would have respected Plowshares activists. The following stories are about people who have put their lives on the line for peace. -Jim]*

## Sr. Anne Montgomery Passes Away at 85

Prominent peace activist Anne Montgomery, RSCJ, died Monday, August 27 at Oakwood, the Society of the Sacred Heart's elder care center in Atherton, California. Known around the world for her commitment to peace, Sister Montgomery was incarcerated many times after witnessing to peace and justice through acts of nonviolent civil disobedience, in protest of nuclear weapons.

In 1980, as a member of the first Plowshares action called The Plowshares Eight, Sister Montgomery took what was to be the first of several Plowshares disarmament actions. She was arrested and served time in jail several times. Her final Plowshares action took place in 2009, when she was 83, as a member of Disarm Now. She served her two-month jail term, and four months of house arrest, last year.

## Disarm Now Plowshares Ex-cons Combine for Carbon-Neutral Coexistence

Eliminating nuclear weapons is long overdue, but remains a long-term effort that continues to warrant strong, determined actions, at all points where pressure can be brought to bear. Lockheed to Lockup wasn't so much about Susan Crane going back to prison, as it was about making visible the problem nuclear weapons still pose to the United States and the world.

Susan was released on October 19 from FCI Dublin after completing her extra 60 days for not signing in when reporting for her supervised probation. She is living at the Redwood City Catholic Worker. Welcome back Susan! The nuclear issue remains. What's next?

Instead of walking, Fr. Steve, who also served 15 months, most of it in solitary confinement, has spent most of his



“free” time driving a recreational vehicle cross-country providing support for the **Tamarindo Foundation's "Give Kids A Chance" National Bike Tour** from Boston to San Francisco. The Tamarindo Foundation supports the work of John Guiliano, who has lived in El Salvador since 1984, founded the Tamarindo Community in the village of Guarjila, population 1,647, in northern El Salvador and is a dear friend of the illustrious, anti-nuclear Jesuit. Steve is looking forward to riding his own bicycle again instead of manhandling what he dubbed “The Global Warmer.” Steve is happy to be out of the driver's seat and back on the “left” coast.

## Transform Now Plowshares: Shocking Confessions! They Were There!

*The photos below were received by the defendants as part of the prosecution's discovery materials and are referenced in the following paragraphs. The commentary is courtesy of Ralph Hutchison of OREPA, and Sr. Megan Rice and Greg Neer-Obed, two of the three Transform Now activists.*

The **Transform Now Plowshares** resisters brought prophetic messages and other gifts to the Y12 Nuclear Weapons Complex as part of their action protesting the plans for a new \$7.5 billion bomb plant and the ongoing production of nuclear weapons components. “The Fruit of Justice is Peace,” quotes the Old Testament book of Proverbs.

The low concrete wall on the outer edge of the PIDAS (Perimeter Intrusion Detection and Assessment System) which protects the Y12 Nuclear Weapons Complex, where the US manufactures thermonuclear secondaries for the W76 warhead, is painted with the words “DISARM, TRANSFORM” and “Peace Not War.” Before crossing the PIDAS, the Transform Now Plowshares resisters poured blood on the wall (visible between the A and R of DISARM). In the background, the HEUMF, with blood visible on the wall and scripture quotations covered by blue tarps, and security personnel who responded to the Plowshares incursion on July 28, 2012. The banners and words painted on surfaces were designed by the Plowshares resisters “to create an atmosphere of hope, not fear,” said Sr. Megan Rice. <[transformnowplowshares.wordpress.com](http://transformnowplowshares.wordpress.com)>

## 2013 Pacific Life Community Gathering, March 1-4 near Bangor Trident Naval Base

The 2013 **Pacific Life Community** Gathering will be held March 1-4, 2013, in the Seattle/Tacoma area. The main location will be at the All Saints Center, a Greek-Orthodox owned church camp



mid-way between Tacoma and the Trident Submarine's Bangor-Kitsap Naval Base. Please pass this information on.

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***Vandenberg AFB Continues to Fire Missiles:  
"Anti-Peacekeepers"***

The U.S. Air Force is at it again. They continue testing Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles from Vandenberg in California to Kwajalein Atoll in the south Pacific. Minuteman IIIs are on hair-trigger alert in silos in Montana, Wyoming and North Dakota. They carry thermonuclear warheads at least eight times more powerful than the bomb that destroyed Hiroshima.

As Commander-in-Chief, President Obama has the power to cancel these tests and decommission these dangerous missiles. A provocative missile test certainly should not be one of the first messages the world receives after the President's re-election.

Testing and maintaining Minuteman III missiles is a bad idea for many reasons, including:

- \* They are located in fixed silos, making them easy targets for attack;
- \* There is an incentive to "use them first or lose them";
- \* The high-alert status of these weapons could lead to accidental nuclear war;
- \* The U.S. government consistently criticizes other countries for conducting missile tests;
- \* These tests are dangerous to the target country, the Marshall Islands;
- \* Testing these missiles encourages other countries to develop and test their own missiles and nuclear weapons.

International pressure and technical issues sometimes lead to delays and cancellations. See the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation's site <[www.wagingpeace.org](http://www.wagingpeace.org)> for the latest petition and other news on nuclear weapons, nonviolence and more.

Also at VAFB, cases were dismissed at the last minute against two sets of trespassers from actions last Feb. and March. Then, in the first "backcountry" action in over a decade, **Theo Kayser** of the Los Angeles Catholic Worker turned himself in after hiking on base on Oct. 20 and allegedly creatively re-decorating at least one launch facility. In early 1983, several hundred people infiltrated Vandenberg in an effort that led to the cancellation of the MX missile program. **A reunion gathering and action is being discussed. Contact Jim at NDE, especially if you were at Vandenberg at all**

in the 1980s. See also <[vandenbergwitness.org](http://vandenbergwitness.org)>.

***Bradley Manning Offers Partial Plea***

*By the Bradley Manning Support Network*

Army PFC Bradley Manning, awaiting trial for allegedly sharing thousands of classified documents with the transparency website WikiLeaks, offered to accept responsibility for a narrow set of offenses within the currently charged offenses this week during a pre-trial hearing at Fort Meade, Maryland.

"PFC Manning is not pleading guilty to the specifications as charged by the Government," noted PFC Manning's attorney David Coombs on his blog. Nor is he "submitting a plea as part of an agreement or deal with the Government."

"Like most supporters, I've backed Bradley Manning on the belief that he was the heroic whistle-blower in question," explained Jeff Paterson of the Bradley Manning Support Network. "Now that Bradley appears to have acknowledged this in court, its reason to redouble efforts to support him leading up to his February court martial."

If Bradley's plea offer is accepted, the parties would likely be able to bypass weeks of forensics testimony that would be required to prove Bradley accessed and/or transmitted the classified documents at issue. The court martial proceedings might then focus on what Mr. Coombs has long contended: That the release of these documents brought little to no harm to U.S. national security, and that PFC Manning's motives, if he did release them, were to expose crime, fraud, corporate malfeasance, and abuse.

The military has worked to preclude the defense from discussing harm, or lack thereof, in the merits portion of Bradley's trial, seeking to prevent him from being seen as a military whistle-blower. However, Bradley has now opted to be tried by military judge Denise Lind alone. "Much of the ongoing litigation over the last year can now be looked at in a new light—as an effort to educate Judge Lind in regards to Bradley Manning's whistle-blower motives," offered Jeff Paterson.

"The Government may still elect to prove up the charged offenses," explained Coombs.

The parties return to Ft. Meade on November 27 for a six-day hearing focusing largely on the defense's motion to dismiss charges based on PFC Manning's unlawful pretrial confinement

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# Las Vegas ALIVE With the Spirit of Love and Active Nonviolence!

*(Peter Ediger would have been pleased.)*

*By Mary Lou Anderson, NDE National Council Member*

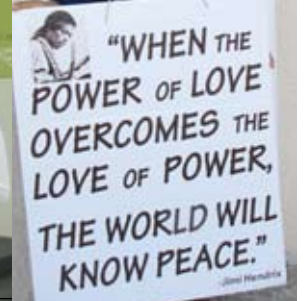
Ahhh, the power of people of faith, love and hope shone brightly and grandly on that beautiful 23rd day of September at the Islamic Society of Nevada, at our first Ediger Memorial Interfaith Celebration of Active Nonviolence.

The mosque, filled with modest messages of peace, love and social activism, hosted Nevada Desert Experience, the Interfaith Council of Southern Nevada and Peace e Bene Nonviolence Service (with Louis Vitale's glorious self in attendance) presenting a half-day of some of the most dedicated peace activists and supporters of active nonviolence in our modern world. Vincent Harding, Kathy Kelly, Rae Abileah, Mary Litell and Ahmed Younis graced the presence of close to 100 community attendees with an afternoon and evening of inspiring testimonials of their passionate work and experiences in living, teaching, publishing and witnessing for a world of peace and nonviolence.

The day was so moving; the air was full of energy and keen remembrance of Peter Ediger's vision of sharing discussion, music, song, food and powerful peace witness in an effort to begin a forever practice of living life to its fullest – in peace, without war, without weapons, without nukes, without drone attacks – without violence. It was so powerful and warming to share the afternoon with our and newcomers. Many thanks and Abdullah for his generous offer-masjid, and to all who helped make rable and an honor to Peter's own try, love and activism.

I must say I was as thrilled as I was humbled and a bit melancholy to see the day come to an end, hoping it represented the first of many celebrations of active nonviolence and peacemaking in our community, and equally knowing that with all beginnings there must be an end, that will hopefully be followed by more beautiful celebrations fired by the passions within us all!

The Ediger Memorial Celebration of Active Nonviolence sparked a shining flame in Las Vegas on that lovely Sunday afternoon in September; blessings to all of our friends who made it happen; I sense Peter's satisfaction and never-ending, very close spirit of love. \*





## Announcing

# 2013 Sacred Peace Walk

March 23 to March 29

Las Vegas to Creech Air Force Base and the Nevada Test Site (Nevada National Security Site)

*Transforming Fears into Compassion and Apathy into Action!*

### Schedule includes:

3/23 Orientation & Passover Seder; 3/24 Palm Sunday Service & Walk through Las Vegas; 3/26 & 27 Vigils at Creech and Sojourn at the Temple to Goddess Spirituality; 3/29 Good Friday Civil Resistance at the NTS. Western Shoshone Sunrise Ceremonies throughout. Other observances and offerings per group interest.

More information is available by calling the Nevada Desert Experience office at 702-464-4814 or e-mailing Jim Haber at <jim@NevadaDesertExperience.org>. Suggested contribution is \$200 for the full week. Thank you if you can contribute more to support walkers who are low-income and to keep NDE going throughout

Laura-Marie Tayler is a SPW walker from 2012 who is returning in 2013. She's also a writer and blogger <dangerouscompassions.blogspot.com>. Laura-Marie wrote this ode to peacewalks after participating in Susan Crane's Lockheed to Lockup return to Dublin FCI. (See page 2.)

*I love peace walking because I'm moved and honored to move through space and time with my loved new friends for a beautiful cause. I love being seen by other walkers and the people in passing cars. I love being a good example of faith in the future in the form of the desire for peaceful change. I love praying with my feet and warm conversation with other peace walkers. I love singing together and hearing drums and rattles as we walk. I love the colorful peace banners that flutter in the wind that we display for others and ourselves to read. I love being outdoors together, braving the elements, taking whatever nature gives us. I love having a dream together, being in a unified group of people who care enough to do something meaningful and good. \**

the dry desert summer. Fundraising ideas (It's a perfect walk-a-thon!) and other background and reflections are on the Sacred Peace Walk page on the NDE website. \*

## Issue Update-Subcritical Tests

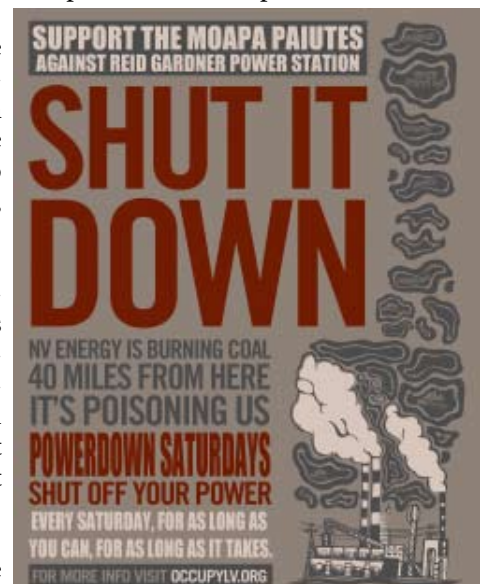
By Andrew Lichterman, Western States Legal Foundation

"Subcritical" tests (officially labeled "subcritical experiments" or SCE's) are conducted underground at the NNSS U1A complex, a vast warren of tunnels deep beneath the desert. These tests are called "subcritical" because they use fissile materials but create no self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction. Most subcritical tests employ plutonium which is imploded with high explosives or shocked in various ways. The data from these tests is integrated, using some of the world's fastest supercomputers, with that from a variety of other physical experiments and archived data from more than 1000 full scale nuclear test explosions in a continuing effort to expand nuclear weapons knowledge that both sustains the huge existing U.S. nuclear arsenal and contributes to efforts to develop nuclear weapons with new capabilities.

The United States has conducted 26 subcritical tests at the U1A complex since 1997. The most recent were "Barolo A," December 2010 and "Barolo B," February 2011. The next subcritical test series originally was expected to be completed by the close of the 2012 Fiscal Year, which ended on September 30, 2012. The National Nuclear Security Agency (NNSA), which runs the U.S. nuclear warhead program, has dubbed the series "Gemini." The Gemini series is slated to include two preparatory tests, "Leda" and "Castor," using surrogates for special nuclear material, followed by "Pollux," a test using special nuclear material (likely plutonium).

According to materials submitted by the Department of Energy to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, "[t]he Gemini Project was designated by the NNSA Defense Programs Deputy Administrator as a high-priority demonstration that integrates a scaled subcritical experiment with special nuclear material." However,...the Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee included language aimed at barring funding for scaled subcritical tests in FY2012. At the time of this writing, we have not been able to discover when the Gemini test series, apparently including a scaled subcritical experiment, will be conducted, or whether it will be conducted in a manner consistent with the Senate report language.

[NDE gets frantic calls from Japan whenever the DOE conducts subcrits since they indicate an extended reliance on nuclear weapons with real plans to use them for a mistaken sense of security. See more at <wsfweb.org>. \*





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## Too Many Places to Stop Drone Killings:

*CODEPINK Marches to Waziristan*

*AUVSI Die-ins Add Color to 2012 August Desert Witness*

*Langley, Hancock, Beale, Whiteman & Ft. Benning Feel Rising Tide in Drone Activism*

What began with the **Creech-14** arrests at Creech Air Force Base during NDE's 2009 Sacred Peace Walk has spread to other locales around the United States and continues to march with and ally with anti-drone organizers around the world. Most notably was the October delegation to Pakistan led by **CODEPINK: Women for Peace** to march to Waziristan, the focus of CIA drone attacks. The main Pakistani architect of the trip, who worked closely with CODEPINK, was human rights lawyer **Shahzad Akbar**. Akbar has filed suits on behalf of drone victims in Pakistan, and he was a featured speaker at the **Drone Summit: Killing and Spying by Remote Control** held last April in Washington DC. **For reports from the Pakistan delegation and the Drone Summit, see <droneswatch.org>.**



Brian writes, "Letters are welcome, but I may be limited in out-going mail. Please send checks to Betsy Keenan at Strangers and Guests Catholic Worker Farm, 108 Hillcrest Drive, Maloy, Iowa 50836. Contributions toward the ongoing life of the S&G Farm are also needed! The Fall edition of their newsletter *The Sower* is on line at <justpeace.org/fall2012sower.pdf>."

Meanwhile, at California's remote Beale AFB, New York's Hancock Air National Guard field and the C.I.A.'s Langley, Virginia HQ, former Creech demonstrators are making this struggle shine in multi-faceted ways! The National Campaign for Nonviolent Resistance is calling out Johns Hopkins and other university departments for their role in developing and promoting these new war technology developments.

U.S. Drones are being moved into Latin America as part of an absurd expansion of the failed war on drugs, so a control center for Latin American drones is also moving into Ft. Benning, Georgia, home to the notorious School of the Americas (WHINSEC). As this newsletter goes to press, School of the Americas Watch organizers are including anti-drone emphasis to the

annual mass mobilization there Nov. 16-18 which commemorates atrocities committed by WHINSEC grads. See <soaw.org>.



Other seeds planted by the Creech-14 continue to sprout, even if they're watered from prison for a period of time. Repeat Creech arrestee Brian Terrell will serve a 6 month sentence beginning November 30 for a small case of trespass at Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri

with two other men. Ron O'Neill is on probation for five years. Mark Kenney pled guilty, didn't go to trial and will be released from his four month sentence soon.

Brian's address from November 30 until the end of May, 2013, will be:

At home, NDE was joined by CODEPINKers Medea Benjamin and Tighe Barry for this year's August Desert Witness. The Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) held their annual conference in Las Vegas from August 6 to 9. Fr. Louis and Medea were ejected from the "will call" line which generated good media attention. Mary Lou and Jim were ejected for "asking uncomfortable questions." We also spent sunrise on Aug. 9 at the entrance to the NTS with Johnnie & Deanna Bobb. Later we informed visitors to the National Atomic Testing Museum that it was Nagasaki Day. Links to media, video and images are at <NevadaDesertExperience.org>.\*



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conditions at the Quantico Marine Brig. Following that hearing, Mr. Coombs will give his first ever public presentation, speaking at All Souls Church Unitarian (1500 Harvard Street Northwest) in Washington D.C. at 7:00pm on December 3. See also <[bradley-manning.org](http://bradley-manning.org)>

## **Afghan Peace Volunteers Seeking You and 2 Million Friends**

NDE continues to stand with the Afghan Peace Volunteers in their courageous stand against all the violent actors in their country and in the world. They have so much to focus on there, their compassion for the suffering of others is all the more amazing. 2 million Afghans have lost their lives to war since the Soviet invasion in the late 1970s. We can't bring back the dead, but we can heed this call from important friends. Who says you have to join the military to risk your life for justice and freedom?

From Kabul, the APV ask, "Is it possible to find 2 Million Friends? War is constantly closing in on us and our open mountains. There is a global awakening though... We ask to be friends, to meet every human being's basic needs, and we ask for no more killing! This December 10th, on the International Day of Human Rights, we'll remember the 2 million. We'll also remember the 95 million souls lost in two World Wars, and the countless souls in Iraq, Palestine, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and other forgotten lands.

War, politics, money and power can jail, destroy and kill the people, but it can't jail, destroy or kill love. We ask to be friends, to meet every human being's basic needs, and we ask for no more killing! Surely, every hand of friendship will be an act for freedom.

In longing for a better world,  
**The Afghan Peace Volunteers**

<[ourjourneytosmile.com](http://ourjourneytosmile.com)>

<[globaldaysoflistening.org](http://globaldaysoflistening.org)> and especially until Dec. 10,  
<[2millionfriends.org](http://2millionfriends.org)> and be sure to click on their blog to read their collected "Love Letters from Kabul." Support their Duvet Project! See <[vcnv.org/the-duvet-project](http://vcnv.org/the-duvet-project)> \*

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☞ Sacred Peace Walk ☞ August Desert Witness ☞ Nukes

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## **An Appeal to U.S. and Israeli Military Personnel to Stand Down from Orders to Attack Iran**

We are at an historic moment when decisions are being made in the United States and Israel on whether and when to attack Iran. These will be decisions by politicians and individual commanders and air, missile and drone crewmembers charged with the responsibility of raining down munitions in a strike that will likely kill hundreds if not thousands of Iranian people and potentially spread deadly nuclear contamination to millions in Iran and surrounding nations.

Beyond this, an attack on Iran will almost certainly bring retaliation that will result in even more human casualties and will disrupt global oil shipments, with severe human consequences around the world.

An attack against Iran by the United States and Israel will violate morality, international and domestic law and the interests of humanity. Additionally, both Iran and the United States are parties to the Kellogg-Briand Pact which forbids the use of war.

There are those of us signing this appeal who have been members of the United States and other armed forces and understand very well the difficulty of refusing to follow an order to attack. At the same time, each of us has the responsibility to preserve human life and nature in the face of inhumane and illegal orders, a responsibility defined by the Nuremberg Conventions.

We urge all of you who may be called upon to attack Iran from the air, and indeed all military personnel who may be engaged in any kind of attack on Iran, to refuse to do so.

View & sign at <[warisacrime.org/dontattackiranappeal](http://warisacrime.org/dontattackiranappeal)> \*

**SCHOOLS NOT DRONES!  
A New Rallying Cry. Look for it. Use it.**

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love."

—Hamilton Wright Mabie

Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.

-- Oren Arnold



## 'TIS THE SEASON TO SUPPORT NEVADA DESERT EXPERIENCE GENEROUSLY

**BUILDING INTERFAITH RESISTANCE TO NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND WAR FOR ALMOST 30 YEARS**

We ask you humbly to use the enclosed return envelope, right away, before it gets misplaced. Groups like ours rely heavily on donations received during the holiday season (along with those received for the *Sacred Peace Walk*). Both *Desert Voices* and the work of NDE in general seem to touch people and move them to act.

Our work is receiving more notice than ever. Locals are meeting with us and connecting their issues to the problems of war. Our tailor-made materials speak to people at events and get a great response, but they take money to produce well. Lastly, our simple home/office is cozy but needs a little TLC too. *Please...and thank you!* ✨

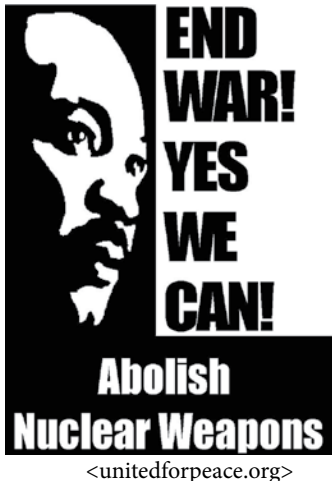
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### **Jan. 21, 2013 Martin L. King, Jr. Day Parade**

*Join the Peace People contingent in one of the largest parades anywhere celebrating this prophet of peace. We handout and broadcast MLK excerpts as we go. A joy to participate in.*

**Contact NDE for precise rendezvous place & time**

### **Jan. 15, King's Actual Birthday**

**Read, share & discuss Rev. King's sermons and writings together. Bring your favorite excerpts.**

**7:00 pm, 1420 W. Bartlett Ave., 89106 (at MLK)**

### **Information on NDE Events**

*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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