Eye-Witness Report from Afghanistan:
Meetings with
"Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers"
by Nobel Peace Prize nominee,
Kathy Kelly with Brian Terrell
plus a special performance by the
"Creech-14 Players"



Wednesday, January 26, 2:30 to 5:30 pm College of Southern Nevada 6375 West Charleston Blvd., Bldg. D, Room D-101

Kathy Kelly and Brian Terrell went to Afghanistan in December of 2010 to learn more about U.S. war in Afghanistan from ordinary Afghans who bear the brunt of the war. This was Kelly's third trip with Voices for Creative Nonviolence delegations to Afghanistan. Terrell and she will be joined by one dozen companions who are part of the Creech 14 group awaiting their verdict from Las Vegas Judge William Jansen following their nonviolent direct action against drone warfare controlled at Creech Air Force Base.

Along with the report back, the assembled activists will perform a theatrical production based on the transcript of their exceptional September, 2010 trial during which expert witness testimony was presented by former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, Col. Ann Wright (a retired diplomat who served in Afghanistan), and Bill Quigley (legal director of the Center for Constitutional Rights).

Issues raised in the proceedings and play include:

- 1. When should a judge or prosecutor limit what the defense is allowed to present on its behalf
- 2. What does one do when two laws seem to be in conflict with one another
- 3. What are the legal and moral implications of Unmanned Weapons Systems (following up on the pre-trial forum at UNLV's Boyd Law School last September)

There will be ample time available for discussion with all in attendance.

The Creech-14 case stems from the April, 2009 arrests of citizens who crossed onto Creech Air Force Base in Indian Springs in an effort to end Predator and Reaper remotely piloted airstrikes in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere, that are controlled by crews at Creech. Initially declining to prosecute, the Clark County DA finally brought the group to trial in September, 2010. Although no one denied that the Creech-14 entered the base, the exceptional quality of the defense testimony led the judge to postpone ruling to have time to better consider the issues raised.

The Honorable William Jansen is due to render his verdict on January 27 at 8:30 am in Clark County Regional Court, District 5, 200 Lewis St at 3rd St.

A pre-court rally will begin at 7:30 outside the courthouse.

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