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Dear Friends of Peace, Justice, & Sustainability

Thank you to all who have supported our efforts with energy, time, funds, and/or encouragement!

Here is a brief update on events we have organized or collaborated on in the past year. *In peace, Heather K*

Open hours every Thursday 5-7pm.

Potluck & Presentation each last Friday (except a few)

Monthly board meetings first Thursdays, 7pm.

Annual Peace Feast

Ongoing: Monitor encroaching militarism.

Bookmarks, Bumper stickers, literature, movies, buttons, fair labor-made caps available!

Calls to Action: "Testimony on F-35 Draft EIS, Testimony regarding Military Noise Overlays Support for Fairbanks Four

Peace is the Way advertisement

KWRK-LP 90.9FM /APC - On Air!

Alternatives to Violence Program, 2 workshops **

Arbor Day-2nd Peace Tree planted, Veterans' Mem.Park

Alaska Peace Center Booth at Tanana Valley Fair

Ring In Peace on Armistice Day

Meet Needs collaboration with LOVE Inc.***

* With North Star Veterans for Peace

** With Chena Ridge Friends Meeting *** With LOVE Inc.

Presentations:

Introduction to Interpersonal Peacemaking

Poor, uneducated amid violence in El Salvador

Viet Nam Friendship Village

Two Experiences of Cuba

Drones Protest at Creech AFB & trial report

Interior Alaskans advancing peace, justice, and sustainability:

UAF Program of Dispute Resolution, Peace Building, and Restorative Practices.

Sustainable & educational programs of Calypso Farm and Ecology Center.

JP Jones Community Development Center programs.

Richard Fineberg, local oil industry research.

Rob Mulford: Protesting military drones, Creech AFB

Fairbanks Peace Choir Spring & Winter Concerts

Movies "A Force More Powerful", "Citizen Four",

"The Wisdom to Survive: Climate Change, Capitalism & Community", "The People and the Olive", "Sophie Scholl: The Final Days", "Consumerism & the Limits

to Imagination", "War on Whistleblowers"

Upcoming in 2016:

March 4-6 *Basic Alternatives to Violence Project **

April 16-18 *Global Day of Action on Military Spending*

April 30 - *Peace Choir Concert at UUFF*

May 28- *4th Annual Peace Feast - All Welcome!*

August 5-14- *APC booth at Tanana Valley State Fair*

*And lots more...**To Be Decided -***

What activities and events would YOU like to see Alaska Peace Center sponsor?

We hope you find these activities worthy of your continued support.

Please consider sending a donation and/or indicating how you would like to volunteer, by mailing back the donation form on the last page.

From Veterans For Peace: A Thought Worth Remembering! "Man has no right to kill his brother. It is no excuse that he does so in uniform: he only adds the infamy of servitude to the crime of murder"....Bysshe Shelley

Fairbanks Open Radio On The Air!

Fruit trees take some time and care to produce, and what a celebration it is when the first sample is had at long last! KWRK 90.9 hit the air on Feb. 6 with full-on FM broadcast of the Fairbanks Folk Festival, and is now providing residents of Fairbanks and surrounding areas programming you won't hear from any "mainstream" station. For now, most programs will be sourced from Pacifica, which offers an excellent selection of productions such as Democracy Now!, the Ralph Nader Radio Hour, and Radio Ecoshock.

Fairbanks Open Radio (FOR) is truly a grass-roots oriented station, and offers an accessible, responsive, and conscientious environment for anyone who wants to participate. The venue is completely open for opportunity, and you don't need a sack full of money to give your voice or creations the audience they deserve. This is a wonderful resource for us all, and many heart-felt thanks to all who have helped to make it happen. For more information contact KWRK.org or leave a message at (907) 374-0577.



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VFP Issues Statement on Torture Rhetoric in 2016 Presidential Campaign

"Veterans For Peace believes all torture, including waterboarding, is a human rights violation and constitutes war crime. We will not defeat terrorism by adopting terror tactics. We will not achieve peace by practicing revenge. We will not preserve our precious democracy by abandoning commitment to human rights. It is appalling that the efficacy of torture is now part of the American conversation. It dehumanizes us when we resort to such baseness. This is what millions of U.S. military veterans fought for."

Video availability of the documentary on the Fairbanks Four. Just go to this website and Voila!
<http://m.ktuu.com/freedom-the-case-of-the-fairbanks-four/37861332>

From Juneau: "Just wanted to let you know that I'm out here and enjoy getting [APC] emails from Fairbanks."

Come Sing With the Fairbanks Peace Choir!

You may not know that the Fairbanks Peace Choir started its 21st semester this February and that we have sung at over 25 different kinds of civic events. For example we have sung at Earth Day, League of Women Voters, Boys and Girls Home, Northern Environmental Center fund raisers, The Soup Kitchen, The City Jail, The Folk Festival, The Coop Market, The Tanana Valley State Fair, Pioneer Home, The Denali Center, Raven's Landing and sang the opening song at the Eskimo Olympics and more...

With KWRK radio (90.9) we see a new window of singing opportunity.

The Peace Choir is a community choir, singing songs of the people about peace, labor struggles and earth consciousness. We have a good time and no auditions are required. Our director, Flynn Ludington, and pianist Dr. Paul Krejci, give us excellent guidance. We encourage all singers to join with us in our hope for a better world. Look for announcements of our final Spring concert April 30 at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.

Suzanne Rich/OsbornAPC Partners with Love INC

Alaska Peace Center and Love in the name of Christ (Love INC) teamed up for a small project. For some people in our community, the need for basic items to care for children compels them to risk shoplifting. If supplies such as diapers and formula are in question, we want to help raise both awareness to the issue and that resources are available free for those in need via Love INC.

Personal contact was made and flyers distributed at area Fred Meyer, Safeway, and Walmart stores in January, and we'll be following up with some more flyers in April. It is hard to track how effective this effort is, but if only a few respond- either by reading flyers or getting a "break" from the store manager- the magnitude of good that may come is well worth the couple of hours given.

APC would like to thank Love INC for providing their service to people in need, and a special thanks to Rev. Neill McKay of the University Community Presbyterian Church for enjoining us with this idea for action.

Hands of Peace:
Alternatives to Violence Project-Alaska

" AVP encourages every person's innate power to positively transform first themselves and then the world we live in" from <http://avpusa.org>.

In Spring 2014 the first 18-hr basic workshop was held in Fairbanks, promoted by a group of peace activists, Fairbanks Quakers, and UAF professors and led by two experienced volunteer facilitators, Roger Zuck and Lisa Roy, who came up from the States to share. In October, Roger and Karen Cauble from Homer provided a second Basic workshop.

In 2015, 5 Basic workshops, 2 Advanced, and a Training for Facilitators were held in Alaska. Fourteen AVP Facilitator Trainees graduated.

Sally Fenno, Carrie Farr, and June Thomasson from Fairbanks, Lisa from Anchorage and Karen and Lindeanne from Homer established the AVP/Alaska Regional Council, to sponsor, organize, and hold AVP workshops on three levels: Basic, Advanced and Training for Facilitators, to maintain an adequate number of facilitators to support AVP state wide. This Council works together with the Alaska non-profit established in 1993, Hands of Peace Inc.

Alaska Dept. of Corrections is accepting AVP workshops in prisons, after re-assessment of state budget needs. AVP/AK Council will work to train more Facilitators and secure more funds to sustain a prison program once we begin. We need grant seekers and writers at this time, and are open to volunteer help!

Early 2016 Workshop Schedule

February 19-21 Anchorage (Basic)

March 4-6 Fairbanks (Basic)

March 4-6 Homer (Basic)

March 18-20 Anchorage (Advanced)

April 1-3 Fairbanks (Advanced)

April 15-17 Homer (Advanced)

April 22-24 Talkeetna (Basic)

April 29-May 1 Anchorage (Training for Facilitators)

Your comments and questions are welcome.
AVP/AK Council c/o Carrie Farr

Ω Global Days of Action on Military Spending:

From <http://demilitarize.org/gdams-u-s-tax-day-2016/>
Since 2011, Thousands of organizations and Millions of individuals across the U.S. and around the world have joined to organize events to coincide with the release of annual world military expenditure figures by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, and with **Tax Day**.

In fiscal 2015, U.S.military spending was projected at **54 percent of all federal discretionary spending: \$598.5 billion**, \$58.8 billion for wars – and quadruple war preparations. Coming: \$1,000,000,000,000 to modernize its nuclear arsenal, a small fraction of which could bring on nuclear winter. F-35 fighter/bombers cost \$1,500,000,000,000 over their “lifetime.” Added to the catastrophic destruction of wars, this truncates lives before shots, bombs or missiles launched.

Major change is needed: **Global Days of Action on Military Spending: 16–18 April** People across the world in collaborative actions to focus public, political, and media attention on the costs of military spending and the need for new priorities.

Also consider joining the Berlin Congress: **Disarm!**
For a climate of peace: Sept 30 – Oct 3, 2016

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Eugene, OR - Federal Constitutional Climate Case with Fairbanks teen Nathan Baring

10am Wednesday, March 9, a Judge will hear oral arguments to dismiss in the landmark constitutional climate change case brought by 21 young people from around the Nation, including Fairbanks teen Nathan Baring.

These kids, along with climate scientist Dr. James Hansen, filed the lawsuit against our federal government because it is violating the youngest generation's constitutional rights to life, liberty, and property, and because it has failed to protect essential resources by facilitating the exploitation of fossil fuels.

The youth ask court order the government to implement a science-based climate recovery plan.

3 trade organizations, representing the world's fossil fuel industry, were granted Defendant status. Now, the plaintiffs are up against our federal government AND the fossil fuel industry, and THEY NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Adapted from <http://ourchildrenstrust.org>
(Go to the website to find how you can help.)

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APC plans a fall Engage class: to learn, study and practice nonviolent options available to us; to take action for justice and peace in the midst of war and injustice. See www.paceebene.org/programs/

Alaska Peace Center Donation Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____ May we add this to the APC's email list? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you interested in opportunities to help? ☐ Yes ☐ No My check for ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$_____ is enclosed.

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