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Community News and Opportunities for Action,

reporting on events and issues of peace, justice, and sustainability affecting us and future generations in Alaska, broadcasting on Sundays, 8am & 6pm on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska.

WEEK of JANUARY 14th, 2018

Be ready for opportunities to participate!

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?
		<u>Brief Listings for This Week</u>	
Sun, Jan.14	11-12	Planning Mtg for Second Annual Women's March	The Venue on 2 nd
Mon, 1/15	12:30-1	Invitation to join a rally	Univ.ave & Airport
	all week	Alaska Civil Rights Day-no UA classes	UAF
	10-4pm	HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR	Everywhere!
	6pm	Free legal services offered on Martin Luther King Jr. Day	JP Jones Ctr.
Tues, 1/16	7:30am	screening of the award winning Toxic Hot Seat	Anchorage-Brew
		STAND FOR SALMON ballot books to Division of Elections	Anchorage
		Alaska Legislature new Session starts	JNU & LIOs
Thurs, 1/18	7-9pm	Gender Pioneers Ally Training	email
Sat., 1/20	11-3pm	GreenStar Swap o Rama	Carlson Center
	11-12	Second Annual Women's March through downtown Fbks	Golden Heart Plaza
	12-1pm	Rally @ Golden Heart Plaza	“ “ “
Sun, 1/21	12:30-1p	Invitation to join a rally	Univ.ave & Airport
		<u>This Week Opportunities for Action in more Detail</u>	
Sunday, January 14 2018	11-12	“Planning Meeting for Second Annual Women's March Quick meeting to touch base & distribute tasks. All are welcome. Venue doesn't charge us to use their meeting room so please order a coffee or tea. Make a donation to help cover costs. All our events are funded by volunteer donations. Use your PayPal to send us a donation to MarchOnFBX@gmail.com OR: https://www.paypal.me/marchonfbx contact: MarchonFBX@gmail.com , https://marchonfbx.com/2018/01/06/2nd-annual-womens-march/	The Venue on 2 nd ave. downtown.
	12:30-1	Invitation to join a rally - Folks who are disturbed by being dominated by a man who bragged about sexually assaulting, uses bullying in place of diplomacy, acts unilaterally, and has led the race to opening ANWR and a tax bill to greatly increase inequality - join the call for IMPEACHment; also contact our congressional delegation every week calling on them to enact this call. - <i>Adeline K.</i>	at the corner of University Ave & Airport Way
Monday Jan.15	10am to 4pm	“Free legal services offered on Martin Luther King Jr. Day” <i>from Fairbanks Daily News-Miner 1-5-18: “FAIRBANKS — Local lawyers will offer free legal advice on civil matters Jan. 15 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Lawyers will be able to give advice on family, landlord-tenant and public benefit law.”</i>	JP Jones Community Development Center, 2400 Rickert St

		Alaska Civil Rights Day (no classes, most University of Alaska offices closed)	
	Entire week of Jan. 15	FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION. “RESOLUTION 2018-10: HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WHEREAS, the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District envisions excellence and equity for all; and. WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. also dreamed of an outstanding education ...Resolved:...time for teachers and students to conduct special studies of Dr. King’s life and achievements and engage in service activities...” Read the school board resolution...	Everywhere! ... including local schools
	6pm	<i>from Alaska Community Action on Toxics:</i> “Join us for a free screening of the award winning Toxic Hot Seat , based on the Chicago Tribune series 'Playing with Fire'. It follows the story of a brave group of firefighters, mothers, journalists, scientists, politicians and activists as they go against corporations in order to expose the truth behind why flame retardants are invading our homes.... “ACAT is gearing up to get the Toxic-Free Children Act (TFCA or HB 53) passed by the state legislature to rid these toxic flame retardants from our homes and our bodies. “You can follow our events at https://www.facebook.com/akaction or our website akaction.org . If you have any questions, please email su.c@akaction.org .”	in Anchorage: 49 th State Brewing Company, 717 W 3rd Ave.
Tuesday Jan. 16		Alaska Legislature new Session starts. On Jan.12, legislative ethics were already being discussed. <i>Go to www.alaskapeace.org “Community News” for a link to Community organizations and contact info for local, state, and federal government representatives.</i> <i>Contact your Legislative Information Office to be involved as legislation is created & debated. In Fairbanks: 452-4448</i> For a list of pre-filed bills see http://w3.akleg.gov/docs/pdf/2018_first_prefile.pdf - These include -- --proposed constitutional amendments about --redistricting; permanent fund; marriage; -- several abortion-related bills; --criminal law and treatment; --abuse; --marriage age; --a tax referendum; --a marijuana use & education program; --[discouraging use of] disposable shopping bags; --and other topics.	
	7:30 am	STAND FOR SALMON will celebrate delivery of 45,000 signatures in ballot books to the Division of Elections office in Anchorage. <i>If you have not yet signed, contact info@standforsalmon.org.</i>	
Thursday Jan. 18	7-9pm	Gender Pioneers Ally Training: <i>Gender Pioneers is a peer-to-peer support group for all transgender, genderqueer, genderquestioning or otherwise gender-bending folks in Alaska's interior. In addition to monthly support group meetings we meet the third Thursday of each month to train allies and discuss outreach and activism.</i>	<i>For location details please email genderpioneers@gmail.com</i>
Saturday, Jan. 20	11am – 3pm	<i>from a Friend:</i> “Please consider participating in the GreenStar Swap o Rama on January 20. This is an opportunity to recycle some of your unused clothing/accessories and support an organization recycling electronics from villages and elsewhere. Here is a link to their web page for further information. http://iagreenstar.org/swap-o-rama/ or call	Carlson Center

Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, and/or Issues not specific to Alaska

*"True peace is not merely the absence of tension. It is the presence of justice." Martin Luther King, Jr.
"I have a dream that one day our children will be judged not by the color of their skin
but by the content of their character." Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Peace

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"January 29 – March 19, 2018

With what do we replace the war system (aka the military-industrial-corporate-governmental complex)? What truly makes us secure? What are the moral, social, political, philosophical and pragmatic foundations of an alternative global security system – a system in which peace is pursued by peaceful means? What actions and strategies might we pursue in building this system? **War Abolition 201: Building the Alternative Global Security System**, explores these questions and more with the goal of engaging students in learning that leads to action. [Learn more](#)
-- The World Beyond War Team"

This Month in Nuclear Threat History

History chronicles many instances when humans have been threatened by nuclear weapons. In this article, Jeffrey Mason outlines some of the threats that have taken place in the month of January, including the January 24, 1961 crash of a B-52G Stratofortress bomber carrying two 2.5-megaton Mark 39 thermonuclear bombs near Goldsboro, North Carolina.

To read Mason's full article, [click here](#).

For more information on the history of the Nuclear Age, visit NAPF's [Nuclear Files](#) website.

Justice

In the Legislature, Rep. Kawasaki "will be holding **hearings on the Governor's proposed \$10.4 million increase for the prison system and new Pretrial Services program.**

Rep. Kawsaki promises to [introduce a bill](#) that would **require Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to abide by net neutrality rules while doing business in Alaska. Millions of citizens and business owners have protested the recent Federal Communications Commission decision to revoke net neutrality protections that were put in place in 2015. [This] bill would reinstate those rules in Alaska so that the Internet remains a free and open place for communication and entrepreneurship."**

"Guttenberg pushes for separation in state, federal weed regs. Fairbanks Democratic Rep. David Guttenberg has joined two other Alaska lawmakers in proposing a rewrite of a resolution pertaining to the separation of federal marijuana regulations and the state's legal pot industry .. People wanting to **provide input on what to include in the rewrite of HJR 21** can do so through a Facebook page titled "Alaska's Voice on Marijuana Policy" created to collect public input on the issue. Guttenberg's official legislative email address is listed as a contact point for the Facebook page." Read the rest of the article at newsminer.com 12/9/18.

per Fbks Daily NewsMiner, Alaska
"Legislators who skip training could face ethics complaint."

from The Council Newsletter (Tanana Chiefs Conference): **\$50 million of Volkswagen \$15 billion pollution fraud settlement** "has been set aside for tribal entities in the [US] to use **for reducing diesel emissions in tribally owned diesel engines, including diesel generators.**"

Sustainability

from erica@northern.org:

"Administration proposes expanded offshore drilling.. the single largest expansion of offshore oil and gas leasing ever proposed by a federal government.. Alaska Governor Walker seems [generally supportive of the plan](#), but the communities who would be most affected by the expansion are speaking out. The [Bering Sea Elders Group issued a statement](#) saying that, "The people of the northern Bering Sea rely on the waters off our coast for subsistence and survival and we will not stand by while our way of life is threatened. We will take all legal means necessary to fight offshore drilling in our waters... We, the people of the Bering Sea, are more valuable than drilling." the **Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is accepting comments on DPP and scoping comments for the draft PEIS for 60 days, ending March 9, 2018**, through the BOEM website. **Public meetings** are also occurring across the country, beginning January 16, with only one meeting scheduled per affected state. The sole Alaska meeting is from **6-10 p.m. at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage on January 23.** (see the complete meeting schedule [here](#).)

We will keep in touch about new developments, talking points, and ways to make our voices heard.

Please contact program director Lisa Baraff at lisa@northern.org with questions about the process.

by **January 31**, send **comments on the proposed Ambler Road** to [blm ak akso amblerroad comments@blm.gov](mailto:blm_ak_akso_amblerroad_comments@blm.gov)

from Veterans For Peace: **"35 Peace Groups Demand Congress Protect Public From Nuclear 'Bomb Threat' Trump..."**

"Time and time again, Trump has proven just how dangerous it is for him to have thousands of nuclear weapons at his fingertips. He doesn't believe in science and doesn't consult experts," the progressive groups, including Greenpeace USA, Indivisible, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, Ultraviolet, and Veterans for Peace, write.

[Read the Full Article](#)"

Veterans For Peace future events:

- March 3-8 Greenpeace Action Camp
- March 4-21 - VFP Vietnam Tour



"Join the campaign to let people vote in Alaska *The call to action is to convince the Alaska state legislature to pass legislation that would restore the right to vote to individuals with prior felony convictions upon completion of prison sentence, as opposed to the current system, in which the right to vote is withheld until an individual completes all elements of parole and/or probation. Beyond the voter restoration effort, People Power volunteers will also work to educate voters about key developments in Alaska's voting systems relating to vote-by-mail and automatic voter registration...*

"Today, there are thousands of Alaskans who live in the community yet are barred from voting.... Once someone is no longer incarcerated, they should regain their fundamental right to vote. Studies have shown that full reintegration reduces recidivism rates; changing Alaska's laws to allow them to do so will benefit us all.

<https://vote.peoplepower.org/AK>."

\$1.24 Trillion Nuclear Weapons "Modernization" Price Tag Omits Environmental Cleanup

In its recent cost estimate for the US' 30-year nuclear "modernization" effort, the Congressional Budget Office excluded **\$541 billion in projected costs to clean up nuclear weapons production sites.** The largest of cleanup costs, at \$179.5 billion, is attributed to the stabilization and disposal of high-level radioactive wastes generated from the production of plutonium. The U.S. Government Accountability Office informed Congress in 2013 that these wastes are "considered one of the most hazardous substances on earth." R. Alvarez, "[CBO Cost Estimation of Nuclear Modernization Omits Hazardous Cleanup](#)," *The Washington Spectator*, 12-20-17, via Nuclear Age Peace Foundation.

and... **"Order the New Peace In Our Times Today!**



- Using Indigenous Thought to Cope in the Age of Trump By Four Arrows
 - The Disturbing Parallels Between U.S. Policing at Home and Military Tactics Abroad By Danny Sjursen
 - A Veteran's Plea from a Marine: Please, Stop Revering Us By Lyle Jeremy Rubin
 - [& numerous other articles by veterans with conscience...]
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from FDNM: Re: Donald Trump's description of African nations as "shithole countries": In the House, the Congressional Black Caucus is moving ahead to censure Trump. A **censure, if approved by the full House**, would be a formal public rebuke. Alaska GOP Rep. **Don Young [456-0210]** as of Friday evening had not yet **commented** on Trump's remark, which has drawn bipartisan condemnation...

Contact Editor Rod Boyce at 459-7585.

Webinars designed to make you the most effective activist you can be

Jan. 16-Feb.21 [Check it out here.](#)
From ACLU PeoplePower. [Also see <http://northern.org/programs/activism-tools>]

To Follow Congressional Legislation, you can set up alerts for Legislation, Nominations and Member Profiles

emails sent to you when a measure (bill or resolution), nomination, or member profile has been updated with new information. See <https://www.congress.gov/help/alerts>.

"More Hanford Workers Possibly Exposed to Plutonium

"On December 13, the government contractor CH2M Hill stopped demolition work at the Plutonium Finishing Plant at the Hanford Site in Washington State. Monitors worn by employees revealed high levels of radiation exposure. Testing showed radioactive isotopes of plutonium and americium.

"A few months earlier, on June 8, a release of radioactive particles led to at least 31 workers ingesting or inhaling radioactive particles."

S. Frame, "[More Hanford Workers Possibly Contaminated with Plutonium](#)," 12-14-17, via Nuclear Age Peace Foundation.

correction of typo: "How come people aren't talking about **chemtrails**? Good video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IirWyOvuWYA> [copy & paste]"

Spotlight

TEDx Talk: The Insanity of Nuclear Deterrence

When nuclear-armed nations face off, the threat of mutually assured destruction is expected to keep the worst from happening. But is this a rational strategy? Or is it one that is doomed to failure? In this eye-opening and powerful talk, Commander Robert Green shares his experience piloting nuclear-armed aircraft and his shift to becoming a staunch opponent of nuclear deterrence. To watch this TEDx talk, [click here](#).

*Songs that increase our understanding of issues of peace, justice, and sustainability
played with today's newscast:*

*--Instrumental intro from and song **Make the Earth Great Again** and
Minimum Wage Strike, both by **David Rovics***

*--In honor of the upcoming Women's March: **Supershero**, by **Emma;s Revolution***

*--Letting us know the plight of refugees - such as my former classmate who was a doctor in her country
but had to repeat her medical studies to get a license to practice as a physician assistant in the U.S. -*

Emma's Revolution** sings **If I Give Your Name

--a comic look at the planning for such as Saturday's Hawai'ian Inbound Missile Crisis:

***Dig A Hole In The Ground** by **Fred Small**; and*

*--**Tom Paxton** with **News** (of the good kind).*

*This summary of issues of importance to citizens of Interior Alaska, and information on how, when, and where to
take action on those issues, has been brought to you by the Alaska Peace Center.*

The Alaska Peace Center works for peace, justice, and sustainability

- individually, in our community, and globally -

with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.

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