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## ***Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019***

*reporting on events & issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability affecting us and future generations in Alaska,  
broadcasting on Sundays, 8am & 6pm on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM/kwrk.org Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska. Be ready for opportunities to participate!*

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?*
		<u><b>This Week Opportunities for Action</b></u>	<i>*All locations in Fbks unless noted.</i>
September 23-27	12 noon - ?	<b>2019 ARCTIC REFUGE VIRTUAL BIRD FEST</b> #ArcticBirdFest - Join Audubon Alaska, Manomet and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for a virtual trip to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Enjoy this free <b>online</b> festival... full of interactive, fun, and informative activities highlighting the amazing migratory birds of the Arctic <b>on the various social media platforms listed</b> This site will be updated daily with event info so please share it with your friends and colleagues.	online
Monday Sept 23	4-6, 6-8:30pm	“Stop by the [Northern Alaska Environmetnal Center] office at 830 College Road from 4-6 to draft your comments and learn more... 6-8:30pm <b>Public Hearing on the Proposed Ambler Rd Draft Environmental Impact Statement. #NOAMBLERROAD</b> ” See more below under <b>Peace Justice Sustainability</b>	Wedgewood Resort Ballroom
	6:30pm	<b>GVEA Board Mtg</b> - Fbks Climate Action Coalition (FCAC) encourages member-owners to speak out; To find out more, please contact <a href="#">Phil</a> , FCAC's Renewable Energy Campaigner	GVEA offices 758 Illinois St.
	6:30pm	<b>Fairbanks City Council Mtg</b> <a href="#">Agendas</a> and calendar at <a href="https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month/">https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month/</a> This page contains a link to live City Council Mtgs and other City Board and Commission Mtgs, when available. Mtgs include citizens' comments. Council Mtgs are aired live on KFBX AM 970 radio, and via audio stream ( <a href="http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live/">http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live/</a> )!”	Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman St
Tuesday Sept 24	6:45-8:30 pm	<b>Fairbanks Peace Choir:</b> Join the spirit uplift Flynn Ludington, director, Paul Krejci, pianist - Creating a culture of peace through song! Come early to register. donation asked. Scholarships available. Info. 457-8086.	4448 Pikes Landing Rd
Wednesday Sept 25	4-5pm AKDT	<b>Back from the Brink: Organizing Locally to Prevent Nuclear War</b> - a national grassroots initiative calling for commonsense policy solutions that would greatly reduce the catastrophic risks posed by nuclear weapons. The webinar will outline some of our successes, discuss strategies and tools for engagement, and connect individuals and organizations to a variety of opportunities to get involved. “This webinar is for everyone, from longtime advocates to those who are just getting started. Veterans For Peace is an endorser of the Back from the Brink Campaign <a href="#">Register Today!</a> ”	webinar
	5-7pm	<b>Beaks, Geeks, and Treats.</b> Join the Arctic Audubon Society, Audubon Alaska, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service at Venue for a celebration of birds found in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. This free event will feature wildlife artist Michael Boardman who will be signing posters to give away. He will also share his experiences from time spent in the Arctic Refuge Bird Camp. Snack and coffee will be available. Plus, bird trivia!	Venue, 514 2nd Avenue

	5:30pm	<b>Fairbanks Open Radio weekly mtg</b> - Come help with programming, shows, fund-raising... <a href="mailto:info@kwrk.org">info@kwrk.org</a> or 374-0577	3535 College Rd, suite 203
<b>Thursday Sept 26</b>	12-1pm	<b>Fbks Housing &amp; Homeless Coalition mtg.</b> - topics to include Homeless Youth Demonstration Program award, Collaborative Prevention & Diversion project, senior housing, 2020 US Census, Project Homeless Connect.	City Hall Council Chambers
	<b>5:30-8pm</b>	<b>Fairbanks Open Radio KWRK-LP 90.9FM Community Fundraiser - food! drinks! music! Support your local, independent, 100% listener-supported non-commercial radio station! Share, Print, &amp; Post <a href="#">the flyer!</a></b>	<b>the Venue 514 2nd ave</b>
	<b>5:30/6:00 - 9pm</b>	<b>Advocacy Team Training by Friends Committee on National Legislation trainer Sarah Freeman-Woolpert.</b> Learn more and sign up via <a href="https://act.fcnl.org/event/advocacy-teams_attend/1098">https://act.fcnl.org/event/advocacy-teams_attend/1098</a> . For more information, please contact <a href="mailto:sarahfw@fcnl.org">sarahfw@fcnl.org</a> . 5:30 simple meal provided; workshop 6-9pm. More below.	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks 4448 Pikes Landing Rd Blue Room
	6 pm	Regular <a href="#">FNSB Assembly</a> mtg, (Fbks North Star Borough); includes Citizens' Comments;	Borough bldg,
<b>Friday Sept 27</b>	5:30-7:30pm	<b>"Annual Step Up for Kids</b> - silent auction, drawing prizes, advocacy information and fun across the entire museum! opportunity to interact with Board of Directors, staff, and families from <b>all Thrivalaska programs</b> . Any questions, contact Shelly Mensch: 479-0900 x 262. <a href="http://www.thrivalaska.com">www.thrivalaska.com</a> "	Fbks Children Museum 302 Cushman St.
	5:30-8:30pm	<b>Comi-CAUSE 2019</b> - no cover Fundraiser supporting <b>Guys/Gals Read &amp; the BreadLine</b> , an evening of cool comics & live music for a good cause. Sponsored by <b>The Comic Shop</b> , <b>Guys Read Gals Read Inc.</b> , Forget-Me-Not-books, and the Bread Line. (GR2) is hosting this fundraiser at the Stone Soup Cafe. Up for "sale" are hand-selected comics... LIVE ENTERTAINMENT featuring <b>#FairbanksFamous</b> favorites such as <b>Good Hank</b> , <b>Carey Seward</b> & MORE! Pick up some great reads and hear great tunes while supporting local non-profits.	Stone Soup Cafe 507 Gaffney Rd, Fbks
		<b>Alaska Youth for Environmental Action 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration</b>	Anchorage: AK NativeHeritageCtr
	12-1pm	<b>City of Fairbanks Mayoral Candidates Forum</b>	Carlson Center
<b>Saturday Sept 28</b>		<b>Cross Cultural Communication Trainings</b> put on by Doyon Limited will begin this month at the starting September 28th. The training covers the basics of communicating between Native and Western cultures... All of the trainings are free and any local business is encouraged to call and sign up for training. For more information contact Sharon Hildebrand, <a href="mailto:hildebrands@doyon.com">hildebrands@doyon.com</a> or Helen Renfrew, <a href="mailto:hrenfrew@explorefairbanks.com">hrenfrew@explorefairbanks.com</a> .	Morris Thompson Cultural and Visitors Center from KTVF
Sun Sat		<a href="#">Next Week</a>	
<b>Monday Sept 30 + 8 weeks</b>	6-8pm	8-week <b>gardening class</b> in Fairbanks <b>taught by master gardener Terry Reichardt</b> . Participants will learn how to successfully grow all kinds of vegetables and how to cook and store them. The series is sponsored by the UAF Cooperative Extension Service. The fee is \$20. Please call 452-2406 to reserve a spot or for more information.	First Presbyterian Church, 547 seventh ave
<b>Tuesday Oct 1</b>	8am - 5pm	<a href="#">Municipal Elections! When and Where to Vote -Find a Voting Location - Early and Absentee Voting Information - Register to Vote or Update -Voter Registration Online</a>	<b>Voter Resources</b> for FNSB from AK Center
<b>Thursday Oct 3</b>	5:30 pm	<b>Alaska Peace Center monthly mtg</b> - All welcome! Contact <a href="mailto:info@alaskapeace.org">info@alaskapeace.org</a>	3535 College Rd, suite 203

	Deadline for comment	<b><u>on Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Alaska LNG.</u></b> The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has prepared this draft environmental impact statement (EIS) to assess the impacts of constructing and operating the Alaska LNG Project (Project) proposed by the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC). The purpose and need of the Project is to commercialize the natural gas resources of Alaska's North Slope, by converting the existing natural gas supply to liquefied natural gas (LNG) for export and providing gas for users within the State of Alaska.	
Oct 3-4		<b>Alaska "Defense" Forum</b> hosted by FNSB & Association of Defense Communities (ADC), "... will provide state and local leaders with strategies they can use to build strong military-community partnerships and rally new defense community champions and the state and local level. ... ADC is the nation's premier membership organization serving America's defense communities. With 1,200 members nationwide, ADC is the voice for communities and states with a significant military presence. ADC unites the diverse interests of communities, state governments, the private sector and the military on issues of base closure and realignment, community military partnerships, defense real estate, mission growth, mission sustainment, military privatization, and base redevelopment. What is a defense community? Communities adjacent to active and closed defense installations are distinct places. America's defense installations depend on local communities for housing, services and even operational support. This connection and responsibility is what makes these communities unique – it's what makes them defense communities. Defense communities have active installations – where local governments and states are working to support our military. Defense communities also may have closed or realigned installations – where local governments lead the way in finding new economic uses for former bases."	Westmark Hotel, 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave.
Saturday Oct 5		<b><u>Day of Action Against Domestic Violence</u></b> - Click <a href="#">here</a> to find out some suggested steps to starting a team. Fill out this <a href="#">form</a> to start a team.	(No Alaska actions listed by early 9/21)
	9am-5pm	<b>Untangling Colonialism, Part 1.</b> FAIRBANKS: Sat. October 5, 9am-12pm** <b>Building a Decolonizing Practices, Part 2.</b> FAIRBANKS: Sat. October 5, 2pm – 5 pm **	FAIRBANKS
	10am-2pm	' <b>Agency in the Face of Climate Change:[Fbks Climate Action Coalition] FCAC General Meeting</b> '... for all Fairbanks community members to engage with & help shape FCAC's next steps for climate justice. What agency do we have in the face of the climate crisis? What more would you like from the Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition? We want to make space for you to step up & take the lead, so please let us know if you have any ideas for this! More information will be coming soon.'	location TBA
	10am-4pm	<b>2019 Alaska Solar Tour</b> 'annual coordination of homes and businesses across Alaska highlighting how far we have come. The Art exhibit and the calendars were highly successful and we can build on that as we build on capacity and capability.'	
		<b><u>Put on Your Calendar - After Next Week Events</u></b>	
Sept. 29 - Oct. 5		<b>Shut Down Creech</b> "The remote nature of drone warfare offers room for indiscriminate killing and collateral damage ... Join us at Creech Air Force Base and shut down drone warfare!" - Garrett Reppenhagen, Executive Director of Veterans For Peace, former US Army sniper, Iraq War veteran. ' <a href="#">Register Now!</a> and find out more about <a href="#">Shut Down Creech</a> '	Nevada
Oct. 5-6		<b>'Pathways to Peace: #NoWar2019 Conference</b> to meet with, learn from, and be inspired by some of the world's great peacemakers and advocates for an end to war	Limerick, Ireland
Saturday Oct 12	5 pm	"[P]rior to the <b>Wild &amp; Scenic Film Festival</b> at Firehouse Studios, [Northern Center is] proud to host the Fairbanks debut of the <b>short film, Paving Tundra</b> , which explores the Brooks Range and the communities opposed to the [proposed Ambler] road. <a href="#">Check out the trailer here</a> . Following this free film screening, Northern Center staff and filmmaker Jayme Dittmar will be available to answer questions and help with written comments. The Film Festival (tickets required) will start - same place - at 7."	Firehouse Studios 656 7 <sup>th</sup> ave

### Good News category:

from [govtrack](#) and from [Trustees for Alaska](#): "H.R. 1146: Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act passed the U.S. House 225-195 on Sept. 12, 2019, and goes next to the Senate." "It would repeal the provision of the 2017 Tax Act that opened the Coastal Plain to oil and gas leasing and development.

It would restore protections to this iconic and sacred area.”

A little good news...

“While the Amazon Burns, **Cuba Increases its Forested Area, a rare example of large scale reforestation...**” from [SystemChangeNotClimateChange](#)

## Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, Issues not specific to Alaska, and/or without specific date

### Peace | Justice | Sustainability

‘locked and loaded’ to please multi-national business partners??! from [winwithoutwar.org](http://winwithoutwar.org): “Trump continued to talk about going to war on Saudi Arabia’s behalf, even saying “the Saudis pay cash” to explain why he’s **debating turning the U.S. military into mercenaries for a brutal, murderous monarchy**. ...Trump says “the ultimate option” is on the table -- but let’s be clear: the Constitution does NOT give him the authority to start a war. **Under Article 1, Section 8, Clause 11 of the Constitution it is Congress’s SOLE authority to declare war -- and congressional insiders tell us there are just DAYS left for them to exercise this responsibility to STOP WAR with Iran in a must-pass defense bill.**

**Will you ask your Senators to make it 100% clear there is no legal authority for President Trump to take us to war with Iran?**

**“ADVOCACY FOR THE LONG HAUL- FCNL Advocacy Teams Launch in Fairbanks”** from *Friends Committee on National Legislation, Chena Ridge Friends Meeting, Alaska Peace Center, and Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks (UFF)*. FCNL’s “Our 75 years on Capitol Hill have shown that your voice can make an important impact on federal policy. In-person meetings with your members of Congress are the most effective way to influence policy decisions. **Change in Washington starts with you.** Please join FCNL for an advocacy workshop at UUFF at 5:30 on Thursday, Sept 26:

- Influence your members of Congress and their staff through face-to-face conversations at their local offices
- Drive the media coverage you want to see
- Build a strategic team in your community that lobbies as part of a powerful national advocacy network
- Join our 2019 Advocacy Team campaign to stop endless wars by urging Congress to reassert its constitutional authority. We are supporting legislation to repeal the AUMF and encourage public debate on all issues of war and peace.

Learn More: [fcnl.org/advocacyteams](http://fcnl.org/advocacyteams).

*The Friends Committee on National Legislation is a Quaker lobby in the public interest that seeks to promote just, peaceful and equitable policies in the U.S. government. FCNL’s influence in Washington stems from the integrity and truthfulness of our arguments and the strength of our grassroots network.”*

*You can print and post the flyer at [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FI\\_mEJ3XLqvx1LaULDsf044CRuYuN5ydqzplh7yH7FO/edit#](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FI_mEJ3XLqvx1LaULDsf044CRuYuN5ydqzplh7yH7FO/edit#).*

“The Albuquerque Journal today (9-20-2019) carried a notice by the **Air Force** for comments on a **proposal for a large scale war training zone which spans from the Pacific to White Sands in New Mexico.** The document is 410 pages long. I have attached it as a pdf here. They AF is only accepting comments for one month, to Oct. 21 and comments can only be about how to make the assessment better (they find no significant impact to anything with this proposal). The notice says they will reject any comments about its political impact or your personal preference. This proposal is to involve foreign national aircraft and personnel over 181 sites and is likely part of more global wars being planned. This is a done deal being rammed down on us..” from [Stop the War Machine, 'An unmoderated list for open discussion on resistance to the empire.'](#)

**"VFP eNews: Climate Justice Means Ending War and Militarism.** Catastrophic climate change is an imminent danger facing the world. This year for International Peace Day, the U.N. has declared the theme to be "Climate Action for Peace". Taking action on climate change is vital as a way to promote peace throughout the world. Ending war and militarism are vital if we are to create a sustainable future.

"Climate change causes clear threats to international peace and security. Natural disasters displace three times as many people as conflicts, forcing millions to leave their homes and seek safety elsewhere. The salinization of water and crops is endangering food security, and the impact on public health is escalating. The growing tensions over resources and mass movements of people are affecting every country on every continent. Peace can only be achieved if concrete action is taken to combat climate change.

"As veterans, we also know that the environment has long been a silent casualty of war and armed conflict. If we are going to win on climate, we must make the connections between the environment and militarism.

"For centuries, war has not only involved the annihilation of human life, but also environmental destruction in the forms of both 'collateral damage' and deliberate damage to the environment. In addition, instead of working for a cleaner, cooler future, our tax dollars are being spent on human death and environmental destruction. Money spent on endless war is money not spent reducing our dependence on fossil fuels or supporting the transition to a low-carbon economy.

"If we want to abolish war and deal head-on with climate change we must help people here at home uncover these same connections. The U.S. military machine is responsible for catastrophic damages through our endless wars, expansive military bases, (many of which are in violation of environmental regulations), weapons testing and massive consumption of resources. Ending war and holding our government accountable for the damage it does to the environment through war is paramount in achieving "Climate Action for Peace"."

**"Monisha Rios on the peace movement and colonialism** - Monisha is a veteran and a peace activist and part of the Puerto Rican diaspora. We talked about the peace movement and the intersection with other movements for liberation, the various forms of colonialism and how people can learn about our own history as a colonial power."

from *Pace e Bene* on Sept. 21: "Today is the International Day of Peace, the 8th day of Campaign Nonviolence Action Week and - we're excited to announce on this peace day - the launch of pre-sales for our **new study guide, Engaging Nonviolence: Activating Nonviolent Change in Our Lives and Our World**. This new book is an indispensable sequel to our older study guide, *Engage: Exploring Nonviolent Living* and offers participants updated material on a wide variety of principles, stories, exercises, and readings for learning, practicing, and experimenting with the power of creative nonviolence for personal and social transformation."

--- A related historic note: The 12-week well-attended volunteer-facilitated Engage class taught at Alaska Peace Center some 12 years ago was the best

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**"Official Secrets: Best Movie So Far This Year"** See the trailer.  
*from worldbeyondwar.org*

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"The **BLM public hearing on the proposed Ambler road DEIS** is on Monday..., from NAEC. "If you have questions, contact Clean Water and Mining Manager Solaris Gillispie at [solaris@northern.org](mailto:solaris@northern.org) or 907-452-5092. The comment period is open until October 15, which is the minimum length allowed by law, and overlaps with multiple other comment periods on major proposals in Northern Alaska, and, as people like Martha Whiting pointed out at the Kotzebue hearing, 'It's right in the smack of hunting and fishing season - caribou hunting and moose hunting.'

**WHAT DOES THE AMBLER ROAD PROJECT PROPOSE?** A 220-mile road along the southern Brooks Range through the upper Kobuk and Koyukuk watersheds; Would provide access to copper deposits with high risk for acid drainage

- Would extend road access from Dalton Highway at mile into rural northwestern Alaska
- Crosses 20 miles of Gates of the Arctic National Preserve as well as the Kobuk Wild & Scenic River... [For more information, visit northern.org.](http://www.northern.org)"

from *Alaska Community Action on Toxics*: "Congress has the **opportunity to take meaningful action on PFAS** under the provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act, **Hold our Congressional delegation accountable and tell them to take action on PFAS if you haven't already!**"

**:: Alaska Youth Suing State over Climate Change to be Heard in State Supreme Court.** "I'm very hopeful for the future," lead plaintiff Esau Sinnok said. "I'm a very optimistic person. I believe that a victory for us will start with moving through a transition to a renewable energy economy, more solar panels, more wind turbines, more micro-grids in rural Alaska so that they can be powered off renewable energy instead of fossil fuels." *KTUU, via NAEC*

**"Poisoning Paradise - Ecocide New Zealand"** 1:37 youtube 2013

Devastating, ongoing environmental and human disasters in Papua New Guinea, **for reflection regarding Donlin, Pebble, et al:**  
**Ok Tedi Mine** **Porgera Gold Mine** **Ok Tedi environmental disaster**

*Audio & Songs broadcast with this week's Community News and Opportunities:*

"Hello this is Rob Mulford the Asymmetric Moose with the picks for the week of September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

Well its happened again. There's been another mass shooting. This past Wednesday night the lives of over thirty workers were snuffed out and over forty wounded in another bloody act of racist terror. But, you will not see any mass demonstrations on U.S. streets demanding the confiscation of the perpetrators' weapons. You will not see the attackers apprehended and you will never know their names. Why, because the victims were Afghans working the pine nut harvest in Nangarhar province, Afghanistan. Their deaths should cause more outrage and anger than Trump inviting the Taliban to Camp David - but it won't. The perpetrators are and will remain anonymous and protected; protected by the US government, national myth, the worlds most effective propaganda machine, and the rackets.

**War Is A Racket** – Major General Smedley Butler

"WAR is a racket. It always has been.

It is possibly the oldest, easily the most profitable, surely the most vicious. It is the only one international in scope. It is the only one in which the profits are reckoned in dollars and the losses in lives.

A racket is best described, I believe, as something that is not what it seems to the majority of the people. Only a small "inside" group knows what it is about. It is conducted for the benefit of the very few, at the expense of the very many. Out of war a few people make huge fortunes.

In the World War [I] a mere handful garnered the profits of the conflict. At least 21,000 new millionaires and billionaires were made in the United States during the World War. That many admitted their huge blood gains in their income tax returns. How many other war millionaires falsified their tax returns no one knows.

How many of these war millionaires shouldered a rifle? How many of them dug a trench? How many of them knew what it meant to go hungry in a rat-infested dug-out? How many of them spent sleepless, frightened nights, ducking shells and shrapnel and machine gun bullets? How many of them parried a bayonet thrust of an enemy? How many of them were wounded or killed in battle?

Out of war nations acquire additional territory, if they are victorious. They just take it. This newly acquired territory promptly is exploited by the few -- the selfsame few who wrung dollars out of blood in the war. The general public shoulders the bill.

And what is this bill?

This bill renders a horrible accounting. Newly placed gravestones. Mangled bodies. Shattered minds. Broken hearts and homes. Economic instability. Depression and all its attendant miseries. Back-breaking taxation for generations and generations.

For a great many years, as a soldier, I had a suspicion that war was a racket; not until I retired to civil life did I fully realize it. Now that I see the international war clouds gathering, as they are today, I must face it and speak out.

Again they are choosing sides. France and Russia met and agreed to stand side by side. Italy and Austria hurried to make a similar agreement. Poland and Germany cast sheep's eyes at each other, forgetting for the nonce [one unique occasion], their dispute over the Polish Corridor.

The assassination of King Alexander of Jugoslavia [Yugoslavia] complicated matters. Jugoslavia and Hungary, long bitter enemies, were almost at each other's throats. Italy was ready to jump in. But France was waiting. So was Czechoslovakia. All of them are looking ahead to war. Not the people -- not those who fight and pay and die -- only those who foment wars and remain safely at home to profit.

There are 40,000,000 men under arms in the world today, and our statesmen and diplomats have the temerity to say that war is not in the making.

Hell's bells! Are these 40,000,000 men being trained to be dancers?

Not in Italy, to be sure. Premier Mussolini knows what they are being trained for. He, at least, is frank enough to speak out. Only the other day, *Il Duce* in "International Conciliation," the publication of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said:

"And above all, Fascism, the more it considers and observes the future and the development of humanity quite apart from political considerations of the moment, believes neither in the possibility nor the utility of perpetual peace. . . . War alone brings up to its highest tension all human energy and puts the stamp of nobility upon the people who have the courage to meet it."

Undoubtedly Mussolini means exactly what he says. His well-trained army, his great fleet of planes, and even his navy are ready for war -- anxious for it, apparently. His recent stand at the side of Hungary in the latter's dispute with Yugoslavia showed that. And the hurried mobilization of his troops on the Austrian border after the assassination of Dollfuss showed it too. There are others in Europe too whose sabre rattling presages war, sooner or later.

Herr Hitler, with his rearming Germany and his constant demands for more and more arms, is an equal if not greater menace to peace. France only recently increased the term of military service for its youth from a year to eighteen months.

Yes, all over, nations are camping in their arms. The mad dogs of Europe are on the loose. In the Orient the maneuvering is more adroit. Back in 1904, when Russia and Japan fought, we kicked out our old friends the Russians and backed Japan. Then our very generous international bankers were financing Japan. Now the trend is to poison us against the Japanese. What does the "open door" policy to China mean to us? Our trade with China is about \$90,000,000 a year. Or the Philippine Islands? We have spent about \$600,000,000 in the Philippines in thirty-five years and we (our bankers and industrialists and speculators) have private investments there of less than \$200,000,000.

Then, to save that China trade of about \$90,000,000, or to protect these private investments of less than \$200,000,000 in the Philippines, we would be all stirred up to hate Japan and go to war -- a war that might well cost us tens of billions of dollars, hundreds of thousands of lives of Americans, and many more hundreds of thousands of physically maimed and mentally unbalanced men.

Of course, for this loss, there would be a compensating profit -- fortunes would be made. Millions and billions of dollars would be piled up. By a few. Munitions makers. Bankers. Ship builders. Manufacturers. Meat packers. Speculators. They would fare well.

Yes, they are getting ready for another war. Why shouldn't they? It pays high dividends.

But what does it profit the men who are killed? What does it profit their mothers and sisters, their wives and their sweethearts? What does it profit their children? What does it profit anyone except the very few to whom war means huge profits?

Yes, and what does it profit the nation?

Take our own case. Until 1898 we didn't own a bit of territory outside the mainland of North America. At that time our national debt was a little more than \$1,000,000,000. Then we became "internationally minded." We forgot, or shunted aside, the advice of the Father of our country. We forgot George Washington's warning about "entangling alliances." We went to war. We acquired outside territory. At the end of the World War period, as a direct result of our fiddling in international affairs, our national debt had jumped to over \$25,000,000,000. Our total favorable trade balance during the twenty-five-year period was about \$24,000,000,000. Therefore, on a purely bookkeeping basis, we ran a little behind year for year, and that foreign trade might well have been ours without the wars.

It would have been far cheaper (not to say safer) for the average American who pays the bills to stay out of foreign entanglements. For a very few this racket, like bootlegging and other underworld rackets, brings fancy profits, but the cost of operations is always transferred to the people -- who do not profit."

END Chapter One "War Is A Racket"

Next Odetta sings of the importance of taking an active part in the political process, on **Moving It On**.

Next Punk Rocker Ed Hamell, aka Hamell On Trial reminds us of something of which we should not have to be reminded, **Don't Kill**.

I made the following recording while in Pakistan in 2012. It starts off with a thirteen-year-old boy whose parents were killed by a military strike on their village. He is reciting the Surah Maryam (Mary) from the Quran. The recording ends with hundreds of Pashtun and other Pakistanis chanting at a gathering that I attended in Waziristan. "

-- Peace Is Not a Four-Letter Word by Jane Roodenburg

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with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.*

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**May Peace be with you!      Have a good week!**

#### **To Contact your Elected Public Officials**

**Fairbanks City Council Mtg (twice per month on Monday evenings\*) Agendas and calendar** at <https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/calendar/month/> This page contains a link to live City Council Mtgs and other City Board and Commission Mtgs, when available. Please click the Listen Live image below to start streaming the audio. Council Mtgs are also aired live on KFBX AM 970 radio. Listen live on your iPhone! Mixlr now has an iPhone/iPad app (<http://bit.ly/163ZvLg>) via the iTunes Store. Once you get the app set up, you search for city\_of\_fairbanks and you will be able to follow our audio stream ([http://mixlr.com/city\\_of\\_fairbanks/live/](http://mixlr.com/city_of_fairbanks/live/))! Location: Fairbanks City Hall, 800 Cushman St.

**Email Fairbanks City Council people (keep it polite, positive, and honest, and remember that any information you share about your identity and story is public record).**  
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*OR call our City Council people (feel free to leave a message after 5PM if that's easier)*

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*OR! leave a comment here: <https://www.fairbanksalaska.us/citycouncil/webform/contact-council>*

**Fbks Diversity Council (FDC)** "...to provide a citizens forum, serve as a diversity advisory board, and recommend adoption of a Diversity Action Plan for the community. The FDC supports many different cultural and social activi-ties in our community..." FDC meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The FDC includes 15 public members (3 appointed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough and 12 appointed by the City of Fairbanks). The FDC comes tog ether to discuss and work to improve all areas of diversity within our City and community. Contact info: [cityclerk@fairbanks.us](mailto:cityclerk@fairbanks.us) or 907-479-6702

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#### **North Pole City Council - <https://www.northpolealaska.com/citycouncil>**

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**Agendas & Minutes at <https://www.northpolealaska.com/meetings>**

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**Shaun Tacke, Deputy Presiding Officer** - seat B; [stacke@fnsb.us](mailto:stacke@fnsb.us); 907-978-7647; exp 10/19

**Mindy O-Neall** - Seat C - [mindy.oneall@fnsb.us](mailto:mindy.oneall@fnsb.us); 907-727-3887; term exp. 10/19

**Geoffry B. Wildridge** - seat E - [geoffry.wildridge@fnsb.us](mailto:geoffry.wildridge@fnsb.us); 907-378-5842; exp 10/19

**Christopher Quist, Finance Chair** - seat D; [cquist@fnsb.us](mailto:cquist@fnsb.us); 907-687-5049; exp 10/20

**Aaron Lojewski** - seat H; [alojewski@fnsb.us](mailto:alojewski@fnsb.us); 907-978-1766; exp 10/20

**Liz Lyke** - seat F; [llyke@fnsb.us](mailto:llyke@fnsb.us); 907-378-3727; exp 10/21

**Marna Sanford** - seat A; [msanford@fnsb.us](mailto:msanford@fnsb.us); 907-546-7505; exp 10/21

**Leah Berman Williams** - seat G; [lbwilliams@fnsb.us](mailto:lbwilliams@fnsb.us); 907-347-4021; exp 10/21

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**Alaska State Legislature**

Legislative schedule and links to related info at [akleg.gov](http://akleg.gov). Schedules often change.

During the last week of the session, and in special sessions, the "24-hr-rule" applies, meaning little to no advance calendar notices.

Contact your Legislative Information Office (LIO) In Fbks: **452-4448**

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**Sen. Scott Kawasaki** - (D) Distr A Fbks - Juneau office: 907-465-3466. Tollfree: 866-465-3466 Email: [senator.scott.kawasaki@akleg.gov](mailto:senator.scott.kawasaki@akleg.gov)

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**Sen Lisa Murkowski** in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: [murkowski.senate.gov](mailto:murkowski.senate.gov)

**Sen Dan Sullivan** in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: [sullivan.senate.gov](mailto:sullivan.senate.gov)

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