

## *Community News and Opportunities for Action, WEEK of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

Day, Date	Time	Event Description, Contact information	Where?*
		<u><i>This Week Opportunities for Action</i></u>	<i>*All locations in Fbks unless noted.</i>
<b>Sunday Dec 8</b>		<b>“Breaking News on NDAA: Urgent Action Needed - The final 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) negotiation has ended and FCNL has learned that the final bill fails to reassert congressional war authority and end endless wars. This NDAA won’t end U.S. support for the Saudi-UAE led war in Yemen, it won’t prevent an unauthorized war against Iran, and it won’t repeal the 2002 Iraq war authorization. Your voice is needed. <u>Call your representative and urge them to vote "no" when the NDAA comes to the floor this week!</u>”</b>	
		<b>Movies</b> of special note dealing with peace, justice, and/or sustainability at the Fairbanks commercial movie theatre currently being shown include <i>Dark Waters</i> [which] “deals with Robert Bilott's uncovering of Du Pont's PFOA (used in making Teflon) contamination of a West Virginia community;” and <i>A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood</i> , in which one “learns about empathy, kindness and decency from Fred Rogers, aka Mr. Rogers.” Find <a href="#">movie times at this link</a> .	<a href="#">Regal Goldstream</a> 1855 Airport Way
<b>Monday Dec 9</b>	11am	<b>XRA <a href="#">Extinction Rebellion Alaska</a> General Assembly</b> mtg each Monday	Raven Landing 1222 Cowles st.
	6-7pm	<b>Monthly IWW Fairbanks Mtg:</b> Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) at the Bread Line Inc.'s Stone Soup Cafe on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. All Wobblies (and recruit prospects) are welcome and encouraged to come.” <i>Info:</i> <a href="mailto:iwwfbx@gmail.com">iwwfbx@gmail.com</a>	507 Gaffney Rd
	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
<b>Tuesday Dec 10</b>	5 pm	<b><u>Peace Alliance Podcasts</u></b> - ‘How would you like to check in with Champion Peacebuilder Dot Maver, and former Congressman Dennis Kucinich - about the <b>Global Silent Minute</b> - a worldwide event coming up on December 21st - to join collective power and shift consciousness! How about engaging with Social-Emotional Learning Pioneers, Peace of Mind's Cheryl Dodwell and Dave Trachtenberg? <b>Peace of Mind</b> is a non-profit organization dedicated to the teaching of mindfulness-based social and emotional learning and conflict resolution in our schools.’ <b>Click Here to Register for the Call</b>	
	5:30 -7pm	<b><u>Fbks Diversity Council</u></b> Mtg “...to provide a citizens forum... The FDC comes together to discuss & work to improve all areas of diversity within our City and community. Contact info: <a href="mailto:cityclerk@fairbanks.us">cityclerk@fairbanks.us</a> or 907-479-6702	Fbks City Hall, 800 Cushman St
		FNSB Sustainability Commission mtg Agenda includes Citizens’ Comments, Public Hearing on approving the annual report, disbanding Special Events and Zero Waste subcommittees, and commission liaisons; teleconferencing See how we are doing on our <a href="#">sustainability goals via this link</a> .	Borough Bld, Assembly chambers
<b>Wednesday Dec. 11</b>		WRAP Training: The Bridge will be hosting <b>Wellness Recovery Action Plan training</b> from IONIA on December 11-13. <b>Please RSVP as soon as possible.</b> For more info contact Brynn at <a href="mailto:Brynnbu@iacnvl.org">Brynnbu@iacnvl.org</a>	

	10 am-12 noon	<b>National Coalition Building Institute training:</b> The Fairbanks Coalition Builders and Fairbanks North Star Borough School District are offering free diversity, equity & inclusion skills training. . This event is geared toward the Fbks Housing & Homeless Coalition, but is free and open to the public. Feel free to invite anybody that would benefit from the training. The training is a series of incremental, experiential activities that guide the participant on an introspective journey about diversity. For more information: <a href="https://ncbi.org/">https://ncbi.org/</a> .	Council Chambers of City Hall 800 Cushman St
	11am-1pm	<b>Pop-up restaurant</b> supporting Stone's Throw culinary job training and life skills program at Bread Line. International menu. \$20. One day only fund-raising.	507 Gaffney Rd.
	5:30-7:30pm	<b>Beyond the Trans-Siberian</b> book-signing. "insights into life in Northern Siberia from experiences of living and working with the people... grew out of Fairbanks' Sister City connection with Yakutsk... they learn that respecting different perspectives is key to understanding ... to build trust rather than fear."	Raven Landing
	5:30pm	<b>No</b> Fairbanks Open Radio/ <b>KWRK-LP weekly mtg</b> until January 15, unless announced- To volunteer to help with programming, shows, fund-raising, please contact <a href="mailto:info@kwrk.org">info@kwrk.org</a> or 374-0577	3535 College Rd
<b>Thursday Dec 12</b>	2-5pm	<b>Arctic Alliance for People:</b> "We are thinking about what AAP's annual luncheon will look like this year, and would love some [5-min] input from local nonprofits. <a href="https://form.jotform.com/93110679167158">https://form.jotform.com/93110679167158</a> Additionally, Pete Pinney is offering a free Introduction to Grant Writing overview for Arctic Alliance member agency employees, board members and volunteers on Thursday, 12/12 from 2 pm - 5 pm. Thrivalaska is hosting. <b>RSVP by 12/10/19</b> to <a href="mailto:beccafaithbrado@gmail.com">beccafaithbrado@gmail.com</a> . If you're unsure whether or not your agency is currently a member please email <a href="mailto:p.pinney@nscfundalaska.org">p.pinney@nscfundalaska.org</a> . To join AAP and gain access to this free class, visit <a href="https://www.nscfundalaska.org/AAP">https://www.nscfundalaska.org/AAP</a> (\$25 annual dues for small nonprofits and \$50 for large).	Carol Brice Family Center 1949 Gillam Way
	5:30 pm	<b>Alaska Peace Center monthly mtg</b> - All welcome! (Date change this month due to board member availability.) Contact <a href="mailto:info@alaskapeace.org">info@alaskapeace.org</a>	3535 College Rd, suite 203
	6 pm	Regular <i>FNSB Assembly</i> mtg, (Fbks North Star Borough); includes Citizens' Comments; PUBLIC HEARING on Ordinance #2019-20-1K "amending the FY 2019-20 budget by reappropriating \$200,000 from the Public Works boroughwide compliance project to establish the PFAS Contamination Project within the Multi-Year General Subfund;" and Resolutions 'Identifying and Supporting Legislative Priorities,'" "Regarding the proposed transfer of BP Pipelines (Alaska) Inc to Harvest Alaska, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Hilcorp Alaska, LLC," "Celebrating the Bill of Rights Day Dec 15, 2019," "Consenting to and approving the location of Interior Alaska NaturalGas Utility (IGU) Expansion Project...;" and more Citizens' Comments.	Assembly Chambers, Borough bldg, 907 Terminal St.
	7pm	Join Alaskans FOR Wildlife presentation " <b>Oasis Earth: Planet in Peril</b> " by Rick Steiner, an internationally renowned marine biologist and former professor at the University of Alaska. The owner and proponent of Oasis Earth, Rick consults with governments and private citizen groups to speed the transition to a sustainable society. He is among the most aggressive, smart and valuable humans working toward an enlightened policy for Alaska wildlife, and has worked tirelessly for a buffer zone for Denali's wolves. "Please plan to attend. It's free, it will be provocative."	Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks, 4448 Pikes Landing Rd.
Sun Sat Dec.15-21		<b><u>Next Week</u></b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	Dec 15	<b>Bill of Rights Day</b>	
<b>Wednesday Dec 18</b>	2:30pm	<b>Housing First Christmas party:</b> [Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks] will be sharing ... time and love with residents of Housing First during an afternoon tea and caroling event... We are <b>requesting donations of homemade baked goods and/or some kind of music</b> (including singing) to share with the tenants. If you would like more information or can donate baked goods, please email Holly Blood at <a href="mailto:hollydblood@yahoo.com">hollydblood@yahoo.com</a> . Housing First provides housing without a precondition of sobriety, and they have approximately 45 tenants. Children are welcome at this event.	

	6-9pm	<b>Western Arctic Integrated Activity Plan hearing-</b> The deadline to <a href="#">comment on the IAP revision and accompanying EIS is January 21, 2020</a> , and public meetings start this week. The Fairbanks hearing will be December 18 from 6-9 at the Morris Thompson Center. We will host a gathering before the meeting if you'd like to learn more about the process, or share information with other concerned citizens before testifying. We'll share more details next week, or contact <a href="mailto:ryan@northern.org">ryan@northern.org</a> for more information.	Morris Thompson Center
<b>Thursday Dec 19</b>	7pm	<b>Gender Pack Parents Group:</b> A support group for parents of transgender, non-binary, or gender non-conforming kids meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month... .... For more information contact <a href="mailto:genderpackparents@gmail.com">genderpackparents@gmail.com</a>	downstairs room at UUFF
<b>Friday Dec 20</b>		Come by our office to <b>celebrate Solstice!</b> Stop by our office for snacks, drinks, and good company...! We'll have materials to make paper snowflakes, or feel free to bring your own craft supplies for a project in process! Bring a snack to share for our "snackluck" if you want, or just bring yourself. <a href="#">RSVP on Facebook (if you want).</a>	Northern Alaska Environmental Center,
<b>Saturday Dec 21</b>	11:30 am	<b>NAACP meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month for General Membership mtgs.</b> Membership forms are available... Office (907) 456-2227; Greater Fairbanks Branch Local 1001 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People p.o. Box 84437, Fbks, AK 99708	1427 Gillam Way Fbks Neighborhood Housing Bldg
		<b><a href="#">Put on Your Calendar - After Next Week Events</a></b>	
<b>Feb. 20-22</b> <b>Feb. 29</b>		<b>Alaska Sustainable Agriculture Conference</b> , Feb. 20-22 (Thurs-Saturday) in Anchorage <input type="checkbox"/> Alaska Sustainable Agriculture Conference, Feb. 20-22 in Anchorage <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Farm Forum, Feb. 29 <a href="mailto:sne-enevents@alaska.edu">sne-enevents@alaska.edu</a> .	Anchorage  Delta

## Peace Justice Sustainability

**"How do we abolish war?"** **War Abolition 101** (will) help you make the best case for shifting from war to peace. **Administration Responds to Crisis of Violence Against Native Women** The Trump administration signed an executive order and unveiled a new Justice Department effort to **end the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women**. These actions are a good first step. Now Congress must act. **Urge your senators to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act with strong tribal provisions** and register now. Watch this [video](#) describing the course” **Congressional Leaders Demonstrate Support for Global Climate Response**

The 25th Conference of Parties (COP25), a U.N. summit dedicated to addressing climate change, kicked off in Madrid on Dec. 2. A large [delegation of congressional leaders attended](#) and Speaker Nancy Pelosi spoke, saying: “Congress’s commitment to action on the climate crisis is iron-clad.””

**“America’s Dark History of Killing Its Own Troops With Cluster Munitions** <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/12/04/magazine/cluster-munitions-history.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share> This [was] an article from the New York Times [last] week on the horrible cluster munitions we have been using in our wars. The first ones were developed by the Nazis. Mistakenly, I worked on these at Nellis AFB while in the Air Force as an EOD tech during our war on Vietnam. **The horrible way these weapons killed people was part of my process of my moving away from service in the military.”** from Bob Anderson via the *Stop the War Machine* blog.

from *U.S. Institute for Peace (USIP)*: “...over 90% of major **nonviolent campaigns** from 1900-2014 experienced some form of government repression, often in violation of internationally recognized rights to freedom of expression, assembly, and association....[[Watch the recent USIP](#)] **Facebook Live conversation with civil resistance scholars and experts** that will shed light on activists’ experiences dealing with violent repression in Hong Kong, Tunisia, and Sudan, as well as the latest research on factors that encourage and sustain nonviolent discipline, particularly when movements encounter violence from police and other security forces.”

“Where in the World is the U.S. Military?” See at <https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2015/06/us-military-bases-around-the-world-119321>

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from FCNL: **“House Moves to Restore Voting Rights Protections**

On Dec. 6, the House [passed the Voting Rights Advancement Act](#) (H.R. 4). This important legislation would [restore one of the most powerful provisions](#) of the original 1965 Voting Rights Act. The bill now moves to the Senate. [Tell your senator to take action!](#)”

**“Edward Snowden: How Your Cell Phone Spies on You”** - Snowden physically removes the built-in microphone on his smart-phone to prevent being eavesdropped on;  
The short Oct. 2019 youtube video expands on the concern.

In a Sept 17, 2019, [54-minute youtube video interview on MSNBC](#), Snowden speaks **more about privacy and threats to democracy**. “On the eve of his **memoir 'Permanent Record'** being published, NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden talked at length from Moscow with MSNBC's Brian Williams in an exclusive interview...”  
**Listeners/readers may also be interested in [Freedom of the Press Foundation](#) [which]** “Freedom of the Press Foundation protects, defends, and empowers public-interest journalism in the 21st century. Threats to press freedom around the world are at an all-time high. Sign up to stay up to date and take action to protect journalists and whistleblowers everywhere...” <https://freedom.press>

***“FBI warning: Web-connected 'smart' TVs can watch owners”*** [per UPI](#) or other articles.

*‘Published on Friday, December 06, 2019, by [Common Dreams](#)*

Vowing to Deliver High-Speed Broadband for All, Sanders **Plan Would Enshrine Internet as Public Utility**... “Our tax dollars built the internet. It should be a public good for all, not another price-gouging profit machine for Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon.” —Sen. Bernie Sanders’

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*from Organic Consumers Association:* “Could your state be the first to ban [Monsanto’s Roundup](#) weedkiller? Our [Millions Against Monsanto](#) campaign to ban glyphosate is gaining steam in statehouses across the country... It’s well past time for state lawmakers to respect the independent science on this toxic chemical, and to honor the suffering of those who have—or will—get cancer because of exposure to Monsanto’s Roundup herbicide.”

“The **100% Clean Economy Act announced this week in Congress** is the roadmap America needs to drive urgent action that matches the scale of the problem. It provides a starting point and a finish line ...” [per Forbes magazine](#) & numerous other sources...

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*from [The Washington Post](#):* **“State lawmakers acknowledge lobbyists helped craft their op-eds attacking Medicare-for-all**... on behalf of the Partnership for America’s Health Care Future, a multimillion-dollar industry group founded in 2018... None of the lawmakers’ columns discloses that they were written with the help of a lobbyist. ...The Partnership for America’s Health Care Future has spent more than \$1 million on television advertisements since August warning against Medicare-for-all ...”  
At the bottom of this Dec. 2 article, there are links for **[“Medicare-for-all: Where the Democratic presidential candidates stand”](#)** and **[“Americans have questions about Medicare-for-all. Canadians have answers.”](#)**

**Ask Congress to Fund Critical Food Safety Programs** - For the second year running, a multi-state E. coli outbreak is forcing Americans to question whether the lettuce we put on our holiday tables will be safe to eat. At the same time, your members of Congress are currently deciding how much funding to provide the government in the coming year, including key investments in food safety. Your voice can make a difference. Join us today in urging Congress to support these clear public priorities.” *from Center for Science in the Public Interest.*

*from Co-op Market Grocery & Deli:* **“LEND A HAND:** Round up your change at the register in December and donate the difference to the [Interior Alaska Center for Non Violent Living](#). In November, you donated \$2999.20 to Lend a Hand to the [Breadline/Stone Soup Cafe](#). We are reviewing and compiling applications for the 2020 program. In our next email, we'll publish the link to a survey for our Owners to select next year's recipients. Learn more [here](#).

“Lend Tools. Build Community.” Chena Tool Library, started in 2017, does this. “Our mission: Enhance self-sufficiency and build a stronger community by supporting DIY endeavors. Are you a DIYer who doesn't have the space, money or desire to own a bunch of tools? Wouldn't it be great if there was a place to borrow what you needed for your project while meeting and sharing ideas with your friends and neighbors? Let's make this happen in our Fairbanks community!”  
1072 Dolphin Way (Off Sea Way to Chena Marina, off Chena Pump Rd), Fairbanks Open Wednesdays 6-8pm & Saturdays 9am-1pm 455-TOOL  
<http://chenatoollibrary.org> [https://www.facebook.com/pg/ChenaToolLibrary/about/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/ChenaToolLibrary/about/?ref=page_internal)

*from Union of Concerned Scientists:* “From suppressing a report on the risks of formaldehyde exposure to misrepresenting research on the effects of fracking on drinking water sources, political interference in science can have serious consequences for the health and safety of the public. **The Scientific Integrity Act offers common-sense solutions to political interference in science** and... has 229 cosponsors and was voted out of committee with bipartisan support. The House of Representatives is set to vote on this good government bill any day now. **[Urge Representative Don Young to vote for the Scientific Integrity Act \(H.R. 1709\) today.](#)**



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

-- **“Are you concerned about the preparation for and use of military being promoted in and from Alaska as a first rather than a last resort when conflicts arise, and of the blurring between prevention and provocation of conflict?”**

Alaska Senators Murkowski and Sullivan recently introduced a bill to create a new “Ted Stevens Arctic Security Studies Center,” within the Department of Defense. Its primary goals “would be to find solutions for the greatest security challenges of the Circumpolar Arctic region while promoting greater engagement to addressing the challenges that lay ahead,” per Murkowski’s website.

I suggest that **such a Security Studies Center should instead be situated within either the University of Alaska system or the U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP)**, “a national, nonpartisan, independent institute, founded by Congress and dedicated to the proposition that a world without violent conflict is possible, practical, and essential for U.S. and global security. In conflict zones abroad, the Institute works with local partners to prevent, mitigate, and resolve violent conflict.”

The USIP's broader vision for solutions and alternative approaches to resolving conflict is better suited to an Arctic Security Studies Center than the Department of Defense.

The U.S. Institute of Peace website <https://www.usip.org/> lists examples of how it advances peace and national security, such as, “facilitates reconciliation dialogues to heal the deep divides left by ISIS's occupation [in Iraq]. These dialogues lead to tangible healing, including 6 accords that have permitted the return of more than 600,000 displaced Iraqis.”

***"Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired, signifies in the final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed."*** Dwight D. Eisenhower

The Department of Defense (DoD), on the other hand, “provides the military forces needed to deter war and ensure our nation’s security.”

This is a much more limited scope and includes various inherent problems. These problems include risking the lives and emotional well-being of its 1.3 million active-duty service members, as well as seriously impacting their family members, communities, and the foreign communities where many of them are stationed.

Whereas USIP requested \$38 million for 2019, the 2020 Senate Defense Appropriations bill provides \$750 Billion for failed-audit, untraceable military funding, and does not include the hundreds of \$Billions of military-related and non-DoD military spending. Giving more to the Department of Defense's outsized budget would likely be further fuel to the military-industrial complex which perpetuates ever-more-deadly arms and pollution instead of alternative, healthier, resolutions to conflict.

As the adage says, ***“When your only tool is a hammer, every problem looks like a nail.”***

The U.S. Institute for Peace has more diverse tools in its toolbox and is able to analyze world events, societies, individuals, and their interactions with a much wider range of vision than the limited paradigm through which the Department of Defense sees the world.

I urge Senators Murkowski and Sullivan to change their bill to situate their proposed Ted Stevens Arctic Security Studies Center within the University of Alaska and/or the U.S. Institute for Peace, and to provide full funding as a broad-based program not limited to military solutions.

**Please let our Senators know you agree.** Call them via the Capitol switchboard, 1-202-224-3121; or you can visit their local offices, fax or email them:

*Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fairbanks: Courthouse Square, 250 Cushman Street, Suite 2D; 456-0233/fax (877) 857-0322; Email via: [murkowski.senate.gov](mailto:murkowski.senate.gov)*

*Sen Dan Sullivan in Fairbanks: Federal Building, 101 12th Avenue, Suite 328; 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: [sullivan.senate.gov](mailto:sullivan.senate.gov)*

Heather Koponen, *Respectfully acknowledging I am on unsundered territory of the first people of this land - the Chena and Tanana Native people.*

You can call me at 907-479-0981.”

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*“Hello, this is Rob Mulford the Asymmetric Moose with picks for the week of December 8, 2019.*

*According to a November 26, AP report authored by Robert Burns:*

*Defense Secretary Mark Esper declared that President Donald Trump ordered him to stop a disciplinary review of a Navy SEAL accused of battlefield misconduct, an intervention that raised questions about America’s commitment to international standards for battlefield ethics.*

*Esper’s comments on Monday were the latest twist in the case of Chief Petty Officer Edward Gallagher, which led to a conflict between Trump and armed services leaders over military discipline.*

*Gallagher was acquitted of murder in the stabbing death of an Islamic State militant captive but convicted by a military jury of posing with the corpse while in Iraq in 2017. Esper initially favored allowing the Navy to proceed with a peer-review board which could have resulted in Gallagher losing his SEAL status, but he said he was obliged to follow Trump’s order.*

*“I can control what I can control,” Esper told reporters when asked whether Trump sent the right message to U.S. troops by intervening to stop the Gallagher review. “The president is the commander in chief. He has every right, authority and privilege to do what he wants to do.”*

According to Wikipedia:

On June 20, 2019, during Gallagher's trial, one of the platoon medics from Gallagher's team testifying as a prosecution witness said that although Gallagher did stab the ISIS fighter, he did not actually kill him. The medic, Special Operator First Class Corey Scott who testified under an immunity agreement, testified that he himself had killed the wounded prisoner by covering his breathing tube and asphyxiating him.<sup>[26]</sup> Scott called it a "mercy killing" and argued that the victim would have been tortured by Iraqi personnel due to his connection to the Islamic State.<sup>[27]</sup> Prosecutors were taken by surprise, since the medic had never given this version of events to them or Navy investigators. This account was also contrary to the statements of at least seven other SEALs<sup>[28]</sup> as well as Scott's previous statements. Because of the immunity agreement Scott cannot be prosecuted even for admitting publicly that he killed the man, though he could be prosecuted for perjury if the account is proven false.

I have no way of verifying Special Operator First Class Corey Scott's surprise testimony. Any conjecture on my part as to the veracity of his confession or the probable outcome of the slated peer review would be moot. It is somewhat telling, however, that he did confirm that Gallagher had stabbed the injured POW in the neck.

Many people, including some retired military leaders, have raised concerns over the power of the President to reverse decisions made within the authority of the Universal Code of Military Justice. To some degree I share those concerns.

But, consider this, the case was considered to be "difficult" due to the Navy's slow response to the reports of misconduct. No formal investigation began for nearly a year after the reports were made and by then much of the physical evidence, such as the bodies of those alleged to be killed by Gallagher, were not recoverable.

This is not atypical. Those inclined to commit murder will do so especially if trained to do so and the murder is committed against someone fitting the mythical construct of enemy, terrorist, savage, etc. It makes little difference if the so-called enemy is murdered defending his own turf against the invading murderer. Some get a slap on the hand, like Gallagher possibly losing his Navy Seal status. Many get ribbons of honor and badges of courage.

The whole business first became clear to me during my Basic Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina in 1971. My company had just finished our required class, instructed by representatives from the International Red Cross, on International Humanitarian Law. While standing in formation, after being instructed that it was our duty to refuse to carry out orders to commit war crimes, our drill sergeants gave us the straight skinny, **"Soldiers, all that stuff you just learned in class, about not following orders to commit war crimes? Forget it. That ain't the way it works."** War, after all, is a racket.

*"Some of those that work forces, are the same that burn crosses." Next Rage Against The Machine sings Killing In The Name Of."*

--Where I'm Bound, by Robin Dale Ford

-- Peace Pilgrim quote from The Way of Peace

--Marching to Missilemania by Doug Leggett on The Way of Peace

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### **Annual Outreach Costs**

Tanana Valley State Fair: \$800+ for booth, pins and bumper stickers

Alternatives to Violence Project: \$65 per workshop scholarship

### **Potluck Presentations, Peace Feast and Special Events**

Facility use fees for events: \$15-\$250 rental, plus insurance if required

Advertising: \$75+ per event for printing flyers; \$250 - \$500 banner ad, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner; \$2000 for 1/3 page ad

**Ongoing Expenses:** \$225 monthly office rent; \$30-\$50 monthly utilities and supplies

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**Alaska Peace Center**

**3535 College Rd Ste 203**

**Fairbanks AK 99709-3722**

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**THANK YOU!**

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- individually, in our community, and globally -  
with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.*

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*May Peace be with you!*

*Have a good week!*

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Fax 907-459-6710

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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>

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