

WAMM Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons

Call to Action by Marie Braun, WAMM End War Committee

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Cover image: Operation Crossroads, the nuclear test explosion, Bikini Island, 1946. At the expense of inhabitants, the Bikini Atoll of the Marshall Islands in the Pacific was designated as a U.S. site for nuclear weapons testing. Twenty-three nuclear tests were conducted through 1954, culminating in a hydrogen bomb explosion with 1,000 times the power of atomic bombs dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima. (Photo: U.S. DoD)



On August 6, 1945, an American B-29 bomber, the Enola Gay, took off from Tinian Island with a 12-member crew. It was carrying one of the most destructive weapons the world had ever known, an atomic bomb that, when unleashed over Hiroshima, Japan, immediately killed 60,000 – 140,000 people and injured 100,000 more. Three days later, the U.S. dropped a second bomb on Nagasaki; again the immediate aftermath was a nightmare. Thus began the nuclear arms race and for seven decades the world community has lived under the threat of nuclear annihilation.

People the world over have campaigned vigorously to abolish nuclear weapons, but to no avail. However, on December 23, 2016, in a historic vote, 123 nations stood up to the world's superpowers at the United

Nations and voted to convene a meeting in the spring of 2017 to negotiate a legally binding treaty to ban these weapons. While the nuclear nations are not among the nations who voted in favor of a conference, the hope is that a treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons will strengthen the global norm against their use and possession and will establish a powerful new international legal standard, stigmatizing nuclear weapons and compelling nations to take action on disarmament.

Nuclear weapons are the only weapons of mass destruction not yet prohibited under international law, despite their imminent danger and their inhumane and indiscriminate nature. There are approximately 15,000 nuclear warheads in the world held by nine nations—the U.S., Russia, UK, France, China, India, Pakistan,

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Israel, and North Korea (7,100 held by the U.S. and 7,300 by Russia). All nine nuclear weapon states report plans to upgrade and modernize their nuclear arsenals.

Yet according to studies by Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) the use of even a tiny fraction of current arsenals would cause catastrophic climate disruption and a global famine that could kill two billion people. And as climate change progresses, the danger of nuclear war will increase dramatically as nations experience limited food and water resources and try to deal with forced migrations that PSR claims will dwarf the current refugee crisis.

As citizens of this nation, the only nation that has used nuclear weapons on another nation, and the nation that spends more on its nuclear arsenals than all other nations combined, we believe we have a special responsibility to speak out and act to ensure that these weapons are never again used by our government.

The WAMM Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons grew out of this conviction.

The short-term goals of the campaign (to be accomplished by August 31, 2017) include getting 5,000 signatures on a petition addressed to the Minnesota Congressional delegation demanding a ban on nuclear weapons, sending 2,000 signed postcards to Senators Klobuchar and Franken asking them to support the ban, and encouraging the mayors of Minneapolis and St. Paul, who are members of Mayors for Peace, to issue a statement of support for the ban. We also plan to hold roundtable discussions on nuclear weapons in at least six churches and will encourage individuals to organize house parties, write letters to the editor, sign petitions and postcards and take other creative actions.

These goals are ambitious and we are looking for people willing to get signatures on postcards and the petition, assist in hosting roundtable discussions, visit our elected officials and participate in other actions. ☺

NOW IS THE TIME TO TAKE ACTION!
If you are interested in becoming a part of the WAMM Campaign to Ban Nuclear Weapons, call the WAMM office at 612-827-5764. Postcards and petitions can be picked up at the WAMM office or mailed to you.



Genbaku Dome, the ruins of Hiroshima Prefectural Industrial Promotion Hall after the U.S. dropped the first atomic bomb on the city. It has been preserved in the same state since August 6, 1945 as a stark reminder but also hope for the elimination of all nuclear weapons. (Photo: UN)

Countering McCarthyism: The Struggle Continues

An Interview with Lee Ross

by Linda J. Hoover

Attempts to silence dissent began early in our country's history with the Sedition Act and continue through today via the Patriot Act. Efforts to single out sub-groups for extra surveillance and punishment for dissent are a tactic used across time. One such time was the McCarthy era, also known as the second Red Scare. The McCarthy era takes its name from the Wisconsin Senator Joseph McCarthy, who was a leading spokesperson for those willing to broadly define treason and to make accusations of treason against people organizing for a better life for themselves and others.

Lee Ross, longtime member of Women Against Military Madness (WAMM), shares recollections and observations about ordinary people and the attempts to silence them during the McCarthy era.

Lee is the youngest of three children born to parents from Tsarist Russia. Her parents moved first to Paris and the French Riviera before relocating to the United States during the World War I era. She was born, raised, and spent her young adult years on the Lower East Side of New York City, which was also home to many progressive activists and organizations, some of which Lee refers to in this interview.

Lee attended Seward Park High School, the same school that Ethel Rosenberg had attended a decade earlier. (Ethel Rosenberg was executed for treason with her husband, Julius. She is believed to have been innocent and her children are attempting to have her posthumously exonerated.) Seward Park High had the largest number of union teachers in the city at a time when union membership was illegal. Lee recalls that Seward teachers demanded that the school open enrollment



Lee Ross (Photo: Linda J. Hoover)

to students from Harlem, thus integrating the school. Lee lived in the New York area until she moved to Minnesota in the early 1980s.

Q: When you were asked to share your perspective on McCarthyism, you quickly replied, "Only if the interview is not about me. Only if I can relate McCarthyism to today." Why the quick response?

A: It is important for people to know there is continuity in these things. Each subsequent law got a little worse and each state had their own laws.

My husband was a Merchant Marine. His licenses were revoked because he refused to sign a loyalty oath to the U.S. government. I was a nurse then. I worked part-time at a hospital in New York and also had a second job with a temporary agency and went into people's homes to give medical injections like insulin and vitamins. I met people who supported McCarthy. I told one supporter, "Don't hitch your wagon to McCarthy's cart because

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when they want to get rid of him they will.”

The block on which I lived had many people who were actively trying to do away with McCarthyism. My family was visited by the FBI and I refused to open the door. A friend of mine handled it better. When her family was visited by the FBI, she said of course they would cooperate. She told the FBI to send her a list of questions they wanted to ask and she would have her attorney look them over. The FBI left them alone after that.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn [a labor activist and a feminist who played a leading role in the Industrial Workers of the World and the Communist Party USA] lived down the street from us. Many progressive organizations had storefront offices. People just walked into them for conversations. The FBI hired a mafia guy to sit in a building and make a list of everyone who walked down the street. After the McCarthy era the offices of those organizations disappeared. People were afraid.

People need to know the bulk of the people who were questioned were totally innocent. They might have been union members or helped organize a union, but it never occurred to them to be anything other than American citizens. People who wanted to see a better world were labeled communists, un-American, and enemies. A lot of lives were destroyed. The important thing to get across is that these were ordinary people.

Q: Laws allowing surveillance have been around in the U.S. for over 200 years. President Truman said that

McCarthyism “is the use of the Big Lie and the unfounded accusation against any citizen in the name of Americanism and security.”¹ What role did resistance have in mitigating the impact of laws that encouraged such accusations?

A: Resistance was difficult because so many people were arrested. If you signed a loyalty oath and then somebody said you were a communist, a labor leader, or that you had attended a May Day parade you could be charged with violating your oath. Ordinary people were often convicted in court and sent to prison. Others were summoned to appear before a Senate committee or the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC). [People were accused of things they may or may not have thought or done and they were pressured into telling stories about other people.] I think it still has an impact on people today and some people are still afraid to speak out. That’s why I think the young people today are so wonderful in [not being afraid with] what they are doing.

There were resisters in the 1950s but they were isolated from each other, probably because of security, so they didn’t see the ripple effect. But we did coalesce around a lot of issues. My first visit to Washington, D.C., was to picket at the White House in support of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg. I had just had a child and was attending events but not organizing them. I do not know who the organizers of the trip were. I do remember that we were given a sheet with the names of restaurants in Washington that would serve Black people. We were asked to eat only at those restaurants. Can you image this [segregation] happening in our nation’s capital?!

Another example of resistance that I recall was when I was a nurse and worked in a New York hospital. Two Jewish young men came in to be treated for injuries sustained at a demonstration against the war in Korea. The doctor was anti-Jewish. He said he was going to give both patients a spinal tap, [a painful procedure and] unrelated to the treatment needed by either man. I told the patients not to sign any consent to treatment form. On my lunch break I took a cab to the National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (NECLC) office. I told them the NECLC needed to help the young men get out of there, which is what they did.

Q: In 2015, a Foreignpolicy.com article noted that “over eight years, President Barack Obama has created the most intrusive surveillance apparatus in the world.”² Comparing the 1950s with today, what about surveillance looks the same or different?

A: I would not know how to answer that. I am not that involved (Lee is 90), but it seems to be much more widespread than it was in the 1950s due to technology.

Q: President-elect Trump’s Energy Department transition team requested the names of staff who have worked on climate change and also the professional society memberships of lab workers, among other things. The Department refused to cooperate. Your thoughts about this?

A: The Energy Department employees are to be congratulated for standing up to Trump, but that is only a sign of things that may come. Makes a chill run down my spine

because the Energy Department is mild enough, but what happens to the other departments? [Update: After this interview, on December 21, 2016, the Trump transition team asked the State Department to provide a list about gender-related staffing, programming, and funding. The State Department complied, directing staff to provide the Trump team with all information by 5:15 p.m. that day.]

Q: President Truman said that McCarthyism, among other things, “is the rise to power of the demagogue who lives on untruth.”³ What does this statement bring to mind?

A: This is what has happened because of the periods of repressions. We know that under this kind of system it is going to happen again and again and again because those in power have a vested interest in retaining power. It means that people have to be ready to struggle, to be alert.

Q: Is the stress in the immigrant communities, and I’m thinking of the Somali community in Minneapolis, anywhere near the stress that was felt among the broader population during the McCarthy era?

A: First, I admire the Somali community. They have been able to organize to achieve goals which it took other immigrant groups a couple of generations to achieve. The stress is more intense because it is a small community. In a different time there might have been a pogrom against them, and thank goodness there isn’t. I think they may become increasingly frightened and afraid to take action. I hope it doesn’t happen. I hope they unite with other people

to struggle against what might happen.

Q: We often say, “The struggle continues.” What does that phrase mean to you, and reflecting on your life as a young adult during the McCarthy era, does anything spring to mind when you think about today?

A: Any struggle continues. It goes down generations. People have to engage their children and pass on to their children what the struggle is about. I was invited to speak at a university class and was asked what I would recommend to young people. I said, Get involved, stay involved. I may not agree with what you are involved in, but get involved. When they become involved they need to understand that one must organize against repression. ☺

Linda J. Hoover is a member of the WAMM Newsletter Committee and a peace and justice activist.

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The War for Hearts and Memes

by Mary Beaudoin

Two potent messages have been resounding through the echo chamber of the collective consciousness of American citizens—in other words, these memes have gone viral: “Russia hacked the U.S. elections” and “fake news.” But the Russian hack remains unproven, and arbiters of fake news have smeared some good information resources. However, you might not hear about this unless you look at alternative news.

These memes coincide with the U.S./NATO military build-up on Russia’s borders. And lest peace-loving U.S. citizens might desire détente instead, the National Defense Authorization Act of 2017 is creating a Global Engagement Center, a collaboration of the U.S. Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State to counter foreign influence on Americans. This was preceded by “PropOrNot”, which popped up rather mysteriously on the internet and the front page of the *Washington Post* claiming to expose many legitimate alternative websites for producing fake news, pushing Russian propaganda or acting as useful idiots to influence gullible Americans on behalf of Putin’s “brutal kleptocracy.” PropOrNot also cautioned against Russian and Iranian media assuming that U.S. citizens are too unsophisticated to be able to handle perspectives other than those provided by U.S. officials and corporate media. Have an open mind? Here are some websites maligned on the list:

antiwar.com • asia-pacificresearch.com
blackagendareport.com
consortiumnews.com • corbetteport.com
globalresearch.ca • greenvillepost.com
informationclearinghouse.info
journal-neo.org • mintpressnews.org
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washingtonsblog.com • wikileaks.org
zerohedge.com ☺

The Mystery of Menwith Hill

by Mary Beaudoin



Above: RAF Menwith Hill, operated by the United States National Security Agency (NSA). (Photo: Trevor Paglen. From the “Limited Telephotography” series, 2014, in which the artist used powerful lenses to capture long range images of U.S. security facilities.)

The North Yorkshire countryside of England with its pleasant, pastoral scenes of grazing sheep, field stone fences, and picturesque, rustic architecture could serve as a perfect setting for the classic mystery genre referred to as “the cozy.” In the genre of the cozy, the crime committed—usually murder—is “off stage” so that the gentle reader is not exposed to descriptions of graphic violence resulting in a defiled corpse.

In real life, Menwith Hill exists in such a bucolic environment, but has some more elements in common with the cozy mystery. Some local residents of Yorkshire had to take it upon themselves to act as sleuths to learn more about what goes on within the restricted-access security facility run by the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA).

Aided by whistleblowers, the research of journalists and peace activists, and what court and military documents they could obtain, they were able to piece together an idea

of Menwith Hill’s enormous global surveillance in support of U.S. military warfare.

Antiwar activists with the Campaign for the Accountability of American Bases have held a vigil near Menwith Hill for 16 years, more recently protesting that the base is assuming a role in the Ballistic Missile Defense (Star Wars) program with its first-strike nuclear capability.

The Yorkshire Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament has challenged the site through the courts and Parliament but has been stonewalled with declarations of “the need for security and counter terrorism”.

In addition to these challenges, the Yorkshire group commissioned an independent report, “Lifting the Lid on Menwith Hill” (<http://natowatch.org/node/628>), which was released in 2012. It concluded that there were, in fact, dead bodies associated with Menwith Hill. But as

in the cozy mysteries, no gruesome, violent scenes resulting in corpses were visible—the deaths were all “off stage”:

Menwith Hill’s provision of integrated intelligence is already being used to support a range of ‘realtime’ military operations, including remote-control, drone attacks that have led to the deaths and injuries of thousands of civilians.

In contrast to the cozy mystery, the casualties of Menwith Hill are not local, but far afield in foreign lands, and the weapons are state-of-the-art intelligence-collecting technology programs designed by Lockheed Martin, Northrup Grumman, and Raytheon. In her column, Polly Mann examines the latest revelations about Menwith Hill. ☮

Mary Beaudoin is the editor of the WAMM newsletter.

PM: Following the Clues

by Polly Mann

The unauthorized killing of an individual is considered a crime in the United States and the responsible party, if found guilty, is punished. But there is an important caveat to this—if the perpetrator is a member of the U.S. military and is ordered to kill someone in a foreign country, that is O.K. It's called war—or a euphemism for war: “a military action.” Similarly, within the United States, people conspiring to kill in a foreign country are considered to have committed a serious crime. However, the U.S. has evidently worked out an arrangement with the UK, whereby collaborating in the assassination of individuals is perfectly legal.

Recently revealing how: On September 6, 2016, the online news site, *The Intercept*, reported new information gathered from documents that had been supplied by Edward Snowden, the American whistleblower. The documents expand on and corroborate evidence that the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA) operates a secret United Kingdom military/security base to aid in “a significant number of capture-kill-operations” across the Middle East and North Africa.

The installation was used during the Cold War to spy on Soviet bloc countries. Today it has expanded to become the largest surveillance operation in the world. At the British Royal Air Force base, RAF Menwith Hill, the NSA collects massive amounts of intelligence. NSA and British authorities will not discuss Menwith Hill, but according to *The Intercept* reporter Ryan Gallagher, leaked documents showing that in 2011, in one 12-

hour period alone, the Menwith Hill surveillance system “logged more than 335 million metadata records which reveal information such as sender and recipient of an email, or phone numbers someone called and at what time.” [Editor's Note: To understand the ability of surveillance to capture specific conversations, it's only necessary to recall the widely reported scandal that erupted when the NSA was caught listening in on the personal cellphone calls of German Chancellor Angela Merkel in 2013. Curiously, institutional memories become foggy in recalling that in 2013, it was also revealed that communications of former Russian President Dmitry Medvedev were intercepted by the NSA when he visited the UK for the G20 Summit meeting in 2009.]

Aside from spying on world leaders, the Menwith Hill programs are able to capture information through satellites, and to identify the location of the specific cellphones and internet connections used by individuals the U.S. deems to be suspected terrorists. This information is “actionable intelligence” to aid in killing these individuals in Iraq and Afghanistan, and in countries that neither the U.S. nor the UK have declared war on: Pakistan, Somalia, and Yemen. According to *The Intercept*: “NSA employees at Menwith Hill have collaborated on a project to ‘eliminate’ terrorism targets in Yemen, for example, where the U.S. has waged a controversial drone bombing that resulted in dozens of civilian deaths.”

The American Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit to uncover information related to the so-called

Presidential Kill List, the Administration's use of drones to eliminate terrorists. The drone-strike “playbook” says that strikes may be used against terrorist targets where there is “near certainty that an unlawful target is present, near certainty that non-combatants will not be injured or killed and when the target poses a continuing, imminent threat to U.S. persons.” “Near certainty” has resulted in the killing of thousands of people, including many non-combatants, but then who is counting? White House figures were only a small percentage of those estimated by human rights organizations and investigative reporters. And, aside from deaths officially recognized as civilians, terrorist “suspects” have never been tried in a court of law and found guilty.

The American public was mostly unaware of the role drones played during the Obama administration, and the use of them continued unabated. It remains to be seen what will happen under the Trump administration. ☮

Some sources for information in this column: *The Intercept*, *Der Spiegel*, *The Guardian*, the American Civil Liberties Union.

Polly Mann is a co-founder of Women Against Military Madness, writes a regular column, and is a frequent contributor to the WAMM newsletter.

The WAMM Ground All Drones Committee studies, educates, and acts against drone warfare. For further information, presentations to schools and community groups, other actions, and how to participate, see womenagainstmilitarymadness.org

Victories, Pushbacks, Daring

Melting ICE

More than 500 U.S. cities are restricting law enforcement from cooperating with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency (ICE). Los Angeles is creating a \$10 million legal defense fund for immigrants who may face deportation. Religious institutions and universities are reviving the sanctuary movement to shelter immigrants from deportation.

Muslim Registry Nixed

Under intense public pressure, U.S. President Obama dismantled the National Security Entry-Exit Registration System, a G.W. Bush-instituted program which forced thousands of people from Muslim and Arab countries who reside in the U.S. to provide periodic identification and interviews to the Department of Homeland Security.

Day of Reckoning

The Welfare Rights Committee of Minnesota braved the icy weather to stand out on the steps of the State Capitol to call a Day of Reckoning at the opening of the Minnesota legislature, then went inside to demand that Minnesota state lawmakers stop the war on the poor, children, and the homeless and give aid to all in need (the GAAIN bill).

DAPL in the Arena

Two young activists rappelled up the rafters during a Minnesota Vikings football game in Minneapolis to hang a huge banner that read “Divest from DAPL.” The sports stadium where the game was held bears the name of U.S. Bank which has a \$125 million investment in Energy Transfer Partners, the parent company of Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL).

Truth Escapes Aleppo

Independent journalists Eva Bartlett and Victoria Beeley may be as courageous for going against the dominant Western mainstream narrative as for their on-the-ground reporting in the Syrian city of Aleppo. Beeley also exposed the much-filmed and lauded White Helmets as gun toting propaganda props rather than authentic first responders.

BDS Success

Multinational corporation G4S and telecommunications giant Orange withdrew from their Israeli businesses that have contributed to oppression and violence against Palestinians. Church denominations eschew being falsely labeled anti-Semitic and are divesting from funds and products such as those of Hewlett-Packard that contribute to apartheid. Spanish and Norwegian cities declared themselves “apartheid-free zones” refusing to buy Israeli products.



(Photo: Tina Malia)

World Peace at Standing Rock

Asking for forgiveness and world peace, U.S. military veterans joined in solidarity with the tribe and water protectors at Standing Rock to oppose the Dakota Access Pipeline. The veterans went down on their knees (above) before tribal representatives asking forgiveness for genocide and war crimes committed against Native Americans. Together Native Americans and veterans called out for “World Peace”.



Above: The Day of Reckoning at the Minnesota State Capitol (Photo: Kim DeFranco)

Deeds & Other Signs of Hope

Good Sports

Following the momentum begun by San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick, sports teams at high schools and colleges across the country went down on one knee or linked arms in solidarity to draw attention to police killings. Players in the National Basketball Association are engaging police and communities in sports activities and dialogue to build better racial relations. Pictured right, the results of a Google image search, showing the extent of the phenomenon around the United States.



Justice for Palestine at the UN Security Council

In a 14 to 0 vote, with one abstention—that of the U.S.—the UN Security Council passed a resolution demanding that Israel immediately and completely cease all settlement activities in the occupied Palestinian territory, including its most recent forays into East Jerusalem. Israeli settlements have meant confiscation of Palestinian land, demolition of homes, and displacement of Palestinian civilians in violation of international humanitarian law. The resolution is non-binding, but it passed for all the world to judge.



Above: December 23, 2016. The United Nations Security Council votes on a resolution reiterating its demand that Israel immediately and completely cease all settlement activities in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem. The vote was 14 in favor, with one abstention—that of the United States. (UN Photo/Manuel Elias)

Why WAMM continues with its work: to stop this from happening!

U.S. Bombs Dropped in 2016 (All Weapons Platforms)

Syria	12,192
Iraq	12,095
Afghanistan	1,337
Libya	496
Yemen	35
Somalia	14
Pakistan	3
Total	26,172

“In President Obama’s last year in office, the United States dropped 26,172 bombs in seven countries (Editor’s Note: one every 20 minutes). This estimate is undoubtedly low, considering reliable data is only available for airstrikes in Pakistan, Yemen, Somalia, and Libya, and a single “strike,” according to the Pentagon’s definition, can involve multiple bombs or munitions. In 2016, the United States dropped 3,028 more bombs—and in one more country, Libya—than in 2015.”

—The Council on Foreign Relations

CFS Sources: Estimate based upon Combined Forces Air Component Commander 2011-2016 Airpower Statistics; CJTF-Operation Inherent Resolve Public Affairs Office strike release, December 31, 2016; New America (NA); Long War Journal (LWJ); The Bureau of Investigative Journalism (TBIJ); Department of Defense press release; and U.S. Africa Command press release.

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Vigil to End the Occupation of Palestine

Every Friday, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. corner of Summit Avenue and Snelling Avenue, St. Paul. FFI: Call WAMM 612-827-5364.

Peace Vigil

Every Tuesday, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. on the east side of the Franklin Avenue Bridge, Minneapolis. Sponsored by: Prospect Hill Neighbors for Peace. FFI: Call 612-379-7398.

Grandmothers for Peace Vigil

Every Wednesday, 4:45 to 5:45 p.m. 50th Street and Halifax (1 block west of France), Edina. FFI: Call Marian Wright 612-927-7607.

WAMM Committee Meetings

Board Meeting

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Book Club

Third Saturday of every month, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. NEW LOCATION: Episcopal Homes Welcome Center, 1860 University Ave. West, St. Paul FFI: Call WAMM 612-827-5364.

End War

First Monday of every month, 6:00 p.m. 4200 Cedar Avenue South, Minneapolis. FFI: Call WAMM 612-827-5364.

Ground All Drones

First Thursday of every month, 4:45 to 6:00 p.m. 4200 Cedar Avenue South, Minneapolis. FFI: Call WAMM 612-827-5364.

Middle East

Second Monday of each month, 10:00 a.m. at WAMM, 4200 Cedar Avenue South, Suite 3, Minneapolis. FFI: Call WAMM 612-827-5364.

St. Joan of Arc/WAMM Peacemakers

Fourth Tuesday of every month, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. St. Joan of Arc Church, Parish Center, 4537 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis. FFI: Call Barbara 612-722-4444.

Tackling Torture at the Top (T3)

Second Wednesday of every month, 10:00 a.m. 4200 Cedar Avenue South, Minneapolis. FFI: Call WAMM 612-827-5364.

Ongoing Events

Committee to Stop FBI Repression

Stand with the people subpoenaed in a witch hunt, defend civil liberties. Learn what you can do. All who stand up and act for justice and solidarity are welcome. FFI: Visit stopfbi.net and mnStopFBI.wordpress.com.

People of Faith Peacemakers Breakfast

Second and fourth Wednesdays, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. African Development Center, Riverside and 20th Avenues South, Minneapolis. A resource and support group for those concerned about peace with justice from a faith perspective. FFI: Visit www.justviewpoint.org or call 612-333-4772.

Grandmothers for Peace

First Wed of each month, 12:45 p.m. Edina Public Library, 5280 Grandview Square, Edina. Programs around justice issues that help us to understand our role in changing unjust systems. FFI: Call 952-929-1566.

Pax Salons

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. 943 West Seventh Street (St. Paul Gallery), St. Paul. Please come. Topics vary. Call for details. Small donations accepted. FFI: Call 651-227-3228.

Middle East Peace Now

Usually second or third Saturday. Refreshments 9:30 a.m. Program 10:00 a.m. Location varies. FFI: Visit mepn.org.

WAMM Second Monday Movies

Second Monday of every month, 7:00 p.m. 4200 Cedar Avenue South (enter on 42nd St.), Minneapolis. Projected on big screen. Free admission, popcorn. All welcome. Discussion follows film. FFI: Call WAMM 612-827-5364 or email wamm@mtn.org.

Trumbo, February 13
Dramatized story of top Hollywood screenwriter blacklisted, jailed for political beliefs during period of government persecution in Red Scare.

Command & Control, Mar 13
Documentary of hidden history exposing what can happen if weapons built to protect us threaten to destroy us.

Current Calendar Special Events

Monday at the Mansion

Every Monday, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. (time may change due to winter darkness) 1006 Summit Ave., St. Paul. Peaceful, family-friendly vigil. Gather at the Governor's Residence in memory of Philando Castile, Jamar Clark, Marcus Golden, Michael Kirvelay, Map Kong, Phil Quinn, Jaffort Smith, and 15 more Minnesotans killed by police in the last year. Bring a candle or lantern. Co-hosted by Merriam Park Neighbors for Peace, St. Anthony Villagers for Community Action, St. Paul Eastside Neighbors for Peace, St. Paul Neighbors for Peace, and Women Against Military Madness (WAMM). FFI: 612-827-5364 or on Facebook.

Leslie Reindl Peace Essay Contest February 28, 2017

Essays due! Second annual Leslie Reindl Peace Essay Contest for Minnesota high school juniors and seniors. Top 3 winners to be showcased, awarded scholarship prizes of \$1,000, \$750, and \$500 at World Storytelling Day, March 21, 2017 at Landmark Center in St. Paul. Sponsored by the Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers (MAP) Full topics, guidelines, suggested resources, as well as classroom speakers, available. FFI: Larry Johnson at 612-747-3904 or larryjvfp@gmail.com

WAMM Annual Meeting

Featuring former State Department Officer, U.S. Army Colonel (Ret.) Ann Wright, Saturday, March 4 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Saint Mark's Episcopal Church, 519 Oak Grove Street, Mpls. See Back Page for more details.



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- **Annual WAMM Report set to music**
- **Spoken Word**
- **Raffle Prizes**
- **Light, Tasty Brunch**
- **Membership Renewal**
- **Introduction of New WAMM Board Members**



*Above: Ann Wright
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