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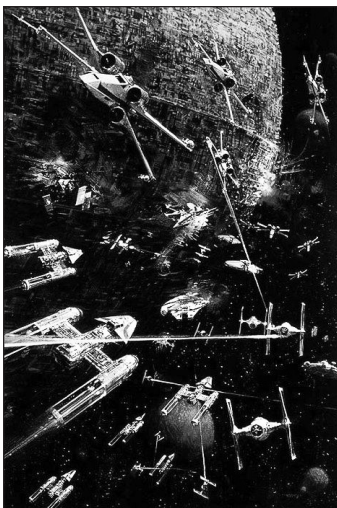
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The U.S. mission to dominate  
outer space with the creation of Space Force  
has been announced.

Instead of supplying the  
human needs of the inhabitants of our  
nation and promoting cooperation among  
the governments of the world, our national  
treasure will be used to expand the U.S.  
empire into the heavens with warfighting and  
weapons, powered by nuclear energy.

Other nations will be incited to act  
and the planet will experience the fallout.  
Is our doom at hand, or will good people  
awaken at last and object in a mighty force  
to stop the threat to all of life on Earth?

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# Space Force: Stealing the Heavens for War

by Karl Grossman

**FOCUS ON OUTER SPACE** *We might be somewhat injured to space warfare by the decades of movies and TV programs involving space warfare from Flash Gordon to Star Trek but a shooting war involving nuclear-energized space weaponry would be no movie or TV show. It would be an unprecedented calamity in which, beyond the immediate destruction and massive deaths, there would be huge amounts of radioactive debris raining down on Earth for centuries and the space above our heads littered with debris making it impossible to get up and out to explore space. – Karl Grossman, author of the books Weapons in Space and The Wrong Stuff: The Space Program's Nuclear Threat to Our Planet and the documentaries Nukes in Space: The Nuclearization and Weaponization of the Heavens and Star Wars Returns.*

The Trump administration is pushing hard on its scheme to create a Space Force. If Trump gets his way, the heavens would become a war zone. Inevitably, there would be military conflict in space.

Moreover, space weaponry would be **nuclear-powered** – as Reagan's Star Wars scheme was to be, with nuclear reactors and plutonium systems on orbiting battle platforms providing the power for hypervelocity guns, particle beams and laser weapons.

That's what would be above our heads.

Amid the many horrible things being done by the Trump administration, this would be the most terribly destructive.

Trump announced at a meeting of the National Space Council on June 18: "I'm hereby directing the Department of

Defense and Pentagon to immediately begin the process necessary to establish a Space Force as the sixth branch of the armed forces; that is a big statement."

Vice President Pence, chairman of a newly reconstituted National Space Council, in a speech at the Pentagon on August 9, declared: "The time has come to write the next great chapter in the history of our armed forces, to prepare for the next battlefield."

U.S. Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis, introducing Pence at his Pentagon appearance, said a Space Force is needed because space "is becoming a contested-warfighting domain." In reality, like Pence's declaration – "Our adversaries have transformed space into a war fighting domain already" – it isn't true.

It's not true, in part because the Outer Space Treaty designates space as a global commons to be used for peaceful purposes – of which Russia and China and the U.S. are parties. Indeed, the U.S., along with the UK and the Soviet Union, worked together assembling the treaty. Adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1966, it entered into force in 1967. It has been ratified or signed by 123 nations. It provides that nations "undertake not to place in orbit around the Earth any objects carrying nuclear weapons or any other kinds of weapons of mass destruction, install such weapons on celestial bodies, or station such weapons in space in any other manner."<sup>1</sup>

The Trump administration is hanging its claim that space has become a "war-fighting domain" on a stupid act by China in 2007 of using a missile to destroy one of its obsolete weather satellites. The Chinese claimed they had notified the U.S., Japan, and other



*Space Battle by Villenummisalo. Deviantart.net*

countries before they did this. And China's Foreign Ministry subsequently insisted, "There's no need to feel threatened about this," and pointed out that China had long pressed for an expansion of the Outer Space Treaty to prohibit not just weapons of mass destruction but all weapons from space – something the U.S., alone among nations, had and has long opposed.

The following year, the U.S. itself used one of its own missiles to destroy a non-functioning U.S. satellite. Whether done by China or the U.S., that's a dumb way to eliminate an old satellite – it causes significant space debris.

Beyond the intent of the Outer Space Treaty and its setting space aside as a global commons, neither Russia nor China have been interested in bringing war into space for economic reasons<sup>2</sup>

Fielding weaponry in space would be hugely expensive (considering acquisition, launch, and maintenance). It is no comparison to, let's say, the tank-

like Bradley Fighting Vehicle costing approximately \$3 million. Billions and billions would need to be expended if the U.S. deploys weaponry in a Space Force with the intention of dominating the Earth from this "ultimate high ground," as U.S. military documents refer to it.

And as Trump made clear in his June announcement, it is his intent to do so: "It is not enough to merely have an American presence in space, we must have American dominance in space."

This will not be accepted by Russia and China and other countries. Under these conditions, they then will be up there, too, with weapons – despite their enormous reluctance through the decades to drain their national treasures on deploying weapons in space.

### **From Nazi rocket scientists to Reagan's Star Wars**

The notion of the U.S. moving into space with weapons goes way back, to

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# PM: A Must Read! *The Hidden Structure of Violence: Who Benefits from Global Violence and War* by Polly Mann



A few years ago I read the best book I have ever encountered about the economic system of this country and its connection with war. After reading it, I was left with feelings of sorrow, anger, and more than a little frustration. But today, I decided that the very least I could do about these feelings was to recommend the book in the hopes that understanding the issues will empower people to act. The name of the book is *The Hidden Structure of Violence: Who Benefits from Global Violence and War* (NYU Press, 2015).

First, a word about the authors, because it's helpful to understand where they are coming from. Both Marc Pilisuk and Jennifer Rountree are connected with Saybrook University in Oakland, California, an online educational institution that examines the interconnectedness of everything and whose mission it is to inspire transformational change. Marc Pilisuk is also a steering committee member of Psychologists for Social Responsibility and a former president of the Society for the Study of Peace, Conflict, and Violence. He is Professor Emeritus of Human and Community Development at the University of California-Davis. Co-author Dr. Jennifer Rountree holds a PhD from Saybrook and is research manager at the National Indian Child Welfare Association in Portland, Oregon, where she works in community-based participatory research with American Indian/Alaska Native tribes and urban Indian communities.

In *The Hidden Structure of Violence*, the two analysts look at the way that war uniquely justifies violence, giving a state “the recognized right to order people to conquer, to destroy, and kill.” They examine “the system of interconnected military and corporate elites whose power dominates decisions that affect the use and distribution of resources,” and they describe how the global corporate economy creates conditions that disturb the whole ecological system and threaten all of life on earth.

But don't just take my word for how important this book is. Many have commented enthusiastically about *The Hidden Structure of Violence*. Here are just a few of the comments:

Tom Hayden, antiwar and social justice activist, called the book “one of the most comprehensive – and programmatic – discussions of the sources and nature of global violence in years.”

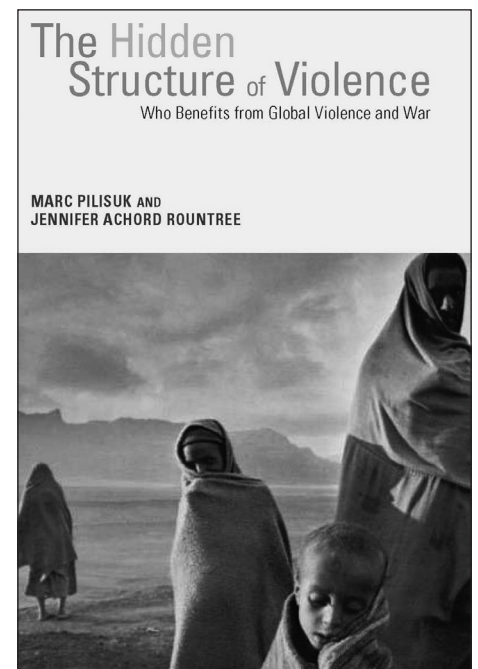
Milton Schwebel, a colleague of Pilisuk and editor and former president of Psychologists for Social Responsibility, describes the book this way: “...speaks the truth about the causes of war and cuts through the veil of theories that mystify and obscure rather than explain the causes . . . a forthright and hard-hitting critique of the power elite's control of government, foreign policy, and the media.”

And high praise indeed comes from *The Monthly Review*, a long-established magazine that analyzes economic issues from a social justice perspective:

*The Hidden Structure of Violence* marshals vast amounts of evidence to examine the costs of direct violence, including military preparedness and the social reverberations of war, alongside the costs of structural violence, expressed as poverty and chronic illness... The result is a stunning indictment of our violent world and a powerful critique of the ways through which violence is reproduced on a daily basis, whether at the highest levels of the state or in the deepest recesses of the mind.

I'll end this column with the way that Marc Pilisuk and Jennifer Rountree conclude their book: “Ultimately any shift from a world of violence will require from each of us a heartfelt and compassionate dedication to justice.” ☺

*Polly Mann is a co-founder of Women Against Military Madness and regular contributor to this newsletter.*



# Many Children Will Not Be Going Back to School: Reports in from 2017, 2018

by WAMM Newsletter Staff

## FOCUS ON CHILDREN

Recently, one young mother in Minneapolis told of how her seven-year-old son, on hearing about war on television news, asked, “Where do they hide the children when there is a war?” The mother knew the answer, but did not want to end her son’s innocence at that time. However, she may as well have responded: “In the corporate media.”

News reports seldom mention child fatalities as a result of war. But reports from last year and this year, largely ignored by the U.S. mainstream media, are disturbing, to say the least. More than 10,000 children were killed or maimed last year, while 8,000 were recruited or used as combatants, according to the latest UN General Assembly report, “Children and Armed Conflict”<sup>1</sup> of May 16, 2018. UN chief Antonio Guterres has expressed outrage over the numbers and said, “Boys and girls have once again been overly impacted by protracted and new violent crisis. Despite some progress, the level of violations remains unacceptable.”<sup>2</sup>

The number of civilians killed in Afghanistan hit a record high in the first half of 2018. According to the latest figures released on July 15 by the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), there were 5,122 civilian casualties (1,692 deaths and 3,430 injured) in the first six months of 2018. Danielle Bell, UNAMA’s human rights chief, said that UNAMA continued to document the toxic consequences of this conflict, with Afghan boys and girls killed, maimed, sexually assaulted, abused, recruited, and used by parties to the conflict. She reported that conflict-

related violence continued to erode the rights of children to education, healthcare, freedom of movement, and other fundamental rights, as well as family life, playing outdoors – and simply enjoying a childhood free of the “brutal effects of war.”<sup>3</sup>

On August 9, a U.S. supported airstrike bombed a bus filled with children in a crowded marketplace in Sa’ada, a city in northern Yemen. In the incident, 51 civilians were killed, 40 of them children, according to the International Red Cross.<sup>4</sup> Prominent antiwar activist Kathy Kelly of Voices for Creative Nonviolence said, “The United States is deeply implicated in the appalling carnage in Yemen. It is our responsibility as citizens to do what we can to demand an end to this complicity.” 5,000 Yemeni children have been killed since the war began in 2015.

According to Defense for Children International Palestine: “Last year marked 50 years of Israeli military occupation, with no signs of abatement in Palestinian children’s vulnerability to injury or abusive military arrest in the West Bank.” At least 35 Palestinian children have been killed by Israel so far in 2018.<sup>5</sup> The United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) reported at least 961 child injuries at the hands of Israeli forces in 2017.<sup>6</sup>

In 20 countries, there were 500 attacks documented on schools in the first half of 2017, according to the UN; figures are as yet unavailable for the entire year, but at this rate they may exceed the 753 verified attacks on both schools and hospitals in all of 2016. Within the U.S., school

shootings reflect a culture that believes in violence as a solution to issues. Though they continue, they do receive U.S. media coverage. A July 30, 2018 *Washington Post* report found that more than 215,000 students have experienced gun violence during school hours since the 1999 shooting at Columbine High School. 141 children, educators, and others had been killed and 287 injured.<sup>7</sup>

The harming and killing of children is an effect of war and violence that needs far more exposure. ☺

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# War Is Not Healthy for Children

by Michael Livingston

## FOCUS ON CHILDREN

The scenes from the U.S.-Mexico border of children being separated from their parents were heart-wrenching. The children, many of them placed in harsh concentration camp like housing, had no way of contacting their parents. When judges ordered that the children be reunited with their parents, it was discovered that ICE did not keep careful records, and in many cases parents did not know where the children had been taken.

Our hearts scream out: why?! Why are these children separated from their parents? Why is our government abusing them in this way: tearing them away from their loved ones, incarcerating them in some awful environments, in many cases not letting them know if and when they can be in contact with their parents again? The answers to these questions, both specific and general, are disturbing. In the specific case, President Trump is using the children as hostages against their

parents and as a threat against all immigrants to discourage immigration and scapegoat immigrants.

In broader terms, children have been some of the main victims of war and racist policies throughout the world. The late 20th century and early 21st century has been a veritable nonstop war on children.

The number of children killed in war is very difficult to calculate for a variety of reasons, but the numbers revealed in best estimates from credible sources are staggering. A 20th century estimate from UNICEF calculates that 2 million children were killed between 1986 and 1995 in wars around the world (including Africa and Central America). Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR), in a careful review of 21st century death tolls from the still ongoing Iraq and Afghanistan wars, estimated the deaths in both wars at 1.3 million civilians between 2001 and 2016, the majority of whom were children. In Yemen, an estimated 5,000 children

have been killed in a war the U.S. population is barely aware of, while in Syria, estimates of children's deaths are in the thousands.

Civilians are not "collateral damage," a horrific Orwellian corruption of language if there ever was one. Civilians, especially children, are actually the most targeted or victimized, killed by the advanced technology favored by the U.S.: cruise missiles, drone strikes, cluster bombs, as well as chemical weapons.

## The physically and psychologically injured

In addition to the killed, there are the injured. In general, the number of injured in war exceeds the number of killed. The physical injuries include Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), lost limbs, and burns. The psychological injuries are also pervasive: a lifetime of anxiety and depression, PTSD, and in the case of young children who lost their parents or were neglected because their parents had been killed, attachment disorders.

Children are especially vulnerable to psychological injuries because of two mechanisms: neuroplasticity and epigenetics during growth. These two mechanisms make children especially sensitive to trauma, and makes the negative effects of trauma more long-lasting.

Neuroplasticity is the brain's ability to rewire itself as a consequence of experience. Every time you learn something new, say, how to use your cell phone or how to speak Spanish, the physical structure of your brain changes. The brain is always plastic in a healthy person



*Immigrant children separated from parents and caged in detention centers.*

but it is not equally plastic at all ages or in all areas of the brain. In general, the older we get, the less plastic our brains. In general, the parts of the brain that determine our personality and our basic emotional patterns, such as happiness or sadness, calmness or anxiety, are most plastic during infancy, early childhood, and middle childhood. The parts of our brains that engage in complex thought and problem solving, planning, and impulse control develop in adolescence and early adulthood. Children exposed to the trauma of war at an early age are especially at risk for lifelong depression and anxiety.

Epigenetics is the source of the second mechanism. The environment turns on or turns off gene expression. This is a radical new understanding of the genetic basis of behavior. Trauma or severe deprivation turns on genes that make it more likely you will be prone to addiction or anxiety. These epigenetic changes can also be passed on to your children independent of how the child was brought up. Because childhood is a period of rapid growth and development, children and young adults are more likely to experience the genetic consequences of trauma than older adults.

The children separated from their parents at the border were traumatized by their experience. The extent of their trauma depends on how they were treated, how old they are, and how quickly they can be reunited with their families. Many of these children and their parents were trying to escape the violence and poverty of Central America. They fled one trauma only to endure another. We must question a president and a policy

that intentionally abuses children for political gain. Only bullies and sociopaths knowingly do this.

### Who will care about the children?

In the mid-1980s I went to Nicaragua as a translator for a group of mostly North American religious activists to see for ourselves the consequences of the revolution and the U.S. war on that small country. I remember clearly one of the Sandinista activists telling me that North Americans often think that they can't do anything because they can't fix it all. Instead, she said, just do something and when enough people do something, real change will take place. The war on children may seem overwhelming, but if each of us does something, we will make a difference.

We can curb the unspeakable abuse of children by opposing war and militarism in all its manifestations. If not us, who? If not now, when? ☺

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**ACTION:** There are many different ways to be involved in the peace and antiwar movement. You can focus on specific weapon systems such as drones that especially hurt children, or specific wars, such as the conflicts in the Middle East. You can focus on foreign policy education, join vigils and demonstrations, or take part in political action such as lobbying. You can spend a tiny amount of time every month, or a larger chunk of time every week. In any event, just do something! For actions in Minneapolis/St. Paul, see page 11 or the WAMM calendar at [womenagainstmilitarymadness.org](http://womenagainstmilitarymadness.org)





## Space Force: Stealing the Heavens *continued from page 3*



the post-World War II years when the U.S. government brought former Nazi rocket scientists from Germany to the U.S. to use “their technological expertise to help create the U.S. space and weapons program,” writes Jack Manno, a professor at the State University of New York/Environmental Science and Forestry College, in his book *Arming the Heavens: The Hidden Military Agenda for Space, 1945–1995*. “Many of the early space war schemes were dreamt up by scientists working for the German military, scientists who brought their rockets and their ideas to America after the war.”

Manno has said that “control over the Earth” was what those who wanted to weaponize space sought:<sup>3</sup>

Well before Ronald Reagan’s “Star Wars,” Manno wrote about German Major General Walter Dornberger, formerly in charge of the entire Nazi rocket program, who “in 1947 as a consultant to the U.S. Air Force and adviser to the Department of Defense...wrote a planning paper for his new employers. He proposed a system of hundreds of nuclear-armed satellites all orbiting at different altitudes and angles, each capable of reentering the atmosphere on command from Earth to proceed to its target. The Air Force began early work on Dornberger’s idea under the acronym NABS (Nuclear Armed Bombardment Satellites).”

Then came “Star Wars.” Reagan on a visit to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, when he was its governor, met with atomic physicist Edward Teller, the “father”

of the hydrogen bomb and the director of the lab, who outlined for him a plan of having orbiting hydrogen bombs that would energize X-ray lasers. “As the bomb at the core of an X-ray battle station exploded, multiple beams would flash out to strike multiple targets before the entire station consumed itself in a ball of nuclear fire,” explained *New York Times* reporter William Broad in his 1986 book *Star Warriors*.

When Reagan became president, there was a shift in the Star Wars design to use orbiting battle platforms with nuclear reactors or “super” plutonium-fueled radioisotope thermoelectric generators which would provide the power for hypervelocity guns, particle beams, and laser weapons.

The link between nuclear power and space weaponry has been explicitly emphasized.

### **The U.S military has long been very interested in space warfare.**

A space command was formed *within* the Air Force in 1982.<sup>4</sup> The U.S. Air Force Space Command was set up by the Pentagon to “help institutionalize the use of space.” Or, as the motto of one of its units declares, to be “Master of Space.”

Since 1985 there have been attempts at the UN to expand the Outer Space Treaty of 1967 to prohibit not only nuclear weapons but all weapons from space. This is called the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space (PAROS) treaty and leading in urging its passage have been Canada, Russia, and China. There has been virtually universal backing from nations around the world for it. But by balk-



*The Flight of Icarus. 17th cent. Flemish oil by Jacob Peter Gowry. Failing to heed his father’s warning about hubris, Icarus flew too close to the sun, causing the wax to melt that attached wings of feather to his body.*

ing, U.S. administration after administration has prevented its passage.

Although waging war in space was hotly promoted by the Reagan and Bush administrations and ostensibly discouraged by the Obama administration and Clinton administration, all U.S. administrations have refused to sign on to the PAROS treaty.

And all along the military has been gung ho on space warfare: A 1996 U.S. Air Force board report, *New World Vistas: Air and Space Power for the 21st Century*, explained that advances in new technologies “will enable lasers with reasonable mass and cost to effect very many kills.” Says the report: “Setting the emotional issues of nuclear power aside, this technology offers a viable alternative for large amounts of power in space.”

The U.S. Space Command, in its 1998 report *Vision for 2020*, trumpeted dominating the space dimension of military operations to protect U.S. interests and investment” and “integrating Space Forces into



war-fighting capabilities across the full spectrum of conflict.”

### And now there is Trump's Space Force. Will we allow it?

With the Trump administration, more than non-support of the PAROS treaty, there is now a drive by the U.S. to weaponize space. Bruce Gagnon of Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space said, “I think his proposal indicates that the aerospace industry has taken full control of the White House and we can be sure that Trump will use all his ‘Twitter powers’ to push this hard in the coming months.”

Trump has ordered the Pentagon to take several steps toward the creation of his space plan, but to actually take the final step to create Space Force as a new branch of the military service, he needs congressional approval. For that and the militarization of space, in general, it will depend on the grassroots – how much public pressure can be brought to bear to prevent the weaponization of space and instead keep the heavens for peace. ☺

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**ACTION** See page 10.

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### Endnotes

1. As Craig Eisendrath, who had been a U.S. State Department officer involved in its creation noted in the 2001 TV documentary I wrote and narrate, “Star Wars Returns,” the Soviet Union had launched the first space satellite, Sputnik, in 1957 and “we sought to de-weaponize space before it got weaponized...to keep war out of space.” [tinyurl.com/yaufp73h](http://tinyurl.com/yaufp73h)
2. I base this belief on my 30 years of space warfare research and on numerous trips to Russia, and my experience in China.

3. Jack Manno interview for my book *Weapons in Space*.

4. Editor’s Note: Sometimes referred to as the “U.S. Space Command,” it was conceived of as a subcommand of the Air Force and not a separate dedicated branch of the military equivalent to the Air Force itself, or the Army, or Navy, as Trump has proposed for the Space Force today. Additionally, all other branches of the military, as well as some government agencies, have been conducting space projects and using military and intelligence satellites.

**No Space Force**

**Keep Space for Peace**

Trump has announced plans for a Space Force—a separate military service which would ensure US ‘control and domination’ of space on behalf of corporate interests. China, Russia and other space-faring nations would be the targets. Under aerospace industry pressure this proposal would necessitate massive amounts of taxpayer dollars. We call it Pyramids to the Heavens. Congress will have final approval of Trump’s proposal. The U.N.’s Outer Space and Moon Treaties declare that space must be preserved for all of humanity. Help us defeat plans to weaponize space. Work to protect social progress on Earth rather than a new arms race in space. #NoSpaceForce

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*Poster for Keep Space for Peace International Week of Protest to Stop the Militarization of Space October 6–13*

# ACTIONS

## International Week of Protest to Stop the Militarization of Space: October 6–13, 2018

“This is a crucial moment where the public must stand and say ‘No!’” said Bruce Gagnon, coordinator of the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space, on his blog. “Star Wars” isn’t “affordable, is an insane idea, and would very likely lead to WW III –the final war,” said Gagnon.

The Global Network decided at its annual meeting, in June 2018 in Oxford, United Kingdom, to have the Space Force scheme be the target of its “International Week of Protest to Stop the Militarization of Space.”

It will be held between October 6 and 13 with protests and other actions against the Space Force plan happening throughout the United States and internationally. Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, U.S. Chapter, is the co-sponsor.

“How in the world can our bankrupt nation afford to pay for Star Wars which the aerospace industry has long claimed would be the largest industrial project in human history?” said Gagnon. “The only way is to completely destroy social progress – cut Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and what little is left of the welfare program. Are you going to stand for that?”

The poster the Global Network is using for the week is headed “No Space Force” and features a dour Trump in a Darth Vader helmet. Under this are “Space for Peace” and this explanation: “Trump has announced plans for a Space Force – a separate military service which would ensure U.S. ‘control and domination’ of space on behalf of corporate interests. China, Russia and other space-faring nations would be its targets. Under aerospace industry pressure this proposal would necessitate massive amounts of taxpayer dollars. We call it Pyramids to the Heavens. Congress will have final

approval of Trump’s proposal. The UN’s Outer Space Treaty and Moon Treaties declare that space must be preserved for all of humanity. Help us defeat plans to weaponize space. Work to protect social progress on Earth rather than a new arms race in space. #No Space Force.”

Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power ([www.space4peace.org](http://www.space4peace.org)) has been working to demilitarize space since it was founded in 1992. Based in Bath, Maine, it conducts local, national, and international outreach.

## Make Space an Issue with Political Candidates

Insist that all political candidates, both incumbent and new, commit to stopping the militarization of space. Also, demand that they commit to having the U.S. sign the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space (PAROS) Treaty.

No one has to go it alone in the pursuit of peace!

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# WAMM Calendar

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## Ongoing Vigils for Peace

### *Vigil to End War*

Every Wednesday, From 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Lake Street/Marshall Avenue Bridge. Signs available on St. Paul side. Brief circle up for announcements after the vigil on St. Paul side. FFI: Call WAMM 612-827-5364.

### *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*

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

### *Book Club*

Episcopal Senior Living Complex, Welcome Center,

1860 University Avenue West, St. Paul. Call WAMM for meeting time and date. FFI: Call 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*

Second Thursday of every month, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. 4200 Cedar Avenue South, Minneapolis. FFI: Call WAMM 612-827-5364.

### *Middle East*

Second Monday of every 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. FFI: Visit [stopfbi.net](http://stopfbi.net) and [mnStopFBI.wordpress.com](http://mnStopFBI.wordpress.com).

### *People of Faith Peacemakers Breakfast*

Second and fourth Wednesdays of every month, 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. African Development Center, Riverside and 20th Avenues South, Minneapolis. Peace with justice resource, support group. FFI: Visit [justviewpoint.org](http://justviewpoint.org) or call 612-333-4772.

### *Grandmothers for Peace*

First Wednesday of every month, 12:45 p.m. Edina Public Library, 5280 Grandview Square, Edina. Justice issue programs for understanding our role in changing systems. FFI: Call 952-929-1566.

### *Pax Salons*

Every Tuesday, call for details and location. 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](http://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](mailto:wamm@mtn.org).

*All Governments Lie: Truth, Deception and the Spirit of I.F. Stone* Monday, September 10. Theatrical documentary by award-winning filmmakers who subscribed to I.F. Stone's newsletter in their teens. Changes the way you look at the mainstream media.

### *Beyond Standing Rock*

Monday, October 8. Breathtaking |aerial cinematography, insightful interviews on a journey across three modern stories of tribal sovereignty in America.

Miss a movie? DVD collection is available for check-out in the WAMM office.

## Special Events

### *2018 Peace Prize Forum*

Thursday, September 13 to Saturday, September 15, Augsburg College, Minneapolis. "The Paradox of Peace" plenaries, keynotes, break-out sessions. Two Nobel laureates

on challenges to peace process. Friday, September 14: President Juan Manuel Santos of Colombia Saturday, September 15: International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Exec. Director Beatrice Fihn FFI: [peace.augsburg.edu/general-forum-information](http://peace.augsburg.edu/general-forum-information) or call 612-375-1700.

### *Power & Privilege Series: An Evening with Angela Davis*

Wednesday, September 19, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Ted Mann Concert Hall on the West Bank of the University of Minnesota. Angela Davis has been deeply involved in movements for social justice around the world.

### *WAMM Table at Midtown Farmer's Market*

Saturday, September 22, 8 a.m. –1:00 p.m., Midtown Farmer's Market, Lake Street and 22nd Ave., Minneapolis. Visit WAMM table. Free sticker, upcoming events, newsletters, more about WAMM.

### *The White Supremacist Roots of the Second Amendment*

Thursday, September 27, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. First Unitarian Society, 900 Mount Curve Ave. A lecture by Dr. Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, author of *Loaded: A Disarming History of the Second Amendment*.

### *34th Annual WAMM Silent Auction*

Sunday, September 30, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Bidding closes 7:00 p.m., St. Joan of Arc Church, 4735 Third Ave. South, Minneapolis. See back page for details.

### *First International Conference Against U.S./ NATO Military Bases*

November 16–18, Dublin Ireland. Founders: Peace and Neutrality Alliance (PANA), Ireland and Coalition Against U.S. Foreign Military Bases. FFI: [NoUSNATOBases.org](http://NoUSNATOBases.org).





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WAMM's Annual "Not-So-Silent" Auction will include a dinner buffet, adult beverages and music! Bid on an exciting variety of items such as local restaurant gift certificates, gourmet dinners, health and wellness services, vacation getaways, books and more. **FREE PARKING!**

**Eat, Bid,  
Drink, Enjoy!**

**Sunday  
September 30, 2018  
5:00–8:00 pm  
Bidding closes at 7 pm**

**St. Joan of Arc Church  
4537 Third Ave S  
Minneapolis**

***ENTERTAINMENT!***  
Special appearance by  
Twin Cities' musician  
and ventriloquist  
**Rachael Kroog**  
at 7 pm sharp!

**Suggested entry  
donation: \$10–\$30.**

**Contact WAMM to  
reserve a table for  
4 to 8 people for  
\$25 per person!**

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