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November 2022 VFP Chapter 74 News Update

A thought for Veterans/Armistice Day 2022...

“War will exist until that distant day when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige that the warrior does today.” – John F. Kennedy

Receiving this Update by email but not yet a Veterans For Peace member? Please consider joining! Non-veterans can join as an Associate Member. The more VFP members there are, the more we can do. For membership information visit <https://www.veteransforpeace.org/donate/join-renew>

1. Chapter Meeting – Monday, November 21, 2022

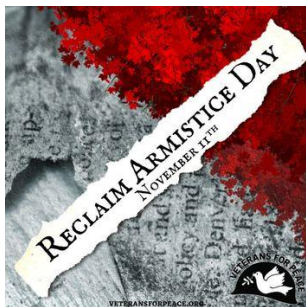
The Monday, November 21st, 2022, 7:30pm, Veterans For Peace Chapter 74 meeting will be by Zoom teleconference only. There will be no face-to-face meeting. To participate, five minutes before 7:30pm on Monday, November 21st 9th, click on - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85032973650?pwd=Zm1ndTg4R1U3TjhyTkVQY3pHTFFzUT09>

To join the meeting by telephone only, call 312-626-6799 and when prompted, enter a Meeting ID of 850 3297 3650 and a passcode of 520469. Anyone can participate in this meeting, or any other VFP Chapter 74 event, be they veteran or not. Please consider attending this online meeting and help our VFP Chapter grow and become more active!

The Monday, November 21st meeting agenda is as follows...

1. Introductions and welcome
 - a. VFP mission statement
 - b. Members and guests present
2. General business
 - a. Treasury report
 - b. Membership report
 - c. Chapter reorganization & outreach
 - d. Other
3. Old Business
 - a. Other
4. New Business
 - a. Other
5. Upcoming events
6. Next meeting date
7. Adjournment

2. Reclaim Armistice Day 2022!



.Armistice Day 2022 is fast approaching! As we do every year, Veterans For Peace has taken the lead in lifting up the original intention of November 11th – as a day for peace. As veterans we know that a day that celebrates peace, not war, is the best way to honor the sacrifices of veterans. We want generations after us to never know the destruction war has wrought on people and the earth.

Veterans For Peace has been celebrating Armistice Day almost since the organization's inception, with a few chapters doing yearly events. Since 2008, with the passing of an official [Veterans For Peace resolution](#), it became a VFP national effort. Each year, chapters across the country "Reclaim Armistice Day" by pushing the celebration of peace into the national conversation on Veterans Day.

For more information visit <https://www.veteransforpeace.org/take-action/armistice-day>

3. VFP Veterans/Armistice Day Arlington Michigan Display



Friday, November 11th, 11am until dusk, Veterans Park, Maple and Jackson Roads, Ann Arbor. Veterans/Armistice Day memorial display of one marker for every Michigan soldier lost in the Iraq and Afghan wars (230 markers). The purpose of this display is to honor those who have fallen, to provide a place to grieve, and to educate the public about the costs of war, as well as the needs of those returning from conflicts. Peace ceremony at the white canopy tent at 11am commemorating Armistice Day, 1918 which ended on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month was regarded at that time as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

The Arlington Michigan display is at the southwest corner of Veterans Park with parking at the Veterans Memorial Ice Arena parking lot ([2150 Jackson Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48103](https://www.vfp93.org/arlinton-michigan)). Sponsored by Veterans For Peace Chapter 93. Details: www.vfp93.org/arlinton-michigan, or call (734) 487-9058. For more on Veterans/Armistice Day visit www.veteransforpeace.org/take-action/armistice-day and for the history of the day at www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/vetdayhistory.asp. For a listing of all Afghan/Iraq war deceased soldiers from Washtenaw County, all Afghan war deceased soldiers from Michigan, and all Iraq war deceased soldiers from Michigan, visit www.vfp93.org/arlinton-michigan.

4. Veterans For Peace Climate Crisis and Militarism Project November Actions

VFP Chapter 74 Vice-Chair Jim Rine will be participating in U.S. actions during the time when the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference, more commonly referred to as COP27, is in session in in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. The national office of VFP is sponsoring coast to coast actions which are listed at <https://www.veteransforpeace.org/take-action/climatecrisis/stopwarsaveclimate>).

On November 11th, VFP and allied groups will convene at the U.S. State Department headquarters to call on the U.S. government to live up to its rhetoric by disclosing the carbon impacts of military operations and taking meaningful action to address the climate crisis. For more on these actions, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/530713445507372> (November 11th actions in Washington, D.C.) and <https://www.facebook.com/events/431716475702965> (November 14th actions at the U.N. in New York City).

5. Annual Milwaukee VFP Chapter Armistice Day Talk

For a number of years the Milwaukee Chapter of VFP has been holding an Armistice Day program with this year's talk titled "*When will we ever learn?*" The talk is led by Reggie Jackson, a public historian, award-winning Milwaukee journalist, co-owner of Nurturing Diversity Partners, member of The Redress Movement national research team, 6-year Navy veteran, head griot at America's Black Holocaust Museum, and consultant to local, national and international media on race relations, and a sought-after speaker. The talk will be live-streamed via Zoom on November 11th at 8pm EST and you can [register here for a Zoom webinar link](#).

His topic: "When Will We Ever Learn?" He will discuss the seemingly never-ending wars that the US has fought while not winning anything other than the utter destruction of countries the average American cares little about. He will look at the financial and human costs including the treatment of veterans who've come back with serious physical and mental trauma. He will ask why we as citizens keep allowing our country to be drawn into wars and who benefits from them and who pays the real cost of war. Will we ever learn from repeated mistakes, or will we continue to make the same critical mistakes time and time again?

6. Announcement, Anniversaries & Reminders

Every Friday - Welcoming New Detroit Immigrants

Welcome new refugees to the metro Detroit region Fridays at Detroit's Clark Park on the corner of Verner and Clark (map at <https://tinyurl.com/ClarkPark-Map>) from 3:45pm to 4:45pm. The name of the event is We Stand With Our Neighbors Immigration Vigil. This weekly vigil was started in response to school children in Southwest Detroit whose teachers and counselors are deeply concerned about the trauma students are experiencing as they face the threat and reality of detention and deportations. Our message is: No deportations! No ban! No wall! No harassment and intimidation! Their Facebook page is www.facebook.com/WeStandWithOurNeighbors.

Metro Detroit Peace Events Calendar

For a complete update of Metro Detroit area, visit the Gray Panthers of Metro Detroit website at www.graypanthersmetrodetroit.org/events-calendar

E-New List

Get updates on upcoming VFP national actions, ongoing campaigns, and news from chapters across the country. Additionally, the e-news provides resources and helpful tips for engaging your own actions. To sign up visit <https://veteransforpeace.salsalabs.org/eblast0/index.html>

Michigan Peace Alliance Formed

Over the past few months, peace, and justice advocates (including Veterans For Peace Chapters in Michigan) have been working to form a new organization, the Michigan Peace Alliance, that “connects Michigan based organizations dedicated to peace, to share knowledge, resources, actions, and calendars to build a more peaceful, just and nonviolent society.” the group has a web page at <https://mipeacealliance.org> and a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/Michigan-Peace-Alliance-Page-100512129175722.

VFP Michigan Peace Scholarships

Applications are being taken now for the Veterans For Peace Michigan Peace Scholarships, sponsored by VFP Chapter 93. The Scholarships, out of an endowment provided by Yoko Ono to Veterans For Peace, are awarded to college students enrolled in a peace studies or conflict resolution related program. Awards are given to either Michigan residents, or students enrolled at a Michigan college, with a preference given to military veterans. For more information, visit <https://www.vfp93.org/peace-scholarship>.

Thinking About Joining The Military? Already In The Military Seeking Conscientious Objector Status, Delayed Enlistment Problems, Or Release From Service?

Visit our new “Thinking About Joining The Military? - Please Read This First” web page by [clicking here](#). The page includes before enlisting, how you should be able to honestly answer some basic questions, and have realistic expectations, about military life, a link to the 24-hour GI Rights Hotline for people already in the military, and a link to Project YANO (Youth And Non-Military Opportunities) with information about military enlistments, the delayed entry program, and resources for alternatives to the military. Also, you will find a link to the Center On Conscience And War which has information on Selective Service registration, the draft, and conscientious objector status.

Our VFP Chapter Can Use Your Help

Currently our VFP Chapter has only a few people doing all the work and projects and to say we could use help is an understatement. Most of these jobs do not take up that much time at all, and would help out the Chapter immensely. One thing we are trying to promote is for people to sign up for a “volunteer email list”. We always need extra people to help staff events like the Arlington Michigan display on Memorial/Veterans Day. Just tell us you want to be on the volunteer e-mail list and when an event date starts rolling around, we will email you to see if you can help out. If you can, great. If not, we understand. Even if you are not a veteran, we could still use your help. To be placed on the “volunteer email list”, just send an email to Chapter Contact Jim Rine — 281-414-1386 (cell/text) – jimrine22@gmail.com <mailto:saetzler@comcast.net> and he will get back in touch with you. Thanks in advance for your consideration of this request!!!