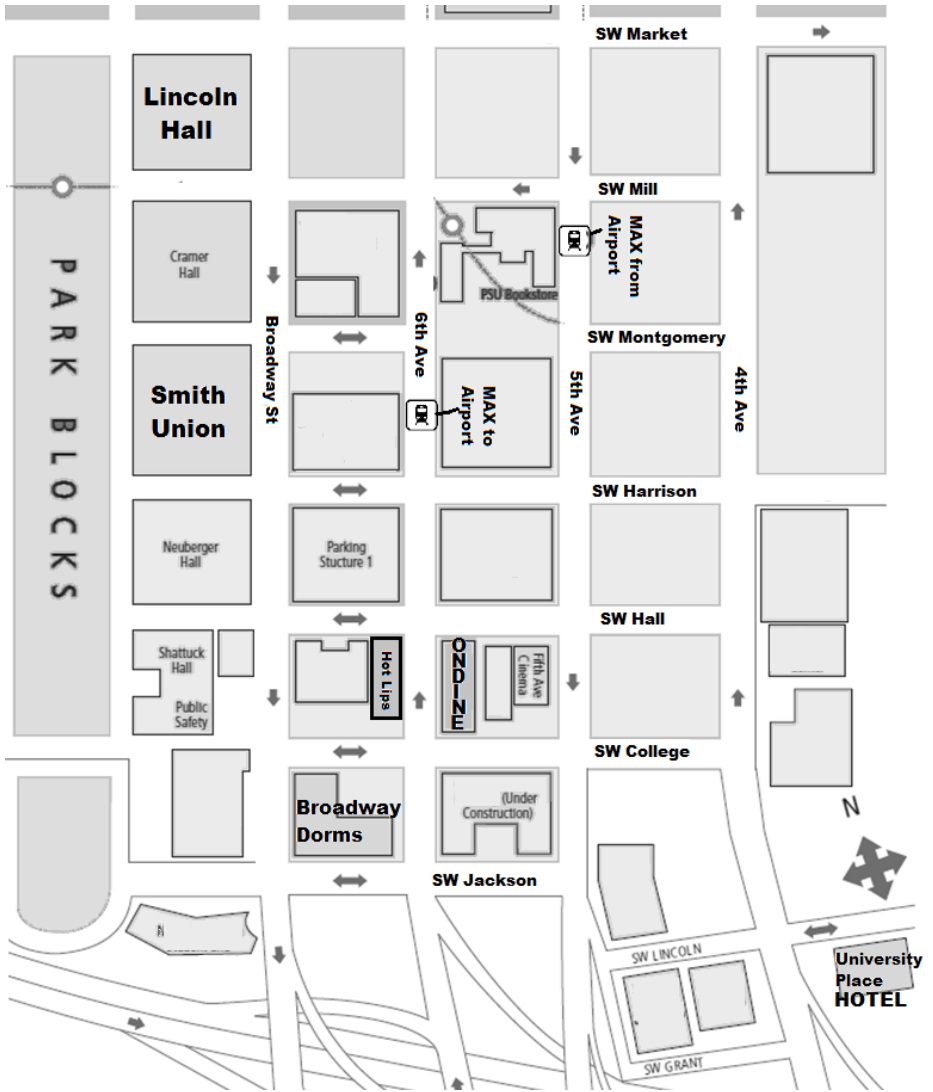


Map of Portland State University



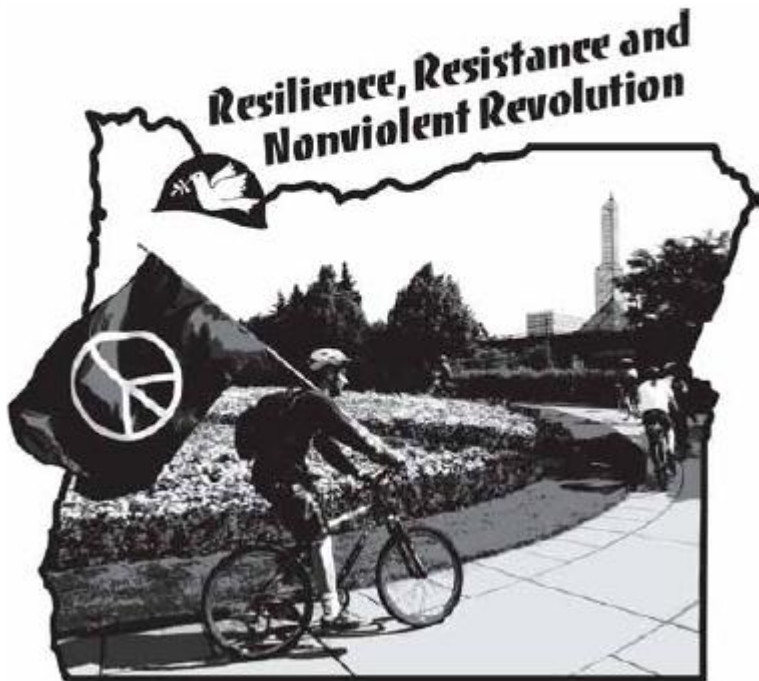
Almost everyone will be staying in the **Broadway Dorms**, located at **625 SW Jackson Street, Portland**.

Workshops will take place at the **Smith Memorial Student Union (SU)** & **Lincoln Hall (LH)**, and the **Ondine (ON)**.

Check In is at the **Lincoln Hall** (top left of map)

Don't forget, this is also the

2011 VETERANS' FOR PEACE NATIONAL CONVENTION



We would like to thank our friends at Veterans For Peace for allowing us to tag along. The local VFP chapter began planning this convention in June 2010, and IVAW did not officially begin planning until February 2011. Thank you to all of the folks who put up with our delays, uncertainties, and every headache that came along.



In particular, we'd like to thank:
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members of the local chapter.

Getting from the Airport to the Hotel via MAX Train

The trip from the Portland International Airport (PDX) to downtown Portland takes about 38 minutes and requires an "All-Zone" fare (\$2.35 Adult, \$1 Honored Citizen or \$1.50 Youth/Student). The MAX station and ticket machines are located near baggage claim on the lower level. You can easily roll your luggage on board.

- Board MAX Red Line to City Center and Beaverton TC.
- Get off at Gateway/NE 99th Ave TC MAX Station.
- Board MAX Green Line to City Center/PSU.
- Get off at PSU/SW 5th & Mill St MAX Station.
- Walk .3 mile south to the hotel.

Getting from Union Station Amtrak Depot to the Hotel via MAX Train

This trip is within Trimet's Free Rail Zone, so no fare is required.

- Walk .17 mile southeast to NW 5th & Glisan St MAX Station.
- Board MAX Yellow Line to City Center/PSU.
- Get off at PSU/SW 5th & Mill St MAX Station.
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Getting Around Portland

Portland, Oregon boasts one of the best public transportation systems in the country, operated by [Trimet](#). Almost anyplace you can go in Portland is accessible by bus. Much of the city center is within the Free Rail Zone and a free streetcar operates in that zone as well as the MAX Train and Trimet buses.

Portland is a very walkable city and is known for its large, beautiful parks located in every neighborhood. The PSU Campus is no exception; it includes a green strip known as the Park Blocks, a very pleasant park for walking or just hanging out. There are many restaurants, shops and museums in the downtown area within walking distance or a short ride via streetcar, MAX train or bus.

Portland is world famous for its excellent bicycle infrastructure and promotion of bicycling for pleasure and for commuting, and there is a wonderful paved multi-use recreational trail on both the west and east sides of the Willamette River. For anyone who wants to join the bicycle revolution, [Portland Bicycle Tours](#) is one downtown company that offers great rates on bicycle rentals, whether by the day or by the week. (There is a short group ride opportunity on Sunday in advance of the march from the Peace Memorial Park to the Hiroshima/Nagasaki commemorative event.)

If you need a taxi, you can call Radio Cab at 503-227-1212.

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

(Note, all times are in “military time” to confuse the civilians.)

Every day Breakfast will be served daily at the Ondine Cafeteria. See below for Lunch and Dinner plans, which vary from day to day.

Thursday August 4th:

All day until 1700 hours: IAW Registration at the Lincoln Hall

0900-1100 – Early Riser Films

1130-1230 – Workshop Session 0 (Smith)

1230-1345 – Lunch break (on your own)

1345-1545 – Workshop Session 1 (Smith)

1545-1715 – Workshop Session 2 (Smith)

1800-1930 – IAW Opening Reception & Dinner at Hot Lips Pizza

1930-2200 – VFP event, “Moral Revolution” at First Congregational Church

2200 – Night Owl Films at Lincoln Hall

2200 – Night Owl Music (featuring Jim Page) at University Place Hotel

Friday August 5th:

0900-1015 – Plenary: PTSD, MST, & Veterans Health – Lincoln Hall

1030-1200 – Workshop Session 3 (Ondine)

1200-1230 – Box lunches distributed (LH 113B)

1230-1400 – IAW Committee Meetings (location TBA)

1415-1545 – Workshop Session 4 (Ondine)

1600-1715 – IAW’s Strategy to End the Wars

1730-1845 – IAW Plenary “Lessons from Other Movements”

1900-2000 – Buffet Dinner, Smith Student Union, 3rd floor ballroom. Speak Out in Park Blocks.

1930-2100 – “Homefront 9/11” Optional Event, \$5 at the Old Church

2200 – Film at Lincoln Hall, Music (and open mic) at Hotel Lounge

Saturday August 6th: (all events at Smith Building)

0930-1100 – IAW Business Meeting,

1115-1230 – IAW Sexual Harassment Workshop

1230-1400 – Lunch, Ondine Cafeteria

1430-1730 – IVAW Resolutions, Board Candidates and Elections

1800-1900 – Dinner, Ondine Cafeteria

1930-2300 – Beers and Music at First Unitarian Church

2200 – Film at Lincoln Hall, Music (and open mic) at Hotel Lounge

Note: the local Iranian community is hosting a festival in the Park Blocks from 1000-1700.

Sunday August 7th:

All Day – Departures

0900-1000 – Room Check Out

0930-1130 – IVAW Board, Staff & Committee Meeting

1230-1400 – Action

Other events to follow on Sunday night, ask around if you're still here.

CONVENTION LOCATIONS:

University Place Hotel: 310 SW Lincoln Street

The Broadway: 625 SW Jackson Street

Lincoln Hall: Park Blocks between Market & Mill

Ondine Hall: Between 5th & 6th, across the street from Hotlips

First Unitarian Church: 1011 SW 12th (follow the Park Blocks North 6 blocks to SW Salmon St, then cut over West 3 blocks to SW 12th Ave)

First Congregational Church: 1126 SW Park Ave (follow the Park Blocks North to SW Madison St)

Old Church: 1422 SW 11th Ave (follow the Park Blocks North to SW Clay St, then cut over West 2 blocks to SW 11th Ave)

TABLING HOURS

Throughout Lincoln Hall supporters of VFP and IVAW will have tables with literature and other info, and free stuff.

1000-1800 Thursday, 1000-1800 Friday, 1000-1800 Saturday

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

At the convention there's going to be several events and workshops. We've marked the ones we think will be hosted by IVAW members or especially bad-ass, but we expect them all to be pretty sweet.

EARLY RISER FILMS – THURSDAY 0900



Film, “Subconscious War” – LH 175

Jack “Quincy” Davis – *This half-hour documentary explores the dynamic between media, reality and a culture of violence. Something clicked for Quincy Davis when he saw the WikiLeaks Collateral Murder video, and he started looking at how we are constantly being bombarded by violent images and patriotic messaging. The documentary starts with a compilation of clips recorded off of prime-time TV during a four-hour period interspersed with footage from the “Collateral Murder” video.*

Peaceful Warriors: On the Road with Veterans For Peace LH 115

Dave Logsdon – *This film chronicles the annual bus ride to the School of the Americas Watch vigil held each November at the gates of Fort Benning, Georgia. The half-hour documentary highlights the three-day event and in particular the involvement of Veterans For Peace in that event. The film was directed by Deacon Warner, an instructor with Independent Film Producers in St. Paul, Minnesota.*



WORKSHOP SESSION 0: THURSDAY 1130-1245

(Both of these Workshops are facilitated by IVAW)

Creative Resistance –Smith 298

Maggie Martin – *This workshop will explore the history and possibilities for using art and creative expression as means of resistance. Participants will brainstorm ways to engage in collective creative resistance and plan a national effort for employing this tool to bring an end to the occupations, get veterans and service members the care that they need, and win reparations for the people of Iraq and Afghanistan.*

Unlikely Bedfellows – Smith 296

Selena Coppa – (This workshop is IVAW only) *Isolated? Feeling like you don't have enough ally support to accomplish your goals and actions? This interactive workshop will help show how to find allies in the most surprising of places. Work with other IVAW members to help build your chapter or local support. Enter with a goal, leave with at least one target!*

Applying Intelligence Analysis Techniques to Political Advocacy Work –Smith 296

TJ Buonomo – (This workshop is IVAW only) *While strong emotional appeal is essential to any political movement, many grassroots advocates make the mistake of allowing their*

WORKSHOP SESSION 0: THURSDAY 1130-1245 (CONT...)

emotions to preclude a more objective understanding of the issue they are organizing around, what motivates their political opponents to make certain decisions, and how these decisions are interpreted by voters across the political spectrum. Missing or uncertain pieces of information are often filled in with assumptions that lead to ineffective or potentially counterproductive messaging lacking in sufficient evidence or logic.

Policymakers rely on intelligence analysis to help inform their decisions regarding how to respond to the actions of foreign government officials and non-state actors. Political candidates similarly rely on what can be described as political intelligence from surveys, polls, focus groups, etc. to refine their communications strategies and tactics as well as to determine how to most effectively allocate their limited financial resources. Each must make decisions based on ultimately incomplete information but their decisions are backed by research and analysis.

Advocates for withdrawal from Iraq and Afghanistan can adapt the same research and analysis techniques for the purpose of applying pressure on a political decision-maker, expanding a grassroots support base, and swaying neutral or even hostile target audiences. There is a science and an art to it. The first step is learning the discipline of emotional objectivity.

Creative Space – Smith 323

Various activities will be happening in the Creative Space including Warrior Writers exercises, audio/video editing, and children's events.

WORKSHOP SESSION 1: THURSDAY 1345-1515



Counter Military Recruiting –Smith 296

Noah Mrowczynski – *Participants will discuss current recruiting practices used by the US Military and discover effective ways to reach out to prospective recruits and high school students to uncover the truths of military enlistment and the consequences involved. We will also explore alternatives to military service.*



Media Mobilizing: Using Social Media and Grassroots Media –Sm. 298

Chantelle Bateman – *The Media Mobilizing Project (MMP) exists to build a community media infrastructure for the growing movement for social justice. Through the powerful combination of communications and organizing, we clarify the issues at stake and inspire and unite those who have a vested interest in change. By sharing our stories, we end the isolation of our communities and the sense that our struggles are separate from each other. Together, we develop the leaders and the networks we need to address the root causes of the problems we face. This workshop will focus on the tools and strategies necessary to grow the emerging "SOUND OFF" Listening Project.*

WORKSHOP SESSION 1: THURSDAY 1345-1515 (CONT...)



Helping People Get Out of the Military: GI Rights Hotline – LH 337

Geoff Lobenstine, Dave Dittermore, Kathleen Gilberd – *This workshop will prepare VFP members to promote the GI Rights Hotline, which is key for VFP members doing outreach to GIs, providing them with a concrete way to help GIs and military families. When a VFP member talks with a GI, or a family member of a GI, about difficulties the GI is dealing with in the military, the VFP member can describe the ways in which the GI Rights Hotline provides help for GIs. Participants will come away with basic information about how the hotline works as well as contact information.*

Creative Space – Smith 323

Volunteers will be on hand to collect your story in video or audio format for the Operation Recovery Campaign's Listening Project. Additionally, members of the Warrior Writers Project s will still be around.

Six Blind Men and an Elephant – LH 307

Robert Mulford – *The entire military structure has been undergoing transformation to an expeditionary counter insurgency focused force. It and industry have partnered in developing weapons and instruments of Command Control Computers and Communications Intelligence Reconnaissance Surveillance (C4ISR). These are largely designed to combat civilian populations. Some of these technologies are being implemented in CONUS. A Powerpoint presentation will be employed to report on two Defense and Government Advancement conferences, covering intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance as well as drone payloads. Technologies directed toward the surveillance and control of civilian populations will be discussed.*

Veterans in the Criminal Justice System and PTSD – LH 315

David Phillips and William "Bud" Brown – *Multiple deployments, PTSD, TBI, questionable care for veterans, lack of employment opportunities, etc. are resulting in significant increases in the number of veterans being processed through the criminal justice system. During a 3-year period (2007 thru 2010), the number of veterans incarcerated in one of Oregon's largest county jails nearly doubled. This workshop will address many of the problems confronting veterans that increase their probability of becoming entangled in the criminal justice system. This workshop will also provide individual preventive and responsive alternatives to reduce the number of veterans being processed through the courts.*

Warrior's Return: Transformational healing for Combat Vets – LH 175

Dr. Edward Tick – *The inner world of combat and the universal dimensions of warriorhood and war wounding are revealed through world history, mythology, archetypal psychology, and cross-cultural and international studies and work. This workshop will address PTSD as primarily wounding to the warrior's identity and soul, and to the community and nation. Correctly and directly addressing these wounds brings healing to soul, restoration of self, and meaning to the tragedies. The Soldier's Heart model for guiding the warrior's on this spiritual journey abroad and home will be presented. Stories will be shared from the USA, Viet Nam and Greece that rebuild veterans' identities, shrink trauma, and restore wounded dimensions of soul and world.*

WORKSHOP SESSION 1: THURSDAY 1345-1515 (CONT...)

"How is the War Economy Working for You?" Organizing – LH 119

Mike Ferner, Ken Mayers, Leah Bolger – *Real change doesn't just happen, or come about as the result of a protest or letter. Real change will only occur as the result of a true movement. People truly united for a common purpose is a power unlike any other. And, in order for a movement to build and be powerful enough to influence that desired change, it needs a strong organizational foundation. This workshop will go over the basics of organizing, outreach and building alliances, messaging, public relations, and networking using the "How is the War Economy Working for You?" campaign as an example. Participants will leave the workshop better prepared to begin organizing around the issue of the war economy.*

Breaking the Corporate News Barrier – LH 121

Eduardo Cohen – *Generate more and better mainstream news coverage for your organization. Topics include strategies and techniques for successful media relations and campaigns; effectively framing issues; positioning organizations; developing effective media strategies; crafting messages and choosing messengers and media channels to target specific audiences; designing successful releases for radio; approaching reporters; influencing editorial policy; becoming a trusted resource for reporters; anticipating and minimizing negative press response; avoiding common mistakes made by peace organizations and progressive non-profits; important tricks of the trade; developing rapid response capability; and 'surfing' the big waves.*

Film: Living Along the Fenceline (2011) – LH 115

a groundbreaking documentary by award-winning filmmaker Lina Hoshino, tells the stories of seven women whose lives have been affected by the US military presence in their backyards. The film connects stories of women from Texas, Puerto Rico, Hawai'i, Guam, the Philippines, Korea, and Okinawa (Japan) and their efforts to create genuine security in their home communities. Their individual journeys of strength and courage represent the unheard stories of myriad communities across the globe that live alongside US bases and bear tragic hidden costs to their land, culture, and spirit. Through the power of personal story this film also tells a wider story of the negative impacts of US bases on host communities. It shows the strength and creativity of women's activism in challenging prevailing assumptions about military security.

WORKSHOP SESSION 2: THURSDAY, 1545-1715



Collective Liberation / Power and Privilege – Smith 298

Aaron Hughes, Andrew Wright - *This workshop includes participatory exercises and discussion on the ways power and privilege structure our society and the ways this affects our activism and organizing. Racism, sexism, classism, homophobia and other systems of privilege and oppression negatively affect our communities and relationships, our selves, and our work. This workshop will introduce concepts and tools that can be used to build up our unity instead of allowing false distinctions and divisions to tear us apart and divide our movement. We work from the understanding that everyone is needed in our movement and that it is vital to center the leadership of people who are most targeted by systemic oppression.*

WORKSHOP SESSION 2: THURSDAY, 1545-1715 (CONT...)



Developing a Fundraising Plan for Your Chapter – Smith 296

Amadee Braxton - *This session will provide chapters with the tools they need to develop a local fundraising plan. Topics covered will include: creating a budget for your chapter, fundraising strategies, and fears about asking for money. Chapter members will leave this workshop with the start of a fundraising plan for their chapter and the skills to choose the best fundraising strategy to meet their chapter's goals.*

Creative Space – Smith 323

The Creative Space is open, come and bring ideas.

Healing the Land and the People of Vietnam: UXO and AO - LH 315

Dan Gilman and Blair Burroughs – *Along with the horrible legacy from the Agent Orange used by the Americans during the war in Vietnam that still kills and sickens the Vietnamese people and American veterans alike, is the terrible legacy of landmines and unexploded ordnance left from that war that still kills and injures the Vietnamese people and renders much of their land useless.*

The Agent Orange Campaign: Public Pressure for Legislation – LH?

Paul Cox, Susan Schnall – *Since 2005, the VAORRC (a national project of VFP) has worked to get the chemical companies and US government to take responsibility for the damage they inflicted on the Vietnamese people, US veterans, and Vietnamese-Americans. When a class action lawsuit brought against the chemical companies by the Vietnamese was derailed by the Supreme Court, focus shifted to the legislative arena. Now a comprehensive bill has been written by Congressman Bob Filner, and it is time to bring intense pressure on Congress to pass it. This workshop will present the text of the legislation, discuss other recent developments, and motivate all to work for passage.*

Citizen Activism: The Gaza Flotillas – LH 115

Col. Ann Wright - *Learn about the effects of the continuing international naval blockade on Gaza and our role and responsibility as citizen activists to act when our governments refuse to do so.*



US Intervention in Libya and Honduras: Protecting Civilians? – LH 119

Dan Shea, Megan Hise, Bruce Wilkinson, Eduardo Cohen, Gerry Condon - *Panelists will discuss, compare and contrast recent US actions in Libya and in Honduras. The US government says it has joined in the bombardment of Libya in order to protect civilian lives. Yet the Obama administration, after facilitating a military coup in Honduras, now turns a blind eye to death squad murders of Honduran democracy activists.*

Masculine, Feminine or Human? – LH 121

Robert Jensen - *Once we have identified the dominant conception of masculinity as toxic, we face a key question: Do we want to reform or abolish masculinity? When we examine our notions about masculinity, we find that the commonly asserted positive definitions of masculinity are not really about being a man but simply about being a decent person, male or female. Turning to the actual definitions of masculinity within which men routinely*

WORKSHOP SESSION 2: THURSDAY, 1545-1715 (CONT...)

operate, we are forced to recognize they are overwhelmingly negative. So, why are we so committed to the notion that there are intellectual, emotional, and moral differences that are inherent, that come as a result of biological sex differences? In this presentation Jensen will articulate an argument for an abolitionist position that takes biology seriously, but not more seriously than it deserves.

Downloading and Uploading to the Internet for Effective Messaging



Re-write Culture: A Philosophy and Primer for Political Remix Videos – LH 307

Tim Rice, Nat Needham, and Amanda Eckerson - *An introduction to political remix videos, starting with a brief primer on some of the ideas behind remix video production. Presenters will then show workshop participants how to make their own videos by downloading footage from the internet and re-purposing it to spread their own message in an entertaining way.*

Putting Social Media to Work for You – LH 307

Jeanette McDermott - *This quick-hitting, bare bones workshop will orient members/activists to the social media landscape and help them understand how to use new web technologies to promote chapter activities. The workshop includes hands-on instruction on Flip video. The social media workshop follows Eduardo Cohen's workshop on press releases and publicity to round out a comprehensive, extremely beneficial and empowering 2-1/2 hours of hands-on experiential Learning. Many of our members want to learn how to use the social media landscape but don't know how; this could be a good beginning to help them understand the world of new web technologies. This is the place to get your groove on for media! There will be time for Q&A and easy-to-follow How-To handouts to take home.*

Veteran initiated Projects

Creating a Homeless Veterans Initiative - LH 337

Mark Foreman - *Workshop presenter will make a case for VFP being more involved in providing services to veterans and victims of war, and then present information on the Homeless Veterans Initiative in Milwaukee—how it was started and how enough money was raised to feed 140 homeless veterans every week and provide temporary shelter for 20 homeless veterans.*

Golden Rule Project: The Famous Ketch being restored to sail again against militarism in the USA – LH 337

Fredy Champagne - *Learn about the history of the Golden Rule ketch and its role in the formation of the anti-nuclear movements. This ketch was the first Peace Boat. Before the Rainbow Warriors of Greenpeace; before the Phoenix of Hiroshima; before the Phyllis McCormack and the Fri, there was the Golden Rule ketch—arrested, boarded, towed and put on trial in Honolulu in 1958. An update will be provided on the boat's reconstruction and sailing trials on Humboldt Bay in Eureka, California, and the project's ten-year plan for the restored ketch. This famous little anti-nuke and anti-war boat will sail again in the mission to stop war, nuclear weapons use, and support for the greening of America, including the search for clear, clean water in the Bays, Rivers, Lakes and Canals of the USA.*

Film: "The Welcome" (2011) – LH 175

Filmmakers Kim Shelton and Bill McMillian - *The Welcome* (2011) offers a fiercely intimate view of life after war: the fear, anger and isolation of post-traumatic stress that affects vets and family members alike. As we join them in a small room for an unusual five-day healing retreat, we witness how the ruins of war can be transformed into the beauty of poetry. Here our perceptions are changed, our psyches strained, and our hearts broken. And at the end, when this poetry is shared with a large civilian audience, we begin to understand that all of us are a vital piece of the Welcome as Veterans try to find the way back home. Their examples of unflinching honesty, courage and love lift us up, inspiring all of us once again to feel our common humanity, so often the first casualty of war.

WORKSHOP SESSION 3: FRIDAY, 1030-1200



Operation Recovery – Ondine 201

Aaron Hughes - *Service members who experience PTSD, TBI, MST, and combat stress have the right to exit the traumatic situation and receive immediate support, and compensation. Too often, service members are forced to redeploy back into dangerous combat, or train in situations that re-traumatize them. Learn about IVAW's fight for appropriate treatment of US military veterans.*



Coffee Strong and GI Rights/War Resisters League – Ondine 202

Jorge Gonzalez, Kimber Heinz - *Coffee Strong is a pro-soldier, anti-war, GI-run coffee house located outside Fort Lewis, Washington that provides GI rights counseling, veteran benefits assistance, MST, PTSD and other counseling services to active duty servicemembers and veterans. Presenters will discuss Coffee Strong's importance to soldiers, its role in the anti-war community, and describe media-making and collaborations between Under the Hood, Coffee Strong, and other coffeehouse projects. There will be a review of current projects shared between Under the Hood Cafe and Coffee Strong, including a proposal for a new joint coffeehouse media project, and a facilitated discussion about next steps in building support for servicemember-led media-making at Ft. Hood and Ft. Lewis.*



Lifting the Veil of Silence on Military Sexual Trauma – LH 119

Myla Haider, Sara Rich, Elizabeth Stinson - *This workshop will cover incidents of military sexual assault impacting both men and women as well as the military response and the impact on individuals and their families. The impact on most survivors' careers as well as current efforts to address the growing problem of sexual abuse within the military will be examined. Panelists will discuss the military protocol in response to military sexual trauma and why the current directives and options can often serve to exacerbate the problem rather than protect the service member from further traumatization.*

Death and After in Iraq – LH 175

Jessica Goodell - *This workshop is designed to educate people about death caused by the hand of war and its psychological effects on the survivors. The presentation will also increase understanding of how PTSD affects female veterans. Workshop leader will share what it was like to process her fallen comrades as well as explain and describe what it was like doing so as the sole female in her platoon.*

WORKSHOP SESSION 3: FRIDAY, 1030-1200 (CONT...)

Advocating for Veterans – LH 121

Mark Fleming, Lena Swanson, Doug Nelson, Dennis Mills - *This workshop addresses VFP's mission "to seek justice for veterans and victims of war" by providing information and resources for VFP chapters wishing to assist veterans pursuing benefit claims with the US Department of Veterans Affairs. Panelists are VFP members who assist veterans; three work with Coffee Strong, a GI coffee house adjacent to Fort Lewis, Washington and one is a county veterans' affairs service officer in California. Topics of presentation include: obtaining training and experience; experience dealing with veterans and with the VA; topical issues such as PTSD, Agent Orange, and traumatic brain injury; and lessons learned. Claim forms and informational handouts will be available.*

The Movement Action Plan (MAP) – LH 315

Elliott Adams and Janet Chisholm - *A workshop favorite from the last convention and popular with VFP chapters. How do we build the movement to end war and militarism? What stages in movement building can we predict; what goals at each stage? What will make us successful? What are the different roles people can play and be effective? What is ineffective? A participatory workshop on the stages, roles, and principles of nonviolent social change movements based on the work of activist/sociologist Bill Moyer, author of Doing Democracy. MAP learning can apply to all nonviolent social change movements. Moyer wrote it because he was sick and tired of peace people wallowing in despair. We need to analyze our movement, acknowledge our successes, and celebrate them—and persevere.*

Military Recruiters in Public Schools: Counterrecruiting in High Schools and Advocating for Model School District Policies – LH 307

Jim Murphy and Mike Dedrick - *Presenters will describe the process and specific techniques used by New York Veterans Speak Out to gain entry to many high schools, including how to target school administrators to make sure that schools have written policies regarding recruiter activity on campuses, and that administrators and staff have information on the provisions of Opt Out, the Delayed Entry Program (DEP), Future Soldiers Training Program, ASVAB testing, JAMRS database opt out, and JROTC. Focus will be on encouraging veteran activists to approach schools and help make them informed and accountable by providing information to students that may soon be in literally a kill or be killed situation. Presentation includes short film, sharing of stories and opportunities for regional networking.*

The Moral Revolution – LH 337

Blase Bonpane - *An international Moral Revolution is in process. It is being conducted by people who have only their bodies and their voices. It is in direct conflict with the ancient and outdated weapons of war. In contemporary times it developed in Latin America and has swept those countries with people oriented views of the economy and the common good. It is currently observed in the Arab Spring where the people of Tunisia, Egypt and elsewhere have achieved more in a few months than decades of bloody warfare. Millions of innocent lives have been blotted out in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan including the lives and the suffering families of our troops. Trillions of dollars have been spent bankrupting the United States as people of the Arab world give us an example of how to change the world without mass murder. The Arab Spring has ignited a great and non-violent response for social justice in the United States as well. The theme in Egypt, Tunisia, Yemen, Syria, Bahrain and elsewhere has been the same, "FEAR HAS BEEN DEFEATED, THERE IS NO TURNING BACK."*

Film: “The Forgotten Bomb: The Truth about Nuclear Weapons” – LH 115

Bud Ryan - *When the Cold War ended, worry about nuclear weapons also receded. But has the nuclear threat really receded as well? If the US and Russia are no longer in an arms race, why are there nuclear weapons in both countries that are still on high alert? Filmmaker Bud Ryan sets out to discover what possible explanations there could be as to why the posture of Mutually Assured Destruction (MAD) still exists, and how the nuclear powers might free the world from this threat once and for all. The Forgotten Bomb (2009) examines the political and legal implications of nuclear weapons, but also digs deeper, into the cultural and psychological reasons behind the arsenal's existence.*

WORKSHOP SESSION 4: FRIDAY, 1415-1545



Reparations from the Grassroots: Supporting the Iraqi Pro-Democracy Movement and Alternative Reconciliation Projects – Ondine 201

Joyce Wagner, Ali Issa - *Learn about the pro-democracy movement taking place on the ground in Iraq with Ali Issa, an Iraqi American organizer who works with the War Resisters League. Learn about alternative reconciliation projects happening between veterans and refugees in the United States, and brainstorm ways that you can support these efforts, or get involved yourself or with your chapter.*



Establishing Peace is the Work of Education – Ondine 202

Robert Rosser - *The Iraqi Student Project (ISP) is a grassroots effort to help war-displaced Iraqi students pursue undergraduate education in the US. ISP seeks Iraqi refugee students in Syria and Jordan who are unable to continue their education because of the violence in Iraq or their refugee status, and who intend to return and help rebuild their country. Working with US colleges and universities, ISP secures tuition waivers or full scholarships, and works with local communities to build a support group for each student. ISP promotes its mission to the American people as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and is not affiliated with any government agency.*



Campaign to Free Bradley Manning and All GI Resisters – LH 119

Jeff Paterson, Rodney Watson, Sarah Bjorknas, Jorge Zapatista, moderated by Gerry Condon - *Thousands of people around the globe are expressing support for Bradley Manning, whom the US Army has jailed and accused of leaking classified documents to Wikileaks. What is the significance of this remarkable campaign, and how is it proceeding? Panelists will provide an update on US war resisters in Canada. How do we support all GI resisters? Time to call for amnesty?*

Local Chapters of IVAW & VFP Working Together – LH 121

Geoff Lobenstine, Jenn Blain, Ted Goodnight - *Panelists will explore different ways in which local chapters of IVAW and VFP can work productively together, around public events, fund-raising, outreach, and campaigns. Topics will include how to prevent or get past some of the common difficulties in working together, and to have open communication. The goal of the workshop is to provide an opportunity for rich sharing of experience and to give participants practical ideas to take home of how their local chapters can work better together, with the hope that they will return home and initiate some serious conversations with a nearby chapter from the “other” organization.*

WORKSHOP SESSION 4: FRIDAY, 1415-1545 (CONT...)

Creative Space

Videographers will be recording stories related to Operation Recovery. Warrior Writers Project will be available.

Cost of War and Price of Peace in Afghanistan – LH 175

Kathy Kelly - *Interactive methods will be used to build empathy and understanding for various groups affected directly by the war in Afghanistan. Presentations by the Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers will be included through video and slide material, along with an opportunity to study a few pertinent maps.*

Writing Through the Wounds of War – LH 337

Julia Thi Underhill - *This workshop offers veterans, soldiers, and their families the opportunity to explore the dimensions of healing and recovery made possible through writing poetry, fiction, and essay. Before writing together, we will read inspiring examples of writing from conscience and memory, in relation to war. We will consider writing as a possible intervention that interrupts the cycles of dissociation, suffering, intergenerational trauma, and other possible effects of war. We will also consider our own strategies for writing even when we're feeling too pragmatically, creatively, intellectually, and emotionally burdened. All ages, all races/ethnicities, and all genders are invited. Advanced and beginners are welcome to attend. During this workshop, there is also no pressure to share one's own writing or to consider one's self a 'writer.' Please join us even if you just hope to be able to write someday, or if you find yourself wanting to better put your memories and reflections to paper, even in your private journals, but you're needing some encouragement.*

Unmaking War, Remaking Men – LH 315

Kathleen Barry - *In this workshop participants discover why war is not inevitable and that they can do something about it. Presenter will give introductory talk on subject matter. This is a participatory workshop in which participants will have a chance to share experiences of empathy and engage in small group interaction. Goals of the workshop are conscious raising and the creation of a multitude of activisms that can spread out and converge.*

VFP's Role in Nuclear Disarmament Education – LH 307

Bill Wickersham - *This workshop covers: (a) the nuclear war problem, including information regarding the illegality, immorality, danger and exorbitant costs of nuclear weapons; (b) the myth of nuclear deterrence; (c) a roadmap for nuclear disarmament, including the need for the US ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, adherence to the requirements of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty, and the development and acceptance of a new comprehensive Nuclear Weapons Convention; (d) social and psychological obstacles to nuclear disarmament education; and (e) what VFP members can do to promote nuclear disarmament education. A short film will be shown entitled, "Nuclear Weapons and the Human Future: How You Can Make a Difference."*

Film: "Poster Girl" (2010) – LH 115



Apple pie cheerleader turned tough-as-nails machine gunner in the Iraq War, Sgt. Robynn Murray comes home to face a new kind of battle she never anticipated. This short documentary was nominated for an Oscar.

NIGHT OWL FILMS (2200 HOURS, LINCOLN HALL)

THURSDAY

Abe Osheroff: One foot in the grave, the other still dancing – LH 175 – 46 min.

Most people knew Abe Osheroff as an activist. For most of his 92 years—from the frontlines of the Spanish Civil War to the picket lines of the US labor movement, from the struggles for civil rights in Mississippi to his work for human rights in Nicaragua—Osheroff threw himself into the fray with rare energy and enthusiasm. In this riveting and inspiring new film, Osheroff reflects on the meaning of his activism, exploring the ideas that animated his actions and sharing wisdom built up over a lifetime of commitment to the “radical humanism” that defined his politics and philosophy.

The Friendship Village – LH 115 – 50 min.

Built on a former rice paddy near Hanoi, the Vietnam Village of Friendship stands not only as a symbol of peace and reconciliation, but as a testament to the potential for all people to come to terms with the past, heal the wounds of war, and create a better world. Following the story of the village’s founder, American veteran George Mizo, THE FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE (2003) takes us through his experiences of war’s horror to the personal transformation that led to the birth of this remarkable village. Working alongside the Vietnamese general responsible for killing his entire platoon in 1968, George and other international veterans create a project to mitigate the ongoing effects of Agent Orange. [Warning: This film contains violence.]

FRIDAY

Make a Movie Like Spike – LH 175 – 80 min.

Armed with dreams that extend beyond their block, Luis and Ronald, two best friends from Los Angeles, videotape their last 36 hours before shipping off to Afghanistan. One hundred days before Obama’s inauguration, these young men have joined the Marines together to face the obstacles and circumstances that seem to overwhelm their passage into manhood. Luis wants to be a filmmaker and Ronald wants to travel the world and raise a family. Through the lens of Luis’ video camera, they capture their friends, family members and the places they call home in order to remember who they are and where they come from. In their darkest hour, they turn on the video camera for the last time and document the final moments of their journey home. They soon realize that their dreams and promises of a new life mean nothing in a place called War.

In the Year of the Pig – LH 115 – 101 min.

Produced at the height of the Vietnam War, Emile de Antonio’s Oscar nominated 1968 documentary chronicles the war’s historical roots. With palpable outrage, De Antonio assembles period interviews with journalists, politicians, and key military personnel along with international newsreel and archival footage to create a scathing chronicle of America’s escalating involvement in the divisive conflict. The parallels to today’s wars are obvious and disturbing. [Warning: This film contains violence.]

NIGHT OWL FILMS (2200 HOURS, LINCOLN HALL) (CONT...)

SATURDAY

Reel Bad Arabs – LH 115 – 60 min.

This groundbreaking documentary dissects a slanderous aspect of cinematic history that has run virtually unchallenged from the earliest days of silent film to today's biggest Hollywood blockbusters. Featuring acclaimed author Dr. Jack Shaheen, the film explores a long line of degrading images of Arabs—from Bedouin bandits and submissive maidens to sinister sheikhs and gun-wielding “terrorists”—along the way offering devastating insights into the origin of these stereotypic images, their development at key points in US history, and why they matter so much today. [English subtitles]

Enforcing the Silence – LH 175 – 60 min.

Lam Duong founded the Vietnamese Youth Development Center in San Francisco and published a liberal newspaper that reprinted stories from communist Viet Nam following the Viet Nam War. On July 21, 1981, the 27-year-old was shot dead outside his apartment in broad daylight. Local police have never convicted anyone in the killing. But within days of Lam's murder, news spread that a shadowy, anti-communist group had claimed responsibility, sending a chilling message to Vietnamese refugees everywhere: stay in line with your political views or risk death. Between 1982 and 1990, five more Vietnamese Americans—four of them journalists—were violently killed, many believe for political reasons. Vietnamese journalists are the largest group of immigrant reporters murdered on US soil, claiming five lives out of the ten immigrant journalists that have been killed in America since 1981. All the Vietnamese murders were linked to a terrorist group in the Vietnamese American community, but police and federal officials have yet to solve any of the cases, including Lam's. Thirty years later, filmmaker Tony Nguyen unlocks the mystery of Lam Duong's life and death, and uncovers truths that Vietnamese Americans have never publicly explored. ENFORCING THE SILENCE (2011) provides a disturbing in-depth look at a war-torn community that continues to struggle to find its place in a democratic society.



OPERATION RECOVERY
A Campaign to Stop the Deployment of Traumatized Troops

The graphic features a black and white photograph of a group of people, likely veterans, in the background. Overlaid on this image is the text "OPERATION RECOVERY" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below it, in a smaller, regular sans-serif font, is the subtitle "A Campaign to Stop the Deployment of Traumatized Troops". The entire graphic is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

AGENDA FOR SATURDAY

BUSINESS MEETING – SMITH ROOM 296

0930 – Call meeting to order
0935 – Message from Convention Committee
0940 – IAW in Context
0950 – IAW Financials
1000 – FOT Update
1015 – Membership Report
1030 – Facilitated Discussion
1100 – Break
1115 – Sexual Harassment Policy
1230 – Lunch
1400 – Board Candidates
1445 – Resolutions
1530 – Break
1545 – Bylaw Amendments
1700 – Voting
1730 – Break
1800 – Dinner, Smith Cafeteria
1930 – Party at the First Unitarian Church
2030 – Announce voting results



BOARD CANDIDATES

Brock McIntosh

IAVAW is in a rebuilding phase and we are building upwards. I am deeply inspired by IAW's Operation Recovery. Ideas for actions, events, and fundraisers suddenly seem to cohere and make sense because of Operation Recovery. Without it, such ideas were often unconnected, isolated, and therefore disenchanting because there did not seem to be a unifying accomplishable purpose to it all. News and action is now being generated. People are gaining new knowledge, skills, and roles – becoming leaders. The organization is becoming united nationally and members from the four corners of the country are learning more about one another. Still, we are faced with a crisis. IAW is built around a historical event, and history's focus is moving from Iraq; soon, it will move from Afghanistan. Because of membership requirements, members aren't getting any younger; members are graduating and preoccupied with work and family. In order to endure, IAW must think broader and create a United Veterans Against the War umbrella organization, under which IAW, AVAW, and perhaps, VVAW, would consolidate resources and share equal rank. Come the next conflict, UVAW would be prepared and veteran resistance would begin sooner and more efficiently, adding younger, fresher members to UVAW. In the meantime, IAW should increase focus on Afghanistan and develop AVAW; they should increase focus

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on reparations/development and nonviolent indigenous movements abroad against U.S. military hegemony. Moral arguments against war should share more space with economic and defense arguments. As an Afghanistan veteran and currently-drilling soldier, I would bring a unique dimension to the national board.

Bryan Reinholdt

IVAW is an organization that I didn't know a great deal about until serving as Secretary for the Board in '09-'10. Until that point, IVAW was a voice, a resource that I occasionally utilized to find a semblance of sanity. Having more of an internal view of the organization, I still feel that we are providing an alternative and authentic voice despite the changing political climate and reduction in anti-war sentiment. The role of the Board in a 501- c (3) is to ensure that the organization adheres to and follows the by-laws and serves/enables the membership. From major campaigns like Operation Recovery all the way to the consistent daily work that chapters engage in, the Board is there to support you. Although, it may not always seem that way. While there are many variables to this, it is in my interest to ensure that as a director these sentiments are not forgotten through advocacy and communication. As the convention committee coordinator for the past two years, I have experienced and witnessed the broad spectrum of talent and dedication that members possess. Our three points are as relevant as ever and the work continues. Thank you for your time and vote.

Jabber Magruder

I had an investment into helping the foundation get off the ground and want to see it to the long-term future. I assisted in writing the original bylaws for IVAW. I have strong desire to see IVAW transition from a protest organization to an outreach organization. A top focus is health, housing and employment for OIF and OEF veterans

Jason Washburn

My three tours in Iraq and my four years in IVAW have left me knowing we need to keep committed and focused on ending the wars: even though things are supposedly winding down, people are still dying on all sides. I think we also need to work closely and join forces with other organizations who are doing the same work as we are to make sure it gets done. I am ready to ask the hard questions and think we need look at ourselves critically to make sure we're doing things the best that we can: especially making sure that members are kept in touch with the strategy of the organization and how they can be kept connected.

Jennifer Blain

As a non-deployed veteran, it was my firmly held belief that my place in IVAW lay behind the scenes. I felt that the leadership and face of our organization should be veterans who had been deployed: who had the experience of being in country and could personally speak to the reality of the occupations. Even though it was clear to me that IVAW's Board of

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Directors was a behind the scenes body focused on guiding and facilitating in order to achieve our organizational goals, I still felt that the organization would be best served by deployed veterans. In the last four years, I have turned down two nominations for the Board for that very reason. So what changed for me? Why am I running now? The answer is a sad but simple insight into IVAW's current situation. Instead of our membership of deployed veterans increasing and becoming the primary voice in leadership, I found that more and more of our deployed veterans were leaving, either resigning or just seemingly falling off the face of the earth. I was deeply saddened to watch as decisions were made at the Board level that were dividing instead of unifying and facilitating. I think it is a dangerous trend that while our overall membership continues to increase, our actual membership participation is falling. As a member of the Board of Directors, it is my hope and goal that we can once again be a uniting and facilitating force for good.

Jorge Gonzalez

My name is Jorge Gonzalez, I served in the army for 5 years and have been out for almost 2 years. In those 2 years I discovered Coffee Strong in Tacoma, WA, an antiwar/pro soldier coffee house. I have been volunteering there for about a year and a half. Within the last 4 months I was hired by Coffee Strong/G.I. Voice as a coexecutive director for our non-profit. I have also been an IVAW member for almost 2 years. During my time as a member of IVAW, I have seen and heard plenty of great stories of past projects IVAW has done. But unfortunately the last year I have seen IVAW not be so involved as much, other than most recently Operation Recovery which is great. As being executive director for Coffee Strong I would love to have longterm relationship with IVAW and events happening here in the pacific northwest where we have already set up great contacts who would love to help out in any way possible. I would love to help make IVAW a more common name in the media with the mass number of members we bring out. I only hope that everyone else agrees that we need to put immediate pressure on politicians and military commanders to what we are demanding. That a "no" answer will not be tolerated, that we will succeed in our mission without any compromising of our beliefs.

Scott Kimball

I joined the Army in February of 2003 at the age of 18. I enlisted as an infantry recruit and was assigned the MOS of 11C – Indirect Fire Infantryman. I was first sent to Korea where I served in 1/72 AR. From Korea, I was sent to Ft. Campbell and was in 1/502 INF. Within 2 months, my unit deployed to Mahmudiyah, Iraq.

While I was in Iraq, I began to question our role in the occupation. I experienced instances of abuse of both Iraqis and soldiers which were an affront to my moral sense. This, coupled with violations of the Geneva Convention, turned my opinion against the war.

When I returned home and was discharged from the Army, I was exposed to the mistreatment of our returning war veterans. It was at this point that I began to be

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interested in veterans' issues. Learning about the GI rights movement was my point of radicalization. I then began to question the political and economic climate which allowed these wars to happen.

It took almost 4 years for me to join IVAW. Even though I wish I could have been a part of this organization's earlier struggles, I was still going through a protracted healing process from the trauma of my deployment. But, I hit the ground running when I joined IVAW in September 2010. Myself, and a couple others, managed to resurrect the Central Illinois chapter and make it one of the most active chapters in IVAW. I participated in multiple actions around Jeff Hanks (the Ft. Campbell soldier forced to deploy with PTSD and TBI). I helped in the planning process of the Madison Rally. I am currently organizing at Ft. Hood for Operation Recovery. I plan to continue my work with Operation Recovery as well as every other national action as well as continue my commitment to my local chapter.

Wendy Barranco

While I was deployed as a combat medic, I learned the immediate importance of ending these wars by the most effective means possible. Over my past five years in IVAW, I've taken on a variety of roles and responsibilities, from working as chapter president of the Los Angeles chapter, to testifying at Winter Soldier, to acting as a medic for national direct actions. I have a lot of experience with this work, and think that I have an important viewpoint to contribute to the Board of Directors. I am also a hard worker who is used to thinking strategically about how to achieve our mutual goals.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution on U.S.-Iran Relations – Submitted by TJ Buonomo

Acknowledging Iran's stated desire for a diversification away from oil and the international community's need to accelerate the transition away from reliance on this resource;

Recognizing the inherent security dilemmas and tensions associated with the development of nuclear programs even for ostensibly peaceful purposes;

Noting the Iranian president's repeated threats against the existence of the State of Israel and the dramatically heightened security concerns associated with a nuclear-capable, hostile Iranian government;

Also noting the threat the United States poses to Iran while its military surrounds Iran on all of its borders;

Lastly recalling the environmental and human consequences of Japan's recent nuclear crisis; Iraq Veterans Against the War (1) calls on the Iranian government to cease all threats against the existence of the State of Israel; (2) encourages U.S., Iranian and officials of other interested countries begin a dialogue on partnering to advance solar technology initiatives in Iran as an alternative to nuclear energy; (3) reiterates its call for U.S. military withdrawal from Iraq and Afghanistan in order to assure Iran and neighboring countries of its honest intentions.

Resolution on U.S. Support for Israeli Settlements Policy – Submitted by TJ Buonomo

Acknowledging that virtually unconditional U.S. military and economic support to the State of Israel has engendered bitterness and resentment toward the U.S. throughout the Arab-Muslim world;

Understanding that this support has been a primary catalyst for the growth of Al Qaeda, culminating in the September 11th attacks and U.S. invasion of Afghanistan in 2001;

Recognizing further that the Bush administration used the September 11th attacks as a justification to invade Iraq in order to eliminate what it characterized as a potential state sponsor of Al Qaeda;

Cognizant of the need for cultural exchanges, trade agreements and other long term, organic social and economic relationship-building before both nations will be prepared to consider living peacefully together under one government;

Iraq Veterans Against the War calls for steady reduction of U.S. military and economic aid to Israel until it dismantles all settlements currently existing beyond its 1948 borders.

Resolution on Palestine – Submitted by Ryan Endicott and Mike Prysner

Whereas, the Palestinian people were dispossessed of their homeland by the creation of the state of Israel on 78% of the former British colony of Palestine in 1948, and 750,000 Palestinians expelled at that time; and

Whereas, the remaining 22% of Palestine was conquered by Israel, with the full backing of the U.S. government, and 300,000 more Palestinians expelled in the June 1967 Six Day War; and

Whereas, the state of Israel has ignored UN Resolution 194 (1948) and dozens of subsequent resolutions calling for the Palestinians refugees right of return; and

Whereas, the U.S. government has provided the state of Israel with more than \$300 billion (in 2011 dollars) in military and economic aid, enabled Israel to become a nuclear-armed regional superpower, and provided Israel with critical diplomatic support allowing it to ignore all UN resolutions critical of the Israeli policies; and

Whereas, Israel has imposed an extraordinarily brutal, apartheid occupation on the Palestinian people; and

Whereas, in addition to its ongoing occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan, the U.S. government assistance has played such a key role in the occupation of Palestine that it should correctly be called the U.S./Israeli occupation; and

Whereas, U.S. military support for the state of Israel is a part of the same coordinated regional strategy of dominating the Middle East that sent us to fight in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

Whereas, there will never be real peace in the Middle East without real justice for the Palestinian people.

Iraq Veterans Against the War calls for an end to the colonial occupation of Palestine as well as Iraq and Afghanistan and an end to U.S. aid to Israel, and supports the Palestinian people's right to self-determination and the right of return.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS:

Membership Qualifications Amendment – Submitted by Selena Coppa

Section 5.2.6 currently reads:

A Member of the Corporation Shall...subscribe to the purposes, goals, and ideals of the Corporation.

Section 5.2.6 ***shall be amended to read***

A Member of the Corporation Shall...subscribe to the purposes, goals, and ideals of the corporation ***at their time of joining.***

Special Meetings Amendment - Submitted by Selena Coppa

Section 6.3 currently reads:

Special meetings of the members may be called by the Chair of the Board, a majority of the Board, or Members entitled to cast at least (10) percent of the votes which all Members are entitled to cast at the particular meeting. Upon written request of any person or persons entitled to call a special meeting, the Secretary of the Board shall within thirty (30) days (a) fix the date and time of the meeting, which shall be held not more than sixty (60) days after receipt of the request, and (b) give notice to the Members. If the Secretary refuses or neglects to fix the meeting date or give notice within thirty (30) days after receipt of the written request for the special meeting, the person or persons calling the meeting may do so.

Section 6.3 ***shall be amended to read***

Special meetings of the members may be called by the Chair of the Board, a majority of the Board, **or Members comprising at least thirty percent of the votes cast at the last annual meeting.** Upon written request of any person or persons entitled to call a special meeting, the Secretary of the Board shall **within fifteen (30) days** (a) fix the date and time of the meeting, which shall be **held not more than thirty (30) days** after receipt of the request, and (b) give notice to the Members. If the Secretary refuses or neglects to fix the meeting date or give notice **within thirty (15) days** after receipt of the written request for the special meeting, the person or persons calling the meeting may do so.

Quorum Amendment – Submitted by Selena Coppa

Section 6.6 currently reads

The presence, in person, of the Members entitled to cast majority of the votes which may be cast at a meeting shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at such meeting; provided however, that if less than a majority is presented at the annual meeting, or special meeting, a majority of those present shall nevertheless constitute a quorum. The acts of a majority of the Members present and voting at a meeting which a quorum is present shall be the acts of the Members.

BYLAW AMENDMENTS (CONT...):

Section 6.6. *shall be amended to read*

The presence, in person, of the Members entitled to cast majority of the votes which may be cast at a meeting shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at such meeting; provided however, that if less than a majority is presented at the annual meeting, or special meeting, a majority of those present shall nevertheless constitute a quorum. The acts of a majority of the Members present and voting at a meeting which a quorum is present shall be the acts of the Members. ***In votes taken without the physical presence of the members, a quorum shall consist of no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members casting a vote at the last annual meeting.***

Qualifications of Directors Amendment - Submitted by Selena Coppa

Section 7.2 currently reads

Each Director shall be a natural person at least eighteen (18) years of age who need not be a resident of Pennsylvania. Each Director must be a Member; provided, however, that no Director may be an employee of the Corporation.

Section 7.2. *shall be amended to read*

Each Director shall be a natural person at least eighteen (18) years of age who need not be a resident of Pennsylvania. Each Director must be a Member ***in good standing, of at least a year at the time of their standing for election***; provided, however, that no Director may be an employee of the Corporation.

Removal of Directors Amendment – Submitted by Selena Coppa

Any Director may be removed from office for misconduct or negligence by a majority vote of the remaining Directors, even if less than quorum, at any meeting of the Board. The resulting vacancy may be filled by the Board at the same meeting. If any Director is removed a cause must be assigned and document by the acting Secretary of the Board in order for IVAW members to review.

Section 7.8 *shall be amended to read*

Any Director may be removed from office ***for just cause*** by a majority vote of the remaining Directors, even if less than quorum, at any meeting of the Board. The resulting vacancy may be filled by the Board ***or a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members at any annual or special meeting.*** If any Director is removed, ***the resulting vacancy must be filled by the Board or the members at that same meeting.***



BYLAW AMENDMENTS (CONT...):

Proposal for the Election of Board Members - Submitted by Jennifer Blain on behalf of the North East Chapters of IVAW:

[Included note:]

Iraq Veterans Against the War has experimented with various organizing models since its founding in 2004. Initially, the membership was limited and scattered about the country and the world. The at large election of board members made the most sense. As time has passed, and IVAW has continued to grow, the membership has begun to be more regionally located, with clusters of members around the country. The IVAW board has already acknowledged this change by increasing the use of the regional organizers and regional retreats.

At the same time IVAW is experiencing this metamorphosis, the board of directors is still elected at large. This leaves certain regions with a high number of representatives and other areas with no representation. This distorted representation has allowed certain geographical or ideological groups to dominate the Board of Directors.

During the North East Regional Retreat, a group of members were expressing their frustration at a lack of accountability for directors that were not fulfilling their responsibilities. We then began to brainstorm on how we could increase accountability, as well as facilitate better member-director relationships. An idea was put forth for the regional election of Board members.

We have included the election proposal and would ask that each region discuss its merits during their regional retreats this year. It is our hope that we will be able to formally propose this By-Law amendment for the 2011 Annual Meeting and then implement the Regional Election of the Board of Directors for the 2012 IVAW Elections.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal.

Section 7.3. Number and Election of Directors.

The Board shall consist of a minimum of seven (7) Directors and not more than eleven (11) Directors. [The Board of Directors shall be made up of one Director from each of the 6 Continental US IVAW Regions (Northeast, Southeast, Northern Midwest, Southern Midwest, Northwest and Southwest.) and no more than 5 at large Directors] The Directors shall be elected by the Members at the annual meeting.

Editorial Note: As our membership increases, additional regions can be added and the number of at large board members could be reduced to stay within the current by-law board limits.

Section 7.6. Procedure for Nomination and Election of Directors.

A. Sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting of the Members, the Nominating Committee of the Board shall notify the Members in writing of:

- (1) the number of [at large] Directors to be elected;
- (2) the qualification requirements for nomination;
- (3) the procedures for submitting nominations;
- (4) the date by which nominations will be closed;

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- (5) the date by which candidates' statements are due;
- (6) the date by which absentee ballots will be available;
- (7) the process for obtaining an absentee ballot; and
- (8) the date by which absentee ballots are due.

B. The Members shall then submit nominations in accordance with the procedures determined by the Nominating Committee.

C. At the annual meeting of the Members:

- (1) the Secretary shall distribute to the Members entitled to elect [the at-large] Directors and in attendance the list of candidates for [the at-large] Directors with the candidates' statements;
- (2) each candidate or his or her representative shall be allotted equal amounts of time to address the Members in attendance; and
- (3) the Members entitled to elect [at large] Directors and in attendance shall cast their votes.

D. [Each of the Regional Directors shall be elected by regional elections to be held no later than 30 days prior to the IAW Annual Meeting.

- a. Members eligible to run in these elections must meet IAW basic eligibility as listed in Section 7.2 of the Bylaws.
- b. Additionally, in order to be eligible to be elected, said candidate and must have their primary residence within the boundaries of the regional area. In the case of homeless members or members without a primary residence, the region in which they attend chapter meetings shall be the region in which they are eligible to be elected.
- c. If a region is unable to elect a Director due to lack of qualified candidates, the Board of director's seat will remain vacant until such a time as a qualified candidate puts forth their name for consideration and a vote can be held.

d. Regional Elections will be based on the following schedule:

- i. A call will go out to the regional membership by phone, e-mail and at chapter meetings, announcing that a vote will be take place no sooner than 30 days and no longer than 60 days after the notice.
- ii. Any potential candidates will have 15 days to submit their name of consideration.
- iii. All candidates will have the candidates will have 15 days after the nomination period has closed to return the Board Questionnaire and verify their proof of service with the Membership coordinator.
- iv. At least 7 days before voting opens, a copy of the all nominated candidates' responses will be posted in the Member's Section of the website and one copy will be provided to each of the chapter leaders in the region.
- v. Voting will remain open for a minimum of 14 days and no longer than 30 days.
 - 1. Voting will be held online, although e-ballot and paper ballots will be available on request.

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- 2. Upon the closure of voting, the national office will notify the Regional Organizer and Chapter leaders with the results of the vote.
- e. The winner of the vote will be determined in accordance with the current By-Laws.
- f. The Directors elected in the regional elections will begin their term at the IVAW Annual meeting.
- E. Term limits for Regional Directors shall be the same as listed in Section 7.5
- F. In addition to their current responsibilities, Regional Directors will also be required to attend regional events.

Change to Organizational Name - Submitted by Sergio Kochergin

We propose that the organization votes at our upcoming members meeting to adopt the name **Afghanistan & Iraq Veterans Against the War**



We propose that the organization votes at our upcoming members meeting to adopt the name **United Veterans Against the War** (Afghanistan Veterans Against the War & Iraq Veterans Against the War)



To our Allies, and friends,

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OTHER SPOTS IN STUMPTOWN TO SEE:

Do you need to *get away* from the convention? PDX has lots of touristy spots you should check out:

Powell's Books – Largest used book store in the whole country! It has that obscure rare book you've been looking for and never knew you wanted! And best of all, it's only \$4! On 10th and Burnside, just take the Portland Street Car north. Well worth the trip!

Oregon Vietnam Veterans Memorial – The Oregon Vietnam Veterans Memorial is a powerful place. Stand in awe as you realize that the Iraq Veterans and Afghanistan Veterans and Pakistan Veterans and Libya Veterans – and oh fuck it – we'll never have a memorial like this. It's really a somber reminder of the sacrifice of Vietnam Veterans from Oregon. Buy a MAX ticket and take the BLUE line West and get off at the Zoo. Follow the signs.

The Food Carts – Food carts are legendary in Portland. You'll find them littered throughout downtown. If you find the Brunchbox, you can order a double cheese burger between two grilled cheese sandwiches for \$5! Throw a stone from there and you'll hit 3 vegan Thai spots.

Voodoo Donuts – The world-renowned vegan Voodoo Donuts. If you've never heard of Voodoo you're probably better off, the wait line can be up to 2 hours (but most of the time it's only 10 minutes). It's totally worth it. They're located on 3rd and Burnside, cash only.

The Waterfront – It's the Willamette River! Just head east and you'll hit the waterfront. Both sides of the river have walking trails, so walk as long as you'd like, take a bridge to the other side, and walk back. Don't buy drugs down here; you'll just get ripped off.

The Peace Memorial – VFP and IVAW maintain the Portland Peace Memorial – the largest peace sign in the world (that we've found) at 70 feet diameter. Take the MAX over to the Rose Quarter Transit Station, then get off and head towards the Steel Bridge. Due to lousy weather this year, the seeds have been slow to germinate.



Brew Pubs – We've got lots of breweries in town:

Deschutes, Henry's, Bridgeport, Laurelwood, and Rouge are just a Portland Street Car ride away. Stop by a McMenamins and ask for a Rube-inator. Portland has the best beer in the whole world, and some of the best wine.

The Bars Clubs – Our bars have a fine assortment of live music, usually with a \$5-\$10 cover. Most of these activities are near Burnside, between 1st and 6th Ave. Stay out of Oldtown past 3am, you will be stabbed.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

This is the *BRAND-SPANKING NEW F-35 Joint Strike Fighter*. The latest and coolest toy for the US Military. It is the most expensive Department of Defense Program. The GAO puts the 2011 program cost at **\$283.6 billion dollars**.



To put the cost in perspective:

- The medium cost of a new highschool = \$54.9 million (2011)
- The estimated State budget shortfalls for all states in 2012 = \$112 billion
- The total cost of the Apollo Project = \$124 billion (adj. 2010 dollars)

Instead of the F-35 program, we could have:

- Built 5,252 High Schools
- Fixed the state budget issues
- Developed all of the technology necessary to go to the moon, twice.

VETERANS WHO WERE RECENTLY KILLED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT IN OREGON:



Staff Sergeant Anthony McDowell, "Sarge" – Devoted his time to running a non-profit organization called *Sgt McDowell's Military Relief of Oregon*, dedicating his time, energy, and personal finances to supporting veterans in need. In addition, he planned the Veterans Day Parades and other events for the veteran communities in Gresham, Troutdale, and other parts of Oregon. An absolute patriot, McDowell was a true advocate for Veterans, Guardsmen, and Active Duty. Died, January 27th, 2011 outside his home.

Specialist Nikkolas Lookabill – Nik was a member of the Oregon Army National Guard, 41st Infantry, but died in Vancouver, WA. He returned from his first deployment in April 2010, and died less than 5 months later. He was a beloved young man, loving to his girlfriend and her daughter, passionate about helping others, and well-liked by his unit. Nik sought help after the deployment, but was unable to find the proper resources. Although members of the 41st admit they received inadequate services upon returning home, the newspapers did not fault the military or VA, instead printing that Nik blamed his loved ones for his death. Nik was considered a light hearted and happy person 99% of the time. Died September 7th, 2010.

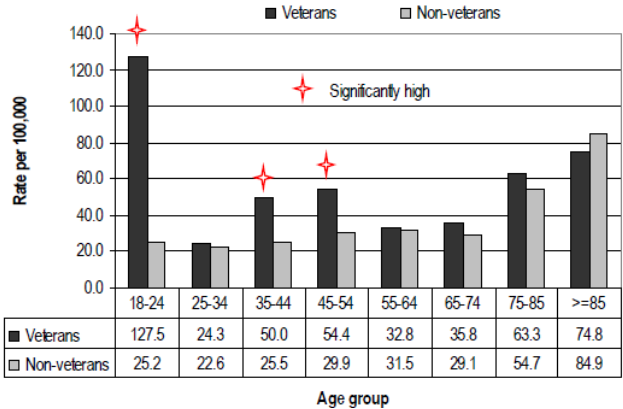
Thomas Higginbotham – Thomas was an Army Vietnam Veteran with two tours and at least one purple heart. Thomas was living in an abandoned car wash in Portland. He was known for great kindness to friends, but also paranoia. Thomas had been living on and off the streets for many years and had a long criminal record. According to the newspapers, his friends were not surprised when he died by the hands of the police. Died January 2nd, 2011

VETERAN SUICIDE IN OREGON:

Suicides in the veteran community is an empidemic throughout the country. Here in Oregon, our suicide rate is 35% higher than the national average (usually ranking between 11th-9th highest in the nation). According to the Oregon Department of Human Services, 27% of suicides occur among veterans in Oregon. 97% of veteran suicides are male. For

18-24 year olds, the rate of suicide is five times higher than civilians. For as much as the government “Cares” we recently found out that the VA suicide-prevention number in Oregon was accidently disconnected. It took a call to a news reporter to fix it.

Figure 7. Age-specific suicide rates among male veterans and non-veterans, Oregon, 2003-2007



THE PEOPLE OF CASCADIA

“Cascadia” is the area from Southern Oregon through Canada and up to Southern Alaska. Cascadia essentially follows the Cascade Mountain Range in a very noticable and distinct bioregion and cultural region. The People of Cascadia have long sought to be free and independent from all oppression.

The idea of a free North Western Nation was advocated by Thomas Jefferson, and in 1940, Southern Oregon actually seceded from the Union calling it’s self “State of Jefferson”. Because of Pearl Harbor and WW2, the new nation was ignored and eventually forgotten. The “State of Jefferson” was actually bombed by the Japanese during the war, swaying local opinion on the idea of independence.

The People of Cascadia believe they live under the occupation of the Police, Military, and other forces from Canada and the United States that prevent them from exercising their own free will and self-government. They acknowledge that living within the Union brings many benefits, but we as a People have their own inclinations, culture, and desires that are ignored by the Union. Due to their small size within the Union, they see proper representation as impossible, and are always bound by the majority interests.

As a political movement, those who advocate for a Free Cascadia are non-existent. The idea of Cascadia lives on only in their hearts, minds, and dreams. Like all people of the Earth, they are striving for a fair system that acknowledges the natural beauty and resources that they have. A system where prosperity is not at odds with the enviorment. A government that does not exploit one group for the benefit of another. A free people who chose a government, not a government that chooses who among the people is free.

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