

Alaska Peace Center Community News and Actions (and KWRK-LP 90.9 FM Radio Report on Mondays, 10am)
Week of April 17th, 2017 Have your pens ready for opportunities to participate!

Briefly: (keep track of the numbers of items you are interested in; I will return to them by number in more detail.)

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STANDING COMMITTEE *

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Resources for Peace, Justice, and Sustainability:

In more detail:

In the recent past:

Per dy, **\$100 million is the cost of the 59 Tomahawk missiles** launched at Syria recently, 34 of which were shot down.

How many hungry people could have been fed, how many could be fed for that much?

Call to Protect Education Funding: (see NM article)

April 15th, **Tax Day demonstrators** - THousands (see DNM article)

April 15th, **Millions of U.S. citizens increased our complicity in war crimes**, crimes against humanity, and wars on the environment by fully paying our federal income taxes, 48% of which go to militarism.

Ongoing:

1. **Friends of Fox Spring citizens' group** is conducting a fundraising campaign in partnership with the local non-profit foundation, North Star Community Foundation, in order to follow through with an agreement with DOT-PF to financially support the Fox Spring/Well maintenance and operations budget for the coming fiscal year July 1, 2017-July 1, 2018. The Fox watering site will remain open to the public after June 30 this year ONLY if water users and supporters step up to completely finance this endeavor to the tune of \$30-50,000 for the year according to DOT-PF estimates and averages over the past 50 years. The Fox watering point will be shut down June 30 unless we act together.

Donations can be made on-line <nscfundalaska.org> under the Friends of Fox Spring link or by mail to Friends of Fox Spring, PO. Box 82290, FBX, AK 99708. Call (907)378-6744 for further information. Keeping the Fox Spring in the public domain is the goal. In addition, a benefit for the Spring will be held at the Howling Dog on the evening of Saturday, May 6, from 4-8 pm.

2. The U.S. Congress, House and Senate, are out of session. But don't breathe a sigh of relief. The destruction rolls on without them. And now, while Congress Members and Senators are in their districts and states until April 23rd, is the time to challenge them to do better.

It was this kind of in-person pressure that was key to preventing a massive bombing of Syria in 2013, and that has been central to improving policy on numerous issues.

The issue before us now is a budget proposal that moves another \$54 billion from everything good to the military and more wars -- plus the growing list of those wars.

Sign and print out this petition:

<https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/un-trump-the-budget>

Find events that your misrepresentatives have already scheduled, and attend:

<http://townhallproject.com>

Create your own event, invite your rep and senators. Ask us to help.

Get commitments to de-fund the wars and to move the money out of militarism. --from WorldBeyondWar.org.

3. **U.S. Navy Northern Edge 2017, live fire exercise in Gulf of Alaska, Senators need to hear from You now;**

From Eyak Preservation Council & the Summer is for Salmon team: x

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In the near future:

Monday, April 17th: Legislative committee hearings and public : Call ahead 452-4448 to confirm no changes!

5. 3:15pm, PUBLIC TESTIMONY at Legislative Info Office rm 304? Sadler Bldg: House Labor & Commerce: on

6. --- **Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition Council Mtg**, Mon, April 17, 1 – 3pm (from FAF)

7. 5-6pm [Missing in Action Town Hall – Don Young](#) Noel Wein Library Auditorium, 1215 Cowles St, Fbks Representative Young isn't holding town halls for his constituents so we are having one for him. Bring your questions about the House Intelligence Committee, the ACA, changes to environmental protections, and other topics. We will record your questions and comments and send them to him.

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Tuesday, April 18th:

9. 5pm [Fairbanks Public Meeting](#), 5PM, Raven Landing Center. The State of Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF), in partnership with DOWL and Alta Planning + Design, are working to create a plan to improve bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure across the state. The goal of the project is to improve safety, increase accessibility, and promote healthy lifestyles in Alaska's communities. (from NAEC)

Wednesday, April 19th:

Thursday, April 20th:

10. **Gender Pioneers Ally Training**, Thu, April 20 (from FAF)

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13. Public Forum | Renewable Energy in Interior Alaska: Opportunities and Challenges

When: Thursday, April 20 at 5:30 PM

Where: Noel Wien Public Library, Auditorium

Presenters will discuss recent developments and the road ahead for renewable energy in Interior, Alaska. They will provide an overview of the legal and policy framework, as well as the wide range of benefits and challenges associated with renewable energy. The presenters will also discuss the roles played by the Alaska Legislature, Regulatory Commission of Alaska, local utilities, and independent renewable energy developers. Individual presenters will also highlight a few promising renewable energy projects in Interior, Alaska. Attendees are encouraged to bring questions and engage in a lively discussion!

PRESENTERS

Teresa B. Clemmer, Esq. is an attorney representing independent renewable energy developers in Alaska. Ms. Clemmer has been in practice for 18 years with a focus on environmental, natural resource, and energy law matters. In addition to her many years in Alaska, Ms. Clemmer spent four years as a law professor at Vermont Law School, teaching courses on Air Pollution and Environmental Law and directing the Environmental & Natural Resources Law Clinic. Ms. Clemmer obtained her law degree from Georgetown University Law Center and her undergraduate degree from Princeton University.

Mike Craft and his wife, Kathy, moved to Fairbanks, Alaska in 1981. They have three sons, one daughter, two

grandsons and one granddaughter all who live in Alaska. Mike has worked as a developer for 35 years, first building houses and developing subdivisions and now has focuses on renewable energy projects. Some of Mr. Craft's accomplishments include developing the first commercial wind farm on the Railbelt grid and developing the first 80 acre green space in Fairbanks.

Eddie Davidson, was born and raised in Alaska and raised off the grid. He's spent the last 20 years installing solar, wind, and hydro in Alaska, Canada, and the lower-48. He is a NABCEP Certified Solar system design and installation expert at Renewable Energy Systems (RES) in Fairbanks, Alaska. RES specializes in innovative systems that blend appropriate energy sources into reliable, cost effective and long lasting systems tailored to each customer's individual needs. Our systems can be found in some of the most remote and isolated regions across the state, in businesses, homes, cabins, RV's, boats, lodges, and at remote communication sites.

Golden Valley Electric Association's mission is to safely provide its member-owners with quality electric service, quality customer service and innovative energy solutions at fair and reasonable prices.

MODERATOR *Paul Reichardt*, is retired UAF faculty member and administrator and environmental issues have been a part of his life as an academic and as a private citizen. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Northern Alaska Environmental Center and currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Alaska Conservation Foundation. [RSVP via our Facebook event page](#)
(from NAEC)

Friday, April 21st:

Saturday, April 22nd:

14. ---**League of Women Voters Annual Convention**, Apr 22 – 23, at the International Brotherhood of Electric Worker's (IBEW) 1547 hall at 2000 Airport Way Fairbanks: Mark your calendar for the upcoming League of Women Voters (LWV) Alaska Annual Convention. League members from across Alaska will be gathering. The State Board is working on the agenda. Our local League is working on the logistics. Business, workshops, talks, evening social and auction, activism, strategies will all be on the agenda.
More information: www.lwvalaska.org/fairbanks/ (from FAF)
15. 9-10am **People's Climate March** at Lathrop High School Parking Lot: Organized locally by the Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition (FCAC), coincides with the Peoples Climate Movement March in Washington, D.C. and events across the country. On the 100th Day of the Trump Administration, we will take to the streets to show the world and our leaders that we will resist attacks on our people, our communities and our planet. March for climate, jobs, and justice! More information: fairbanksclimateaction@gmail.com and www.peoplesclimate.org/
16. **10am March for Science**, the Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition will rally with scientists highlighting the need for a just transition off fossil fuels. The people's climate movement demands a just and jobs-focused transition based on what traditional and Western science confirms, the human causes of climate change. We will then host a workshop at Earth Day entitled Rights of Mother Earth. <https://www.facebook.com/marchforsciencefairbanks/?fref=ts> (from FAF)
17. **12-4pm Earth Day** events at Barnette School.

18. **Veterans For Peace Statement on Environmental Costs of War:** When you think about war, do you think about the environment? War wastes and destroys natural resources. Before the first bullet is fired, preparation for war requires the extracting and processing of metals, wood, and petroleum to build infrastructure, manufacture equipment, and develop advanced weaponry. Testing for chemical and nuclear weapons, for example, has left irreversible damage to the environment, along with causing extensive radioactive damage to people in communities near the mining, manufacturing, and test sites.

During war, increased production, infrastructure destruction, and accelerated fuel use are only a handful of the consequences. It is a fact that the U.S. Pentagon is the largest consumer of oil in the world. By one estimate, the U.S. military used [1.2 million barrels](#) of oil in Iraq in just one month in 2008. This increased rate of fuel use compared to non-wartime has to do, in part, with the fact that fuel must be delivered to vehicles in the field by other vehicles, using even more fuel. During the Gulf War in 1991, in an effort to stop a landing of U.S Marines, the Iraqi military dumped roughly [1.5 million tons of oil](#) into the Persian Gulf. By the time Saudi authorities and international contractors initiated clean-up

efforts, much of the oil had sunk, evaporated or washed up on beaches and the oil slicks had catastrophic and lasting impact on wildlife.

After a war, the host country is left in disarray. While infrastructure isn't part of the natural environment, its destruction has lasting impacts. Water systems and land are contaminated, villages are destroyed, people and animals are displaced or killed, and ecosystems are permanently damaged.

Historically, a "scorched earth" military strategy has been common practice in war, even before modern technological advances. This strategy involves destroying everything that could be useful for an enemy, while advancing through an area. The goal is to starve citizens, destroy cropland, and pressure the enemy into surrender. One common example of this strategy is the use of Agent Orange, when the U.S. military [sprayed 20 million gallons](#) of chemical herbicides and defoliants in Vietnam. Agent Orange has had long-lasting effects on Vietnam's water supply and ecosystem. Although Agent Orange is now banned, many other chemical defoliants are still being used today. Depleted Uranium, the most controversial of recent chemical weapons, has also been found to have long-lasting impacts on human health and soil. The list of destruction resulting from war goes on and on. From the preparation for war to war-fighting and the aftermath, the environment pays a toll. This Earth Day, members of Veterans For Peace are speaking out on environmental damages associated with endless war. As Veterans For Peace, we are committed to exposing the true costs of war and militarism, including the cost to the environment.

Sunday, April 23rd:

16. 5-7pm, Movie & Panel on Channel 13: Solar in Fairbanks. (from FCAC)

After this week:

---Community Feedback on Opioid Prevention, April 26 (from FAF)

---Friday, April 28: **Alaska Peace Center potluck & Safe City presentation.**

--May 13: PLEASE SHARE! Good day movement makers, The Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition and Native Movement would like to invite you to the **third in a series of organizer trainings designed to share organizing tools and build a more unified strengthened Justice focused movement in the Interior.**

Who: Anyone with passion and commitment to making positive change in our community.

What we will focus on: *civics 101 & campaign strategy.* We will discuss how to support candidates who are running, upcoming open seats and next steps, and candidate training (for those who would like to stay later to learn).

When: Saturday, May 13, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Where: [Cold Climate Housing Research Center](#) - 1000 Fairbanks St, Fairbanks, AK 99709

Food: Coffee, tea, and lunch will be provided for all participants. Please let us know if you have any dietary needs.

Child care will be provided if you let us know your needs in advance.

Cost: We are accepting a small donation of \$10 to help offset the cost of food. If you are unable to donate, that is OK! We want this to be accessible to everyone.

RSVP to Jessica Girard (girard@northern.org) by May 10th if you plan on attending.

This training will be organized and facilitated by local campaign managers. We look forward to mobilizing our movement with each of you!

With hope,

Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition & Native Movement

Native Movement is an Indigenous-led non-profit organization with over 13 years of experience in providing leadership and organizing support toward building healthy and sustainable communities. Native Movement's work aims to justly and equitably transition our communities toward the positive and lasting change we seek through the lens of environmental justice, climate justice, economic justice, social justice and Indigenous rights, in short a "just transition."

Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition, through education and advocacy, will mobilize Fairbanks and Interior Alaska communities toward action to mitigate and adapt to climate change. We seek to elevate climate solutions and foster a fair, equitable, & just transition to sustainable communities — locally, regionally and globally.

---conflict resolution/ AVP Advanced workshop this June 9-11 in Fairbanks

Outside Alaska

Legislative Action

<https://www.veteransforpeace.org/take-action/legislative-action/>

Trainings, Speakers, other activities:

<http://www.paceebene.org/event/http://nonviolencetraininghub.org/> <http://www.codepink.org>

from <http://www.paceebene.org/event/> [Nonviolent Witness at Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab](#) 4-14-17 Livermore, CA

--From Veterans For Peace: ...

April 23 - Earth Day: Exposing the Environmental Costs of War **April 23-29** - [3rd Annual Shut Down Creech in Las Vegas, NV](#)

April 29 - [Peoples Climate Movement March](#) in Washington D.C. **May 1** - [May Day](#)

May 5-7 [National War Tax Resistance Gathering: Raising the Stakes: Resistance and Community Survival in Troubled Times](#)

Aug 9-13 - [VFP Annual Convention-"Education Not Militarization"](#), Chicago

--from ACLU: xxx

Resources for Peace, Justice, and Sustainability;

Alaska Peace Center Open Hours Fridays 5-7pm: Come browse our library of literature & media relevant to peace, justice, and sustainability, have a cup of tea or coffee; discuss what's going on, or watch a movie.

Email Alaska Peace Center at info@alaskapeace.org. The website is alaskapeace.org; also Facebook.

We have many local, state, national, and international events and resources listed and available: please contact us at info@alaskapeace.org for more information and details, or to get on our email list, to which the expanded news brief is sent.

Northern Alaska Environmental Center <http://northern.org/>

Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition calendar: <http://fairbanksclimateaction.org/index.php/events-and-meetings/>

Fairbanks Activist Forum calendar: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=fairbanksactivistsforum%40gmail.com&ctz=America/Anchorage>

MarchonFBX:

Rapid Response Alerts Hashtag #FBXaction for spur of the moment actions.

Fairbanks North Star Borough assembly meets alternate Thursday evenings:

<http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/cp/Documents/FNSB%20MEETING%20DATES%20AND%20DEADLINES.pdf>

2017 Alaska State Legislature... <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/start.asp>

Legislative information office [LIO]: 452-4448, in AlaskaUSA bldg. on Sadler Way just south of HomeDepot

Alaska's Congressional delegation: Capitol switchboard 1-202-224-3121;

Rep. Don Young in DC: t.202-225-5765 or toll-free 1-866-990-5979/fax 202-225-0425; in Fbks 456-0210/f.456-0279; in Anch 907-271-5978/f.907-271-5950;

Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov; *AK offices* in Fbks 100 Cushman St ste 307; Anch: 4241 B st, ste 203

Sen. Lisa Murkowski in DC: t.202-224-6665; Fbks-t.456-0233/fax 451-7146; Anch-907-271-5978/f.877-857-0322; JNU-586-7277/f.(907)586-7201;

Wasilla-376-7665/f. 376-8526; Kenai-283-5808/f.283-4363 *Email via:* murkowski.senate.gov;

AK offices in Fbks-Federal Bldg 101- 12th Ave, ste 329; in Anch-510 L St, ste 600; JNU-800 Glacier Ave, ste 101; Kenai-805 Frontage Rd ste 105;

Ketchikan-1900 First Ave, ste 225.

Sen. Dan Sullivan in DC: t.202-224-3004; in Fbks-456-0261/f.451-7290; Anch 907-271-5978/f.258-9305; JNU-586-7277/f.586-7201; Wasilla-357-9956/f.-9964;

Kenai-283-4000/f.4401; Ketchikan-225-6880/f.-0390 *Email via:* sullivan.senate.gov/contact; *AK offices* in Fbks-Fed Bldg 101 12th ave ste 328;

Anch-510 L St ste 750; JNU-800 Glacier ave ste 101; Wasilla-851 E. Westpt Dr. ste 309; Kenai-805 Frontage Rd ste 101; Ketchikan-1900 1st ave ste 225.

A reminder! Today and every day: visit, call, email, write your legislators, congresspersons and city and borough assemblies and write letters to the editor about issues being acted on and affecting peace, justice, and sustainability.

May Peace be with you! Have a good week!