Community News and Opportunities for Action, **WEEK of May 26th, 2019**

reporting on events & issues of peace, justice, and sustainability affecting us and future generations in Alaska, broadcasting on **Sundays, 8am & 6pm** on KWRK-LP 90.9 FM/kwrk.org Radio in Fairbanks, Alaska. Be ready for opportunities to participate!

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<td><strong>Monday May 27</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Showing Up For Our Refugee Neighbors</strong> - Susan Fitzgerald, who spent much of her life in Alaska, has dedicated herself to providing relief to refugees and asylum seekers who have crossed the border into New Mexico. Join us in welcoming her for a special program to learn about how we can show up for our refugee neighbors. During the service we’ll take up a special collection to support her life-saving work. For more info contact 451-8838 <a href="mailto:admin@uuff.org">admin@uuff.org</a>.</td>
<td>Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fbks, 4448 Pikes Landing Rd</td>
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<td><strong>Memorial Day - VFP Honors Memorial Day</strong> It is natural to first remember those who are closest to us. Many of us have been personally touched by war. But we must also extend that mourning. We must remember the combat veterans, civilian victims, and their families, who are all equally human beings. Honoring and remembering some deaths while ignoring others not only perpetuates war, but also ignores the moral injuries of war, which some now recognize as a significant cause of veteran suicide. This Memorial Day, Veterans For Peace is reminding the public that the human cost of war is more than human soldiers, but also the people who are caught in the crossfire.</td>
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This week the Alaska Legislature in special session may address:

**HB49, the Criminal Reform Package** -- Per Sen Elvi, some provisions include, “Marriage Defense Repealed

Repealing current law, an offender can no longer rape their incapacitated or unaware spouse and claim marriage as a defense to the conduct. This is a needed fix to an abhorrent legal loophole.

**Rape Kit Testing Requirements**

Alaska's sexual crime rates are three times higher than the national average. Additionally, there are thousands of untested rape kits in the State. HB 49 will require law enforcement agencies to ensure that all sexual assault examination kits are sent to a crime lab within 30 days of collection and advise the victim within two weeks that testing is complete. This will help us take dangerous predators off the streets and bring justice for victims.”

See more of the legislative schedule and links to related info at akleg.gov

Much of the proceedings are televised and/or Streamed live on AKL.tv**

- and there are opportunities to testify; Contact your LIO for more information >>>>>>

To Contact your Elected Public Officials, see lists of contact information at the end of this news brief

Contact your Legislative Information Office (LIO). In Fbks: 452-4448
In Washington, D.C., Veterans For Peace will display the Swords to Plowshares Memorial Belltower from May 25th-27th, to remember all people killed in war. *3’ 30” intro video*

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<td><strong>Call on Congress to pass the We the People Amendment.</strong> Move to Amend, a national grassroots organization seeking to amend the U.S. Constitution to make clear that only human beings have Constitutional rights and to get big money out of politics, is organizing “Free The People from Corporate Rule” rallies and press conferences at Congressional offices across the country... House Joint Resolution 48, ...the We the People Amendment, will overturn Citizens United and related cases by making clear that, “The rights protected by the Constitution of the United States are the rights of natural persons only,” and require Congress to limit campaign spending... A complete list of Congressional offices that will be part of the action can be found at <a href="http://MoveToAmend.org/FreeThePeople">MoveToAmend.org/FreeThePeople</a>. The text of the We the People Amendment and list of current co-sponsors can be found here. <a href="mailto:info@movetoamend.org">info@movetoamend.org</a></td>
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<td>“Rachel Carson” on American Experience. “Scientist Rachel Carson’s writings” which inspired the creation of the Environmental Protection Agency and so much more.</td>
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<td>Council Chambers of City Hall, 800 Cushman Street</td>
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<td><strong>UAF Arctic Research Open House.</strong> Researchers from all UAF research institutes will be available to talk to the public and other researchers about their work. Research from the Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station will be highlighted on posters and several researchers will be on hand in the Arctic Health Research Building “head house” to talk about their work. The head house is located near the building’s greenhouse. Enter the west side of the building and look for signs. Refreshments.</td>
<td>University of Alaska Fairbanks West Ridge</td>
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<td><strong>Friday May 31</strong></td>
<td><strong>Deadline</strong> Rotary Foundation Accepting Applications for Peace Center Fellowships - Read more about it at <a href="http://philanthropynewsdigest.org/rfps/">http://philanthropynewsdigest.org/rfps/</a>.</td>
<td>Raven Landing Center, 1222 Cowles Street, Fbks</td>
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<td>3-7pm</td>
<td><strong>:: May 31: Pebble Mine Town Hall::</strong> The US Army Corp has neglected to host public hearings anywhere in the Interior on their Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). This means our voices haven’t been heard by the agencies in charge of permitting this project, or Senator Lisa Murkowski who has the power to defend and protect our communities. It’s time for that to change. The Alaska Center is hosting a public Panel and Town Hall for Interior communities to get the latest information about the Pebble Mine Project and to testify about our concerns about the mine. Agenda - 3- 4pm - Open for Testimony; 4:30-5:30 pm - Presentation/Panel; 5-7pm - Testimony</td>
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<td><strong>Potluck, Film Winter on Fire: Ukraine’s Fight for Freedom</strong>, and discussion led by Rev. Neill McKay who recently went with a Peacemaking Travel Study Seminar to the Ukraine. Potluck will begin at 6pm, and presentation at 6:45pm. This event is co-sponsored by UCPC (907-479 6728) and the Alaska Peace Center <a href="mailto:info@alaskapeace.org">info@alaskapeace.org</a>. There is no admission charge, and everyone is welcome.</td>
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### 7th Annual Peace Feast

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Enjoy free barbecue and learn about the work of folks in our community you may not have known about before who have been doing work that promotes peace, justice, &/or sustainability! All Welcome! Contributions of potluck are welcome too.  
[Info](mailto:info@alaskapeace.org) for more information. View, print, share the **Peace Feast flyer**!  

**Pioneer Park Square Dance Pavilion**

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### June 1

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### Next Week

**Tuesday**

- **June 4**
  - **4-7pm**
    - **South Side Farmers’ Market**
      - [Details](http://southsidedenali.org) will be open on **Tuesdays from 4-7pm** starting on June 4th and going until September 24th. The annual BBQ will be July 16th, but there will be events every day of the market. Anyone with food stamp coupons can purchase locally grown food items at half price. Vendors can be members for $50 for the entire summer.
      - [715-833 24th Ave](http://southsidedenali.org)

**Wednesday**

- **June 5**
  - **5:30pm**
    - **Fairbanks Open Radio (KWRK-LP 90.9 FM) monthly mtg.**
      - [Info](mailto:info@kwrk.org)
      - **3535 College Rd, suite 203**

**Thursday**

- **June 6**
  - **5:30pm**
    - **Alaska Peace Center monthly* mtg.**
      - [Details](http://alaskapeace.org) come help plan activities that promote peace, justice, and sustainability, including our annual booth at the Tanana Valley State Fair. For more info please contact [info@alaskapeace.org](mailto:info@alaskapeace.org) or leave a msg at 374-0577.
      - [Please note that we will take a hiatus from regular meetings in July & August but planning events continues.](http://alaskapeace.org)
      - **3535 College Rd suite 203, above Fuji Restaurant**

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**Friday**

- **June 7**
  - **Deadline**
    - Determine if your organization would like to request edits to Fbks Climate Action Coalition Policy & Politics working group resolution for a borough-wide Climate Action Plan for us & can get that to us before the **June 7th deadline.**
    - [Details](http://alaskapeace.org)
  
  - **5:30-8:30pm**
    - **:: Northern Alaska Environmental Center Donor Appreciation Picnic**
      - We invite our donors and supporters to join us for a backyard picnic to catch up on our work, celebrate our community, and share a meal. Main course provided. Side dish and pie potluck. Lawn games if the weather is nice. Are you able to help out with set up, clean up, and/or bringing some food? [Let us know here.](mailto: info@alaskapeace.org)
      - We’ll have table space for partner organizations to share information and educational materials; please let us know if you’d like to drop off.
      - **830 College Road**

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  - [Details](http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0043698/) - [which] follows women's suffrage leaders Alice Paul and Lucy Burns as they use peaceful and effective nonviolent strategies, tactics, and dialogues to revolutionize the American feminist movement to grant women the right to vote,
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<td><strong>Spring Food Preservation Series - Making Fresh Cheese, Kefir, and Yogurt</strong> Presented by Leslie Shallcross, health, home and family development agent, UAF Cooperative Extension Service Tanana District Office. The class fee is $20. <a href="https://www.uaf.edu/ces/">Register here</a>. Notice: <strong>Parking lot construction June 1-Aug. 15.</strong> “During this time access and parking to U-Park will be the north parking lot. We will use the north entrance to the parking lot off university ave (closest to railroad tracks). The contractor will set up detour with signs. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we head into another construction season...”</td>
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<td>June 10 - July 19</td>
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<td><strong>Camp Habitat - Nature Education and Ecology Camp for Kids</strong> - one or two weeks for each age group. For more information or to register call 907-750-2298 or email <a href="mailto:camphabitat@friendsofcreamersfield.org">camphabitat@friendsofcreamersfield.org</a>. Campers learn about the natural history of Interior Alaska through engaging activities, games, hikes, projects, and guest speakers. They will explore the natural world through themes such as plants, animals, birds, fish, habitats, and people &amp; the environment. Camp Habitat is Sponsored by: Friends of Creamer’s Field, Alaska Dept. of Fish &amp; Game, Northern Alaska Environmental Center. <a href="https://www.uaf.edu/ces/">flyer 2019</a></td>
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<td>“GVEA District 5 members (North Pole and neighborhoods along the Richardson Highway south to the Salcha River), learn about your board candidates - vote by June 11 - <a href="https://www.northern.org/">Read Mark Oppe’s responses here</a>, to Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition questions about candidate positions and perspectives on what they hope to bring to the Interior's energy future. <a href="https://www.northern.org/">no other responses received</a></td>
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<td><strong>:: to comment on Bering Sea-Western Interior Regional Management Plan and EIS.</strong> The Bureau of Land Management’s Anchorage Field Office is seeking public comments on a draft plan for future public land management actions in the Bering Sea-Western Interior region of Alaska... We will share more information about this extensive plan in the coming weeks, but as you look into it, note that the &quot;preferred alternative&quot; opens all but 1% of the Kuskokwim region to potential mining activity, and would have major implications for the region. We (NAEC) will be advocating for Alternative B in our comments.**</td>
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<td><em><em>“Molly of Denali” Premiere ‘sneak peak’</em> of 5 back-to-back episodes ...</em>* new PBS series based on the life of an Athabascan child living near Denali National Park. This is the first nationally distributed children’s series in the U.S. to feature an Alaska Native lead character, and is directed by Alaska Native advisors. *“Email invites will be sent to homes with children ages 4 to 8 and attendees will need to RSVP. In addition to the first public showing... there will be activities and giveaways,” per <a href="mailto:nancy.kuac@alaska.edu">nancy.kuac@alaska.edu</a>.</td>
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<td><strong>:: DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JULY 1: Deadline to comment on the Army Corps of Engineers’ Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Pebble Mine.</strong> Learn more about how to get involved from United Tribes of Bristol Bay and The Alaska Center.</td>
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<td><strong>:: Comment deadline on the Fairbanks PM2.5 Serious SIP released by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.</strong> In the coming weeks we will have substantive talking points for commenting on the Serious SIP, but in the meantime, please note the following: You can comment on the proposed regulation changes by submitting written comments to Cindy Heil, Division of Air Quality, ADEC, 555 Cordova St, Anchorage AK 99501; or by facsimile at (907) 269-7508; or by e-mail to <a href="mailto:dec.air.comment@alaska.gov">dec.air.comment@alaska.gov</a>; or by the <a href="https://www.dec.wv.gov/">electronic comment form here</a>.from <a href="mailto:erica@northern.org">erica@northern.org</a>&gt;</td>
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**Good News category:**

*from Friends Committee on National Legislation: “On Tuesday, the House appropriations committee adopted Rep. Barbara Lee's (CA-13) amendment to repeal the 2001 Authorization for the Use of Military Force in the annual defense spending bill. We expect the full House to vote on the bill in June. Our success will depend on what members of Congress hear when they are home for the one-week Memorial Day recess. Take action to end endless war. [Write Congress](https://www.wcc.org/write) [Learn More](https://www.wcc.org/learn)**
Building Peace
The Global Fragility Act (H.R. 2116) passed the House of Representatives with broad, bipartisan support! The bill will greatly strengthen our capacity to prevent violent conflict around the world before it starts. The legislation now awaits consideration in the Senate. Urge your senators to support the Global Fragility Act.

Implementing Criminal Justice Reform
The House moved to fully fund the First Step Act in a subcommittee markup, designating $75 million towards job training and reentry programs for formally incarcerated individuals. This moves us closer to being able to implement the first major criminal justice reform in a generation.

Decreased Funding for Dangerous Nukes
The House Appropriations Committee cut funding to programs that would deploy dangerous new nuclear weapons—like so-called “usable nukes.” The Appropriations Committee has done its job—now it’s up to the Armed Services Committee to prohibit the deployment of these weapons.”

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from Northern Alaska Environmental Center: “[T]he House Appropriations Committee just voted to pass an appropriations bill that increases funding for conservation and will hold Trump and members of Congress who voted in favor of the 2017 tax bill accountable to the promises made when they snuck Arctic Refuge leasing in to that bill. “At the same time, climate justice and human rights activists have been working hard to target banks and oil companies at their annual shareholder meetings and in the streets in front of their corporate headquarters. Here is a short video about some of the Indigenous leaders standing up to BP in Denver and Scotland. And if you haven’t yet, read in her own words why Bernadette Demientieff travelled half-way around the world to talk with oil company leaders. The world is watching.”

“Anchorage adopts Climate Action Plan By Zachariah Hughes, Alaska Public Media - May 22, 2019 - The Anchorage Assembly voted overwhelmingly to adopt a proposed Climate Action Plan. With more than 100 pages, the document sets ambitious goals, like reducing the city’s carbon emissions by 80 percent within about 30 years...” Read/Listen more.

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from CodePINK: “The governments of Venezuela and Turkey have just agreed to sign a Protecting Power Agreement to sustain the Venezuelan Embassy in Washington, DC under the charge of the Turkish government. But in order for this to happen, the State Department must give its stamp of approval. Add your name now to our petition urging the State Department to approve the Turkish Government to operate as the Protecting Power for the Venezuelan embassy in DC.”

Ongoing Campaigns, Recent Past Events, Issues not specific to Alaska, and/or without specific date

Soliciting Fairbanks Peace Advocacy Team advocates: “local, community-based groups of grassroots advocates who lobby in-district on federal legislation to promote peace and justice. Advocacy Teams receive regular support from FCNL and join a monthly call with a national network of over 100 other teams around the country who are working together on a strategic advocacy campaign each year.” If you are interested, please contact Heather at 907-479-0981.

“Charlottesville to Vote 6/3 to Divest from Weapons, Fossil Fuels: A coalition organized as DivestCville.org is asking the City of Charlottesville, Va., to divest all public money from weapons companies, major war profiteers, and fossil fuel companies. At its Monday, May 6, 2019, meeting, and through subsequent discussions, Charlottesville City Council decided that it would vote on a resolution on June 3rd to divest its general operating fund from weapons and fossil fuels. It also sketched out a plan to establish new policies for its retirement fund over the coming summer and into the fall — policies that will include divestment from weapons and fossil fuels and also possibly commitments to more ethical investing aimed at positive social impacts...” Read, hear, and see more about this movement at this link.
To read of concerns over prior expansions in recent years, see [Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition](https://www.alaskapublic.org/.../moose hunters riled over new restrictions on military...Aug. 16, 2018)

“Dunleavy Admin plans to allow increased dumping of oil/gas wastes in Cook Inlet waters”
by Laine Welch | May 23, 2019: Read more the article at [Environment, Fish Radio Programs](http://www.5gfrequencyfreefairbanks.org/)

Newly-passed Alabama anti-abortion “bill sponsor Sen. Clyde Chambliss, a Republican, specified that the law would not prohibit the destruction of fertilized eggs used for in-vitro fertilization, only those conceived within a woman's body. "The egg in the lab doesn’t apply. It’s not in a woman. She's not pregnant," Chambliss said,” and was quoted at reason.com and various other sites, to which a gone-viral response has been: “The most revealing part of the Alabama abortion law is that the personhood of the holy embryo doesn’t apply to those in fertility clinics...”

**Frontiers in Neuroscience**
Mobile phone chips can reduce the elevated brain activity recorded by electroencephalograms when humans are exposed to the electromagnetic fields emitted by cell phones.

Bioelectromagnetics: The alpha band, which measures brain activity on electroencephalograms, increases significantly when cell phones are activated on the heads of volunteers. The alpha brain-wave pattern typically correlates with a "wandering mind", or "internal thoughts" and "sleep". Increased alpha readings correlated with the side of the head exposed to the activated cell phone.

Neuroscience Letters: Sleep onset, as measured by electroencephalogram sleepiness rankings, is significantly delayed after exposure to 900 MHz cell phone signals in the talk mode. Cell phone signals in the listen and stand-by modes produced significantly less sleep onset delays.

[See more] ‘Troubling scientific findings emerge as wireless signals permeate our lives’ at [http://www.5gfrequencyfreefairbanks.org/](http://www.5gfrequencyfreefairbanks.org/),


**Fairbanks Housing and Homeless Coalition**: “January 22, 2019  Fairbanks  Outside Temperature: -10°F  [some of the results:]

- Total Number of Homeless Persons 197
- Total Number of Persons in Shelter: 103
- Total Number of Persons in Transitional Housing: 41
- Household containing both Adults & Children: 19.7%
- Does the client have a disabling condition? Yes 59.8%

“The Point In Time count is a federally led effort to determine the number of people experiencing homelessness across the country. The count is conducted every January and there are rather strict definitions of homelessness. This year the PIT was conducted on January 22 across the country. Most communities in Alaska held Project Homeless Connect events on January 23 to help collect data. Additionally in Fairbanks, we had multiple teams surveying people downtown and at encampments.”

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**Reported on KUAC Morning News 5-23-19**: “The U.S. Missile Defense Agency plans to expand Restricted Air Space around Clear Air Force Station. The agency is bldg a long-range discrimination radar... to better detect incoming missiles for ground-based interceptor systems... At Fort Greely and other installations Outside. An agency news release says the special use airspace around Clear Air Force Station needs to be expanded to, quote, “protect nearby aircraft.” The missile defense agency has scheduled 3 public meetings as part of preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The meetings are scheduled for Tues June 4 in Anch; Wednesday the 5th in Anderson, and Thursday the 6th in Fairbanks. The public comment period for the Airspace EIS ends June 17th.”

To read of concerns over prior expansions in recent years, see [https://www.alaskapublic.org/.../moose hunters riled over new restrictions on military...Aug. 16, 2018](https://www.alaskapublic.org/.../moose hunters riled over new restrictions on military...Aug. 16, 2018)

Hello, this is Rob Mulford with the Asymmetric Moose Music Picks for the week of May 26, 2019.

The month of May has been celebrated as Mental Health Month since 1949. I have chosen two tunes this week that bring awareness to those who struggle with mental illness. The first, by DanakaDan a Korean adoptee Alt-Rapper from Los Angeles, speaks of the struggle, singing, “I have no answers for the voices every day asking for more… With every echo, growing louder can you hear me from the floor”. The struggle is real for whoever experiences the voices, visions, depressions, and oppressive anxieties; a sometimes-frightening reality can threaten the mental health of those who love them. The tune is, “This Song Is About Mental Health”.

In the next tune, English Punk Rock Band, Creeper sings of the courage it takes to face these struggles in, “I Choose To Live”.

On April 4, 1967, in his powerful speech (“Beyond Vietnam – A Time to Break Silence”) Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. condemned America’s war in Vietnam, saying, “A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death.” Exactly one year later, he was assassinated in Memphis. We tell our children, “Though shall not kill”, but spend somewhere near a trillion dollars a year on killing people, mostly of color, around the world. When we as a nation celebrate that murder, thanking those who carry it out for their service, can our disconnect act like heavy metal toxins, causing moral injury to the country’s mental health. In the next tune Sid Griffin and Billy Bragg sing a previously unreleased Phil Ochs song about that disconnect. The tune is “Sailors and Soldiers”.

That disconnect has been a community health issue for a long-long time. The Clancy Brothers sing about it next in the “Patriot Game”.

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What could possibly cost 32 Million dollars per Hour?

Making people healthy and giving them the occasion for happiness? Correcting injustices around the world? Mitigating the negative impacts of climate crisis? Don’t we wish a significant portion of such funding were dedicated to these goals. The sadly true answer is the “war on terror” (aka wars of terror): $32,000,000/hr. See for yourself how many health care providers, public safety and justice measures, schools, alternative energy jobs our taxes and national wealth could fund instead, at https://watson.brown.edu/costsofwar/. Per a March, 2019, analysis, “War Spending and Lost Opportunities” by Heidi Garrett-Peltier, PhD Research Fellow, Political Economy Research Institute, University of Massachusetts. “The military creates 6.9 jobs per $1 million, while the clean energy industry and infrastructure each support 9.8 jobs, healthcare supports 14.3, and education supports 15.2. So for the same amount of spending, clean energy and infrastructure create 40 percent more jobs than the military, healthcare creates 100% more, and education 120% more.”

Yet our country is basing its economy - our families, our taxes; our future generations’ life, liberty, and possibilities for happiness - on perpetual war.

Cost of Flying an F-35 Fighter jet? $30,000 for just one hour of F-35 flight. Cost of production? $110 million to build One F-35 (more than twice what residents of FNSB contributed for educating the children of our community for the entire year.)

How much climate-changing and otherwise devastating pollution does the military produce? Per wikipedia, “Currently, the expense for cleaning up military contaminated site is at least $500 billion”[21]; “Several studies have found a strong positive correlation between military spending and increased greenhouse gas emissions,” and, “Indeed, the US military is also considered one of the largest generators of pollution in the world[21].”

While Sen. Murkowski should be thanked for including testing military for PFAS in the current Defense Appropriations bill -NDAA- before passing them out of her committee, Sen. Murkowski, Sen. Sullivan, and Rep. Young could be urged to REDUCE THE MILITARY BUDGET:

Rep Don Young in Fbks 456-0210: Email via web site: donyoung.house.gov;
Sen Lisa Murkowski in Fbks: 456-0233/fax 451-7146; Email via: murkowski.senate.gov;
Sen Dan Sullivan in Fbks 456-0261/fax 451-7290; Email via: sullivan.senate.gov

Watch and share the Costs of War: the Human Toll of the Post-9/11 Wars 4-min.11-second video via this link.

Audio & Songs broadcast with this week’s Community News and Opportunities:

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Next The Raging Grannies sing of a solution to that moral malady that threatens us with our collective spiritual death, the drone song “Over There”.

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OR call our City Council people (feel free to leave a message after 5PM if that’s easier)

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Valerie Therrin - Seat C: (907) 388-0272  
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**Fairbanks Diversity Council (FDC)** “…to provide a citizens forum, serve as a diversity advisory board, and recommend adoption of a Diversity Action Plan for the community. The FDC supports many different cultural and social activities in our community…” FDC meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The FDC includes 15 public members (3 appointed by the Fairbanks North Star Borough and 12 appointed by the City of Fairbanks). The FDC comes together to discuss and work to improve all areas of diversity within our City and community. Contact info: cityclerk@fairbanks.us or 907-479-6702

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**Agendas & Minutes** at [https://www.northpolealaska.com/meetings](https://www.northpolealaska.com/meetings)

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Alaska State Legislature

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Contact your Legislative Information Office (LIO) In Fbks: 452-4448

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