**Community News and Opportunities for Action**, for the week of January 17th, 2021, reporting on events & issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability affecting us & 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>Jan 14-24</td>
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<td><em>Love is the Way, &amp; Paving Tundra</em> at Wild &amp; Scenic Virtual Film Festival - interconnected stories of the Arctic Refuge and continuing efforts to keep oil drilling out of the coastal plain... explore the Brooks Range and the people and places that would be impacted by the proposed Ambler road... These two films, along with another Alaska film, 30 Below, are available as a bundled package here.*</td>
<td>or <a href="#">check out the How To page here</a>.</td>
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<td>Sunday Jan. 17</td>
<td>All Day until at least noon on Monday</td>
<td><em>North Pole &amp; Fairbanks non-attainment zones: &quot;Stage 2 &amp; 1 Air Quality Alerts - MANDATORY ACTION REQUIRED BY RESIDENTS: All solid fuel-fired devices must cease operation, within three hours of the effective time of alert, unless exceptions apply. All WAIVER HOLDERS are still required to meet the 20% visible emission or opacity limit during any air quality episodes/alert. Residents should rely instead on their home’s cleaner source of heat (such as a gas or fuel oil fired furnace or boiler or electric baseboard heaters) until the alert is canceled.</em></td>
<td>For info call 451-2132 or visit dec.alaska.gov/fns bair</td>
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<td>&quot;Each Sunday in January 2021, the <a href="#">Real Organic Symposium</a> will premiere interviews with more than 60 prominent organic farmers, scientists and climate activists.*</td>
<td><a href="#">SIGN UP HERE to attend the Real Organic Symposium</a>.</td>
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<td>10:30 am</td>
<td><em>Dr. King’s Legacy and Challenge</em> - This Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks service will explore some of the wisdom of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights leaders to help us understand a bit of how we can deal with the current events taking place in our country.*</td>
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<td>11 am</td>
<td><em>CALLING ALL GREENS</em> - &quot;Beyond Green Politics - Beyond Green Movements - We Rise for a Green Planet! with Dr. Graham Boyd - Green Economics; Wyldon Fishman - Green Energy; Carey Campbell - Green Organizing&quot; from <a href="#">Green Party of Alaska</a></td>
<td>contact: <a href="mailto:robert@a-r-k.us">robert@a-r-k.us</a>&gt;</td>
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<td>2 pm</td>
<td><em>Winter Bird Feeding Webinar</em>. 2pm. Attracting birds to backyard birdfeeders can be a lively way to bring life and color to the long Alaskan winter and a great way to learn the behaviors and habits of your winged backyard visitors. Alicia King will guide us through backyard bird feeding and provide tips for a fun and successful hobby. <a href="#">Zoom link here</a>.</td>
<td>World TV ch. 9/2</td>
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<td>6 &amp; 10 pm</td>
<td><em>POV Women of color transform politics</em></td>
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<td>Monday Jan. 18</td>
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<td>Martin Luther King, Jr, Day - holiday observed</td>
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| until at least noon | North Pole & Fairbanks non-attainment Zones: Air Quality Alerts  
NO use of solid-fuel burning devices  
Call 451-2132 after noon, and daily, to learn whether alerts continue or not. | dec.alaska.gov/fns bair |  |
| 6:30am - 2 pm | Martin Luther King, Jr, Day of Service -  
7 AM (meet at 6:30 AM) Volunteer with BreadLine Stone Soup Cafe’s carry-out food for the homeless. Max. 5 participants.  
--- 10 AM at Arctic Java - Help us prepare Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and hygiene packets for our homeless population. Max. 25 participants.  
--- 1 PM - Free Speech Workshop at the Wood Center Multilevel Lounge - Max. 25 participants  
Come learn about the power of free speech and how to use it in this hour-long workshop.  
*****For more information and to sign up for our service opportunities, please go to bit.ly/uaf-mlk | various locations  
RSVP to Event  
Hosted by Nanook Diversity and Action Center (NDAC) |  |
| 12-4pm | 2021 Martin Luther King Day Free Legal Help Event - Low to moderate income Alaskans can call * and be connected with an attorney who can confidentially answer questions about any civil legal issue. Please let your volunteer attorney know as soon as you are connected if you need a Spanish, Russian, or Korean interpreter. If your language is not listed, please ask if an interpreter is available, and we will try to the best of our abilities to provide one. MLK Day 2021 free legal help flyer  
MLK Day 2021 Facebook event  
Alaskans can also find help online with the virtual legal clinic at Alaska.FreeLegalAnswers.org.  
Alaska Bar Association, Alaska Court System, and Alaska Legal Services Corporation host their twelfth annual MLK Day free legal help event. | *Please do not call the hotline outside of the event times  
*844-263-1849* |  |
| 5:30-7p | Renewable Energy Working Group Meeting |  |
| 5:45-8p | "Freedom on My Mind" documentary | TCM TV |  |
| 6 pm | Co-op Market Board of Directors monthly meeting. Email Hilary Shook, board chair, or click here for more info. | TCM TV |  |
| Tuesday Jan. 19 | Alaska's 32nd Legislature convenes. "During the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Capitol is closed to the public. To reach your legislator, please find Senate contact information here and House of Representatives contact information here." Legislators by District  
Legislative Calendar  
To see what bills have already been filed:  
2021 Prefiles, First Release  
2021 Prefiles, Second Release  
Track Bills in BTMF | Register the QTBIPOC Youth Gathering Here |  |
| 4-5pm | "QTBIPOC* Youth Gathering Spaces for youth (ages 13-24), to process experiences moving through the world with marginalized queer AND racial identities. Join us to make friends, vent, or just be in supportive silence with other QTBIPOC. We’ve had some great story prompts, discussed various issues facing QTBIPOC and navigating them, and have just hung out to connect through these wild times. We meet every |  |
other week on **Tuesdays from 4-5pm via Zoom.**  *queer, transgender, and intersex people of color.

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<td><strong>Interfaith Working Group Meeting</strong></td>
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<td>5-6:30pm</td>
<td><strong>Regenerative Economy Working Group mtg.</strong> &quot;We have a tremendous opportunity now to build a new and regenerative economy in Alaska.&quot; If interested and not yet involved, please follow the link to learn more and to sign up. &quot;...we will meet bi-weekly on Tuesdays 5-6:30pm&quot;</td>
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<td>5:30-7 pm</td>
<td><strong>Fbks Diversity Council Mtg</strong></td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>Deadline to apply for <strong>Golden Valley Electric Nominating Committees Seek Board Candidates</strong> - for District 4 (much of downtown Fbks, Steese, Chena Hot Springs Rd, Secluded Acres) &amp; District 7 (Parks Hwy south of mi 330)</td>
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<td>Jan 20</td>
<td><strong>Borough Library Commission mtg</strong> via webinar <a href="https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1618584670">https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1618584670</a></td>
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<td>4 pm</td>
<td><strong>Learn about Inuit Astronomy with Ronald Brower Sr., Aniqsuaq</strong> - Join Native Movement ... for the next Men's/Mxns gathering to learn and share about Indigenous astronomy. We are honored to welcome Ronald Brower as a guest speaker...Inupiaq Elder from Utqiagvik, [who has] served [as] Whaling Captain, ...president of UIC [Inuagvik Inuit Corportaion], co-founder of the Inupiaq Heritage Center... artist and linguist who instructs at UAF [University of Alaska Fairbanks].</td>
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<td>5:30 pm</td>
<td>The NAACP Greater Fairbanks Chapter presents <strong>RACIAL JUSTICE 101</strong> - &quot;Join us in honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr, by discussing what we can do to bring about racial justice&quot; &quot;Panel discussion and Q&amp;A about what we can do to make Racial Justice a reality in Fairbanks and Alaska. ... Jo Malbert Narvaez: 907-987-0982&quot;  Read the <strong>Press Release</strong> for more information.</td>
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<td>Thursday</td>
<td><strong>Nonviolent Campaigns 101: A Toolbox and Strategy for People Power</strong></td>
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<td>Jan 21</td>
<td>Also Feb 25, 2021 6:30 PM</td>
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<td>5:30pm</td>
<td><strong>Fbks North Star Borough Assembly Finance Committee mtg</strong> - Items relevant to peace, justice, &amp;/or sustainability include: 5-yr Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy RFP; Solid Waste Collection District Public Involvement Campaign Services; New Construction &amp; Demolition Debris Disposal Area; Subdivision of lands between 30th Ave/Peger Rd/ Lathrop St. Followed by Committee of the Whole Worksession, including presentation on potential Unmanned Aerial Vehicle operations in the Borough, with Question &amp; Answer period.</td>
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<td>6-7 pm</td>
<td><strong>Free virtual classes</strong> from 6-7 p.m. each Thursday featuring UAF Cooperative Extension experts in health and wellness. Register once and attend any or all classes in this free series. <strong>Jan. 21 - Diabetes Prevention</strong></td>
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<td>6:30 pm</td>
<td><strong>North Pole City Council mtg</strong> - includes citizens’ comments, legislative priorities, next phase of PFAS site characterization associated with Fire Dept, and request for salary increase for CFO to Step 14 to Step 19</td>
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**Link**

**clerk's office:** 459-1000 or [www.fnsb.us](http://www.fnsb.us)
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| 2-4pm | **Beyond the Dream: A Call to Conscience - A Special Episode of StandDown Live**  
"Please join Veterans For Peace as we honor Dr. King's Call to Conscience" | Register for this zoom event                                                                                                                                             |
| 6-8pm | **Braiding Sweetgrass Book Discussion**  
"Join us for our second discussion of the book Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimerer on Friday, Jan 22 from 6-8 pm. If you missed the first discussion, you’re welcome to join!"  
*from Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Fairbanks.*  
By phone: +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)  
Meeting ID 91618671439 | Join by Zoom: [https://zoom.us/j/91618671439](https://zoom.us/j/91618671439) |

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| 5:30pm| **Human Trafficking Awareness**  
**Alaska Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival - Online Event** |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

### After This Week

#### Monday, Jan. 25

**NO WAR ON YEMEN: Protest Internationally.** Since 2015, the Saudi-led bombing and blockade of Yemen has killed tens of thousands of people and devastated the country. The U.N. calls this the largest humanitarian crisis on Earth. Half the country's people are on the brink of famine, the country has the world's worst cholera outbreak in modern history and now Yemen has one of the very worst Covid death rates in the world: Covid kills 1 in 4 Yemenis it infects.

  The disaster in Yemen is man-made, caused by war and blockade. It can be ended. People and organizations ...across the world are coming together to call for an end to the war in Yemen and solidarity with [its] people. We demand that right now our governments:

  - Stop foreign aggression on Yemen.
  - Stop weapons and war support for Saudi Arabia and the UAE.
  - Lift the blockade on Yemen and open all land and sea ports.
  - Restore and expand humanitarian aid for the people of Yemen.

*from Voices for Creative Nonviolence. (Final Issue, Nov 2020)*

#### Wednesday, Jan. 27

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<td><strong>Keep It In The Ground Working Group</strong></td>
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<td>5 pm</td>
<td><strong>Deadline for comments and request for public hearing on Bond Release Poker Flats Mine</strong> [approx. 5 mi. north of Healy] for which Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc, is applying for release of $153,418 of their $909,230 reclamation bond... land owned by State of Alaska... available at <a href="http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/index.htm">www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/index.htm</a>.</td>
<td>fax: 907-269-8950 <a href="mailto:coalprogram@alaska.gov">coalprogram@alaska.gov</a></td>
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**YES! News category:**

"GVEA now has a Benevolence Fund available for people who are having trouble paying their electricity bills due to the pandemic. If you or any of..."
"Women Transforming our Nuclear Legacy ...the purpose of the series is to connect young women interested in nuclear disarmament to mentors in the field, but anyone is welcome to attend the weekly Zoom meetings. A couple of Skagway students attended the last one! NUCLEARWAKEUPCALL.EARTH is a youtube channel at which you can watch videos such as "Storytelling to Transform our Nuclear Legacy"

"Another workers’ cooperative emerges in Fairbanks to preserve the arts and maintain our quality of life. I look forward to patronizing the Alaska Camera and Coffee Gallery in short order."

your family or friends, who are members of GVEA, are in that situation, please go to GVEA.com/benevolent for more information about qualifications and how to apply. GVEA has put in some funding and anyone who wishes to contribute to help our neighbors can donate at that site."

"Troops Stand Down for Black Lives*

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Muhammad Ali Resisted. You can too. #Troops For BlackLives

If you have concerns about mobilizing, you're not alone. You have options. You have rights. Contact veterans who can help: support@aboutfaceveterans.org or the GI Rights Hotline for confidential answers: 1-877-447-4487"

from ABOUT FACE Veterans Against the War

"Our Response to the Capitol Violence" - Last week’s violent attack on the Capitol Building in Washington D.C., on Nacotchtank Lands, was a horrendous display of unhindered white supremacy. As an organization dedicated to grassroots community organizing for justice and equity we ask our supporters and the community leaders we stand with to speak out and condemn the entitlement, violence, and ignorance that has been blamed by president Trump himself. "...The violence displayed in DC has been and remains a very real threat enacted on BIPOC and* LGBTQ2S communities, enabled or ignored by many in power. What we do now in DC and within our own state, communities, and homes lays the foundation for what we as a society deem acceptable. What we do now provides protection and safety for the most vulnerable or most targeted.

"...Native Movement has signed on to a letter with multiple Alaskan organizations to condemn from Native Movement."

"Legislative Updates compiled by Alaska Farm Bureau - Governor Dunleavy released his budget in Dec, budget highlights for agriculture:

- **Division of Agriculture**: $5,679,400 (663,700 increase over FY 21)
- **DEC, Environmental Health (Office of the State Vet)** - $17,380,100 (same)
- **University**: University system is receiving cuts. We encourage members to reach out to the Board of Regents to express the importance of funding agriculture programs (CES, Experiment Farms, 4-H, FFA, etc)

- **Capital Budget**:
  - Dept. of Corrections - $1.5 million for Produce Processing Facility @ Pt. Mackenzie Correctional Farm
  - Dept. of Natural Resources - $4.5 for Specialty Crop Block Grants"

from Alaska Food Policy Council
COVID-19 Vaccine information link: 
http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/epi/pd/pages/COVID-
19/vaccine.aspx

"Next group to receive vaccine: Phase 1b 
Vaccine scheduling open mainly to healthcare 
workers and people age 65 and above (through 
Phase 1b Tier 1). Vaccinations begin Jan. 11, 
scheduling begins Jan. 6" 

"TAKE ACTION – Vaccines are being 
distributed throughout Alaska but we all still 
need to maintain our COVID-19 protective 
measures to keep ourselves and others safe and 
healthy: coronavirus.dhss.alaska.gov "

Fairbanks Memorial Hospital COVID-19 
hotline for any questions regarding symptoms 
or other virus related inquiries is 907-458-2888.

Helping Our Community

Meals on Wheels needs ...more volunteers to 
deliver meals and provide the essential wellness 
checks... https://fairbanksseniorcenter.org/support-
us/volunteers/

The Bridge - The Encampment Outreach team 
could use warm clothing, winter gear, and propane 
for the people they are serving. For more 
information please contact Brynn at 
brynmbu@iacnvl.org.

No Limits is in need of winter gear for both 
the warming centers and their housing 
programs. For more information please contact 
Roscoe at r.britton@nolimitinc.org.

the President, demand his resignation, as well as 
the resignation from his political enablers, and 
facilitate a sweeping accountability process as a 
precedent for justice. Take Action Here to 
Demand Accountability*

*BIPOC: black, indigenous, & people of color; 
LGBTQ2S: lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, 
queer or questioning, two-spirit.

Jan 4-31 "West Valley accepting donations for 
youth shelter. The Door...which helps homeless 
youth. [Needed]: lightning cables, USBC charging 
cables, deodorant, body wash, headphones, hair 
brushes, Clorox wipes, fresh fruit, gift cards and 
snacks. A media campaign on the West 
Valley National Honor Society Instagram page 
will run [until] the end of the drive, and social 
media visitors are encouraged to like, repost, like 
reposts, and spread the word about the drive for 
The Door...For more information, email Gage Tilly 
at tillyget2003@gmail.com." from Fairbanks 
Daily News-Miner (FDMN)12-31-20

Put donations in the box in front of West Valley 
High School, 3800 Geist Road, by Jan. 31.

"Think about Section 9-b 
of the Enlistment/Reenlistment Contract before 
you sign it: 
"Laws and regulations that govern military 
personnel may change without notice to me. Such 
changes may affect my status, pay, allowances, 
benefits, and responsibilities as a member of the 
Armed Forces REGARDLESS of the provisions of 
this enlistment/reenlistment document." 
In other words, it’s a one-way contract. 
They can change it. You cannot." 

from https://worldbeyondwar.org/donotenlist/

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via gmail.mcsv.net

"Take Action: Comment Period Now Open on 
BLM's Draft Resource Management Plan for 13 
Million Acres of Alaska’s Central Yukon Area 
- On December 11th, the BLM opened a 90-day 
comment period on its Central Yukon Draft 
Resource Management Plan, ending March 11. 
This plan will be used to manage an extensive 
region of Alaska for the next 20 years, and now 
we have a chance to weigh in. Virtual public 
meetings are planned starting January 26... 

"With an incoming Biden administration, there is 
hope that the plan can be turned around between draft 
stage (now), and the final, to better steward the 
incredible and diverse landscapes and peoples of this 
vast area. The BLM needs to hear from us to make 
this happen. 

‘Learn more about how to comment and potential 
talking points to include here. 
Contact Laramie Maxwell (Northern Center board 
member who is leading our work on this plan) at 
laramiemaxwell@gmail.com with questions.

Job Openings

Agricultural Specialist – The Fairbanks Soil & 
Water Conservation District is an outreach and 
technical assistance organization whose mission 
is to serve its cooperators, private landowners, 
and all citizens of the district by promoting wise 
development and conservation of natural 
resources. The person who is selected for 
this position will be trained under the Natural 
Resources Specialist and will then be expected to 
transition into management of FSWCD’s 
aricultural and soils programs. These include a 
s testing program, a cover crop variety trial 
research project, an agricultural/entomological 
demonstration project, and other soils and 
590 University Ave. Fairbanks AK 99709 – 907-
479-1213 – fairbanksswed@gmail.com
Audio & Songs broadcast with this week’s Community News:

"Hello this is Rob Mulford, the Asymmetric Moose, with picks for the week of January 17th, 2021:
This Friday was Dr. Martin Luther King’s birthday. There’s not much that I can say about this courageous fighter for human rights and dignity; philosopher; poet; man of deep faith, that would not be better exemplified in his own sweet voice. The following is from his speech Beyond Vietnam.

Next Nina Simone sings of one of the hotter waysides on the go-slow road to human rights – Mississippi Goddamn

Dr. William Barber is one of those rare gentle giants of humanity who, as the saying goes, “fits the great man’s shoes”. Here he and the Poor Peoples Campaign compare their treatment by police for acts of nonviolence with January 6th, violent MAGA mob.

One of the images that disturbed me the most in the right wing attack on the Capitol, was that of a MAGA marauder bearing a banner reading Law and Order. The next song speaks of the type of law and order that marauder had in mine. Billy Holiday sings Strange Fruit

Good Thought / Bad Thoughts
Be careful of the thought-seeds you plant in the garden of your mind
For seeds grow after their kind
Every thought felt as true
Or allowed to be accepted as true by your conscious mind
Take roots in your subconscious
Blossoms sooner or later into an act
And bears its own fruit
Good thoughts bring forth good fruit
Bullcrap thoughts rot your meat

George Clinton – Funkadelic –

Till Justice rolls down like waters, And righteousness like a mighty stream; this has been the Asymmetric Moose’s Picks for the week of January, 17 2021.Wage Peace."

-- Pete Seeger singing Quite Early Morning
Alaska Peace Center works for peace, justice, and sustainability - individually, in our community, and globally - with a commitment to nonviolent conflict resolution.

You can contact Alaska Peace Center volunteers via email at info@alaskapeace.org

Visit our website: www.alaskapeace.org for more information and details, or to get on our email list, to which the expanded news brief is sent with active hyperlinks; also see Alaska Peace Center Facebook.

Feedback to, and Submissions for inclusion in, this weekly news brief are welcome via alaskapeacenews@gmail.com. Inclusion in this newsletter does not necessarily constitute endorsement by Alaska Peace Center.

You Can Help Support Alaska Peace Center Activities!

Alaska Peace Center message is on the roads and airwaves! Help us continue to circulate this message! Donate to APC today!

If you shop at Fred Meyer, you can choose for fredmeyer donations equal to 1% of what you spend, to go to Alaska Peace Center;
If you shop from “amazon”, you can do so via “AmazonSmile” which likewise donates 0.5% to go to Alaska Peace Center.

And/Or you can...

Mail a check to: Alaska Peace Center
3535 College Rd Ste 203
Fairbanks AK 99709-3722 or Donate online: www.alaskapeace.org

THANK YOU!

*The Alaska Peace Center is a non-profit charitable and human rights organization incorporated in Alaska under IRS 501(c)3.

May Peace be with you! Have a good week!

Resources for Taking Action

on events & issues of Peace, Justice, and Sustainability affecting us & future generations in Alaska
(Click on the link for information, links, addresses, times & dates, contact information Air Quality, Voter Information, Veterans/military information, Covid-19 Pandemic Resources, To Contact your Elected Public Officials, and MILITARY NOISE information)

Active duty service members and reservists out there: Are you experiencing trouble with your enlistment, considering conscientious objector status, or just in need of counseling from professionals trained in the Uniform Code of Military Justice?
Call the **GI Rights Hotline** at **877-447-4487**. The call may save you a lot of grief, might even save your life.