



Community News and Opportunities for Action, for the week of May 2nd, 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!

Day, Date	Time	<u>This Week Opportunities for Action</u>	Where?
		<p>In the Alaska Legislature: (Dates & Times often change; check the links & sign up for BTMF to be notified.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - bill sb 1: <u>Chokehold Ban</u> will be considered in Senate State Affairs ~ May 6 2021 3:30pm - sb 39 <u>Ballot Custody/tampering; Voter Reg; Mail</u> in Senate State Affairs Tues May 4 at 3:30, in Senate Judiciary Friday, May 7, at 1:30pm, and Saturday May 8 at 10:00am - sb 4 <u>Prohibit Peace Off. Shoot Moving Vehicle</u> in Senate State Affairs ~ May 6 2021 3:30pm - sjr 7 -<u>Const. Am: State Tax; Voter Approval</u> scheduled for Senate Judiciary ~ May 7 2021 1:30pm - sjr 5 - <u>Const. Am: Approp Limit; Budget Reserve</u> in Senate Judiciary ~ May 7 2021 1:30pm -sjr 6- <u>Const. Am: Perm Fund & Pfd</u>s in Senate Judiciary ~ May 3 2021 1:30pm -Tues, May 4, 1pm House Mil & Vets' Affairs committee will hear a presentation on "Regaining Arctic Dominance" streamed live on AKL.tv, & teleconferenced. - sb 46 - <u>LAW ENFORCEMENT: REGISTRY; USE OF FORCE</u> - May 04 Tuesday 3:30 PM <p>(S)COMMUNITY & REGIONAL AFFAIRS</p> <p>NOTE: Sometimes, especially near the end of the legislative session, some rules get suspended, and prior notice of consideration of bills may not happen. Check the akleg website for updates on committee hearing dates and times, or call the LIO at 452-4448.</p> <p><i>from Louie Flora:</i> "...under the terms of HB 82, a vast increase in seismic testing - generally through the use of explosives - could be authorized in sanctuaries, refuges, parks and critical habitat areas all across the state... and will be heard again on Tuesday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m... DNR: "Lands with surface-use restrictions can <i>still</i> provide revenue in the form of lease sale bids, annual rental payments, and royalties if made available for subsurface-only development." HEARINGS TO WATCH >> "</p> <p>****More information on all bills, legislators, calendar, committees, etc, at www.akleg.gov.****</p> <p>--Watch the legislature in session live or video footage at Gavel Alaska https://www.ktoo.org/360TV/.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>	<p><i>Contact your State Rep & Senator via the Legislative Information Office (LIO) In Fbks: 452-4448</i></p> <p><i>Also call the LIO to testify about bills.</i></p> <p>Watch live & past committee hearings by tuning in to 360 North on cable or visiting the Alaska legislative website.</p> <p>For recordings of previous committee hearings, visit Gavel Alaska.</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>In Washington, D.C.:</i></p> <p>"Rejecting President Joe Biden's call for a \$753 billion military budget as a non-starter, <u>a diverse coalition of dozens of progressive advocacy</u> demanded that Biden and Congress work to reduce funding for the Pentagon in favor of increased spending on programs that improve social well-being... <u>Send your own letter to Biden!</u>"</p> <p>"Protect the Right to Organize, HR 842, passed the U.S. House, and the U.S. Senate is expected to take it up this spring. Our very own Rep. Don Young supported it... the most significant piece of pro-labor legislation since the 1930s. If passed, the PRO Act would rebalance the scale upon which big business and corporate interests have had their finger for far too long at the expense of working people..." <i>Read the full op-ed by Doug Tansy in the 4-25-21 Fairbanks Daily News-Miner; contact our Senators.</i></p> <p>"The House Passes DC Statehood --The 700,000 residents of DC were recognized by members of Congress, who voted to pass the <u>Washington, DC Admission Act (HR 51)</u>.... This bill now goes before the Senate. <u>Encourage your Senator to support it today.</u> <u>learn more at lww.org</u>"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>To express your preferences on issues to any of our Congressional delegation, you can call the Capitol switchboard at 1-202-224-3121. To leave comments for the President, call the White House at 1-202-456-1111.</i></p>	
<p><u>MAY 4</u> <u>MAY 11</u></p>	<p><u>Community COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics NEED VOLUNTEERS!</u> The <u>Fairbanks Area Citizen Corps</u> is the go-to place for information on how to sign up to be a volunteer for the COVID-19 Community Vaccine Clinics. YOUR HELP is NEEDED! <u>Register to volunteer to support the COVID-19 Response Effort either from your home or in the community!</u> <u>Please let us know if you would like to make, distribute or donate materials for community masks.</u> <u>REQUEST GOODS or SERVICES</u> For businesses or organizations that need to request support for PPE, etc. <u>DONATE</u> For individuals and businesses who would like to donate PPE or other requested goods and services.</p>	<p><u>https://www.fairbanksacc.org/</u></p>
	<p><u>FREE ONLINE TEEN SUMMER CAMPS</u> - The MediaCollab for a Nuclear-Free Arctic is a free short filmmaking creative opportunity for Alaskan youth age 15-20, supported by a crew of highly-experienced artists, filmmakers and nuclear nonproliferation activists. In these online, virtual summer camp sessions, students from across Alaska will meet with both creative and content advisors, learning about both nuclear weapons issues and creative techniques and tips for executing short films on short timelines. Then, you'll make your film! A selection of the most-compelling completed works will be packaged with a teaching resource guide for bringing these issues to film festivals, classrooms and meetings across Alaska - and beyond! Two sessions: mid-May-to-June & July-Aug Check out the <u>Sessions</u> / See the <u>Schedules</u></p>	<p><u>Apply Now!</u></p>
<p>Sunday May 2</p>	<p>6 am Webinar: Campaign to Ban Killer Drones Is Launched as Biden Appears Ready to Expand Drone War - The reality appears to be that U.S. drones, and other U.S. military aircraft, will continue to support</p>	<p><u>Register here</u></p>

		U.S. special forces operating in Afghanistan [despite Presidential announcements of leaving]. Panelists include Brian Terrell, Kathy Kelly, David Swanson, Leah Bolger. BanKillerDrones is a new campaign for an international treaty to ban weaponized drones and military and police drone surveillance.	
		The English Language Learning program is having a registration week for the Spring 2 Session from May 3rd - May 7th! The course fee is \$50.00 and the textbooks are \$30.00. <u>Learn More</u> LiteracyCouncilOfAlaska.org. <i>Changing Lives Through Literacy</i> : Adult Education, GED classes, English as a second language, and citizenship. 456-6212	517 Gaffney Rd, Fairbanks
Monday May 3		<u>World Press Freedom Day 2021</u> : This year's theme " Information as a Public Good " serves as a call to affirm the importance of cherishing information as a public good, and exploring what can be done in the production, distribution and reception of content to strengthen journalism, and to advance transparency and empowerment while leaving no one behind. The theme is of urgent relevance to all countries across the world. It recognizes the changing communications system that is impacting on our health, our human rights, democracies and sustainable development. <u>World Press Freedom Day 2021 Global Conference</u> , 29 April - 3 May, call for urgent attention to the threat of extinction faced by local news media around the world, a crisis worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic.	#WorldPressFreedomDay
	8 am - 5 pm	Farmers Loop East <u>Transfer Site closure for the clean-up of gravel.</u> "Your patience is much appreciated during these intermittent closures. We are working to provide clean and safe transfer sites."	
	3 pm	#DeplatformSixDays - Join Veterans For Peace and CAIR for a discussion on the upcoming game titled "6 Days in Fallujah" and the truth behind the deadly U.S. military assault on Iraq. CAIR and Veterans for Peace believe at its core, the soon-to-be-released video game "Six Days in Fallujah," developed by Highwire Games and published by Victura, is an "Arab murder simulator" that glorifies violence that took the lives of over 800 Iraqi civilians, justifies the illegal invasion of Iraq and reinforces Islamophobic narratives.	<u>Veterans For Peace Twitch Channel</u> <u>Sign the petition</u>
	5pm deadline	Fbks North Star Borough Assembly Climate Action Committee Vacancy. Committee shall identify tasks and develop Climate Action and Adaptation Plan for potential Assembly adoption. See fnsb.gov/assembly, call 459-1401, or e- <u>clerks@fnsb.gov</u> .	Application form at Clerk's office 907 Terminal St
	7pm	North Pole City Council mtg 1 st & 3 rd Mondays except if a holiday: <u>Agendas & Minutes</u>	
Tuesday May 4	8 am - 5 pm	Farmers Loop West <u>Transfer Site closure for the clean-up of gravel.</u> "Your patience is much appreciated during these intermittent closures. We are working to provide clean and safe transfer sites."	
	10 am	<i>Alaska Public Radio's Talk Of Alaska on "Future Resource Development in Alaska, AIDEA projects"</i> Call 550-8422 (Anchorage) or 1-800-478-8255 (statewide) during the live broadcast and <u>STREAM HERE</u> . Send emails to <u>talk@alaskapublic.org</u> (Comments may be read on air). Archived content and subscribe to the podcast <u>here</u>This is a great opportunity to call in or email questions and comments about your	

		personal experience with and/or concerns about AIDEA's broad latitude and secretive decision-making process....transparency and accountability are available HERE and HERE ... <i>from fcac</i>	
	5 pm	Alaska's Time to Thrive: Fireside Chats Pillars 1 & 2: Creating millions of good, safe jobs with access to unions / Building the power of workers to fight inequality. Additionally, you can take the survey here to share your insights so we can incorporate your feedback into the Alaskanized THRIVE zine and beyond.	
	5:30-7:30pm	New local food leader certification training offered -Extension will host online training for a local food leader certification, open to all Alaskans, beginning May 4 by Zoom every other Tuesday through Aug. 31 . The course will cover food production, distribution, processing, resource management and food policy. Participants will also study modules for further information on their own time. The cost is \$375. To register, request accommodations or information, contact Melissa Clampitt at 745-3551 or mrclampitt@alaska.edu.	
	6 pm	1. Trails Advisory Commission - More Details - Immediately following the regular agenda, the FNSB Trails Advisory Commission will host an open visioning and goal-setting work session for the Trail Plan. R&M Consultants will lead attendees in exercises to help develop a vision and goals for the trail plan. The community is invited to participate in this work session as part of the process to update the Trail Plan.	webinar link
Wednesday May 5	8 am - 5 pm	Chena Pump Transfer Site closure for the clean-up of gravel. "Your patience is much appreciated during these intermittent closures. We are working to provide clean and safe transfer sites."`	
	1-3:30 pm	Virtual MMIWG2S Vigil and Heartbeat of the Drums Online Ceremony - National day of awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People is a day of awareness and healing as the MMIWG2S crisis continues to affect our communities and loved ones across our state and nation. You can learn more about the event here . This is a virtual event to be live streamed from the MMIWG2S Alaska Facebook page . At Native Movement our phenomenal Gender Justice team , alongside our partner organizations, guide the work that we do in regards to the MMIWG2S movement. We address MMIWG2S from a place of healing with our community and we demand justice on all fronts. To learn more about the MMIWG2S movement and work we encourage you to watch this MMIWG Webinar . Additionally, for information on how data gaps are being filled to bring justice for the victims of this crisis, you can visit Data for Indigenous Justice's website to learn about the work they do and to access their baseline report, We Are Calling To You , that was released this year.	Register for the May 5th MMIWG2S Vigil
	5pm	FNSB Parks & Recreation Commission mtg. - includes Citizens' Comments (3 min) https://fnsb-gov.zoomgov.com/j/1606158080 or call 833-568-8864 ID 160-615 8080	
	5:30-7p	Keep It in the Ground working group mtg. <i>email odinwm@gmail.com to get involved</i>	
	6:30p	Fairbanks Open Radio monthly mtg on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. For now, we'll continue to hold these meetings online as the coronavirus pandemic continues.	. . info@kwrk.org or 374-0577

		VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, free training! low-tech programmer helpers, techy types, PSA-recorders, local show producers, fund-raisers, Supporters!	[msg]
Thursday May 6	7-8am	The Costs of U.S. Post-9/11 'Security Assistance' How Counterterrorism Intensified Conflict in Burkina Faso and Around the World Part of the “20 Years of War” Research Series – Spring 2021 All webinars will be broadcast live on the Pardee Center’s YouTube channel .	Please RSVP here
	8 am - 5 pm	Ester & Fox <u>Transfer Site closure for the clean-up of gravel</u> . "Your patience is much appreciated during these intermittent closures. We are working to provide clean and safe transfer sites."`	
	1 pm	Climate, Care, and Community: You Have The Power! Get involved with your local utilities - webinar to learn about the power you have as a cooperative member-owner and how you can use that power.	Get the zoom link
	6:30pm	Spirit of Alaska Federal Credit Union Annual Members mtg -	
	6:30pm	GVEA Annual Members mtg - <i>Utility Elections</i> are coming up for GVEA District 7 and District 4. You can view candidate profiles and district maps here! Voting begins May 14.	
	6:30pm	*<u>FNSB Assembly Regular mtg - PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION</u> on Proposed 2021-22 Budget [to reconvene May 13 IF needed.) <u>Borough Assembly Sign-Up For Telephonic Testimony</u> *Fairbanks North Star Borough	More Details
Friday May 7	8 am - 5 pm	Salcha <u>Transfer Site closure for the clean-up of gravel</u> . "Your patience is much appreciated during these intermittent closures. We are working to provide clean and safe transfer sites."`	
	11 am every Friday	MAKING SENSE WITH MOVE TO AMEND - fighting to end corporate personhood - learn how to plug right into this crucial work to #EndCorporateRule!	Live on Facebook or Twitter or YouTube
		Virtual Early Explorers study marine mammals... Activities for children 5 & younger (with adult) and adaptable. 907-474-7505 Explore at home and share discoveries. UA Museum of the North uaf.edu/museum	bit.ly/uamnhandson
Saturday May 8	8-11am	Tanana Lakes Recreation Area Field Trip. [The] mixture of lakes and forest are enticing to waterfowl, raptors, shorebirds, and early-season songbirds, which makes this area a great place for spring bird watching. Please contact Beth Grassi at 907-957-1050 if you plan to attend. <i>Arctic Audubon Society</i>	Meet at the boat launch parking lot.
	10- 11:30 a	Book Discussion Group - League of Women Voters of the Tanana Valley discusses Death and Life of the Great Lakes by Dan Egan... water use, pollution. For the zoom link, contact Joan S at akjbear@gmail.com .	
		<u>After This Week</u>	
	5-6:30p	<u>Regenerative Economy Working Group mtg.</u> “We have a tremendous opportunity now to build a new and <i>regenerative</i> economy in Alaska.” If interested and not yet involved, please follow the link to learn	

		more and to sign up.	
	5:30 - 7pm	Fbks Diversity Council Mtg "...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 ...[and] comes together to discuss & work to improve all areas of diversity within our City and community. Contact info: cityclerk@fairbanks.us or 907-479-6702	zoom link or City Hall, 800 Cushman St
	6 pm	Airport Way/Steese Expressway Reconstruction Project AK DOT&PF online public mtg and online open house to learn more. www. GARSreconstrucion.com or 907-644-2000 or info@garsreconstrucion.com	
Wednesday May 12	9 am	Suicide Postvention Training is happening on Wed. May 12 from 9am to 2:30PM. To register please contact Cindy at info@fairbankswellness.org .	
	7 pm	Alaska Peace Center monthly mtg - All welcome! Finalizing plans for May 22 nd Peace Feast, a new bus sign; and getting a start on our booth at the Tanana Valley State Fair. Contact info@alaskapeace.org or visit www.alaskapeace.org for more information.	zoom link
Friday May 14		Fairbanks Arbor Day Committee starts local tree plantings around the community, to continue into next week.	
Saturday May 15		May 15th is International Conscientious Objectors Day - The Value of Conscientious Objection -a perfect opportunity to take some time to contemplate and appreciate the value of conscientious objection (CO). The very process of applying for status as a conscientious objector challenges the institution of war. http://www.centeronconscience.org/pubs/articles/252-value-of-co.html . ccw@centeronconscience.org .	Center on Conscience & War 202-483-2220 1830 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20009
	8:15am	Juneau Veterans For Peace, chapter 100 , mtg. Chapter #100 meets first and third Saturday mornings. All are invited to attend these after-breakfast meetings. Info: chapter president via akwilco@gmail.com	
	9am	Half-day Audubon Riedel Nature Reserve Field Trip . Explore the Reserve and learn about the songbirds and forest birds that call it home. Visit ww.arcticaudubon.org to see a map of where to park and meet. Bring a lunch or snack; some people may find that walking sticks are helpful. Meet at the Reserve - parking is at the Fbks North Star Borough site accessed off Amanita Rd, first left after Milky Way.	Please contact Darla Theisen at 907-687-1929 if you plan to attend.
	10-12p	Drip Irrigation Basics - https://calypsosfarm.org/product/drip-irrigation-basics/	
	1:30pm film & 3 pm webinar	Webinar on "Sir, No Sir" - Free viewing of the upgraded film about resistance to the Vietnam war within the US military, followed by discussion with filmmaker. Sponsored by Vietnam Peace Commemoration Committee Sir No Sir Displaced Films https://www.displacedfilms.com/films/sir-no-sir/ see the trailer.	Register here

	1:30 AK time Free viewing of new release 7 pm -Webinar with film maker & invited guests	
	War Tax Resistance Resources for Tax Season 2021 The National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (NWTRCC) is providing more online resources as part of a Tax Season 2021. Despite... the pandemic, payments to weapons manufacturers have not skipped a beat.	READ MORE
June 7 - July 18	6-Week Online Course: War & Environment - Grounded in research on peace and ecological security, this course focusses on the relationship between two existential threats: war and environmental catastrophe. We will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where wars happen and why. • What wars do to the earth. • What imperial militaries do to the earth back home. • What nuclear weapons have done and could do to people and the planet. • How this horror is hidden and maintained. • What can be done. \$100 (Pay less if you have to, more if you can.) A local donor can sponsor a local participant. Email alaskapeacenews@gmail.com with subject line: I want to take Course: War & Environment	Register here

Good News category:

from Fairbanks Housing & Homeless Coalition:

Eviction Moratorium: From Rachael at Alaska Legal Services Corporation: Attached is an order just issued this morning by Presiding Judge Haas in Bethel that stays evictions for non-payment of rent until June 30, 2021 which in compliance with the CDC Moratorium extension. In order for any eviction case to be stayed the tenant MUST provide a copy of the CDC declaration to their landlord. This can be done at any stage- even on the day of the eviction hearing. This does not mean the eviction case will go away; it will just be put on hold by the court until after June 30, 2021.

- **AmeriCorps VISTA:** The VISTA program is currently recruiting for the Summer Associates. Summer Associates will serve from May 24th to August 1 and receive benefits similar to that as the full year VISTA Members. For more information please check out <https://www.vistafairbanks.org/available-positions.html>. Also the VISTA program has been authorized to have 15 three year projects rather than 12. For more information please contact Kenzley kdefler@fairbanks.us
- **The Bridge:**
 - The Bridge was just awarded funding to provide the Peer Support Specialists (PSS) for the Crisis Now Mobile Crisis Team. This will allow The Bridge to hire 5-7 more PSS to cover crisis needs 24/7. Please see listing <https://www.indeed.com/jobs?q=peer%20support%20specialist&l=Fairbanks%2C%20AK&vjk=144bf7bbed10aa6d>
 - Ericka Lensegrav is now the lead for the Encampment Outreach Team and is managing the Reentry Housing program. The housing

program can assist people who have had an incarceration within the past three years who are not pending other charges.

The Golden Valley Benevolent Fund can offer \$750 toward past due utilities. Please have anybody who may need this service contact Love INC at (907) 452-5683 soon, because GVEA will start shutting of utilities in mid-May.

There have been several confirmed cases of heroin and cocaine being laced with fentanyl. Interior Aids Association has fentanyl testing kits and Narcan available for anybody that needs them. Please help spread the word about fentanyl and the resources to deal with it.

Audio & Songs broadcast with this week's Community News:

" Hello, this is Rob Mulford, the Asymmetric Moose wishing you a belated happy labor day, I mean the first and only international celebration of the rights of workers, May Day, and thanking you for tuning in to the Asymmetric Moose's picks for the week of May 2, 2021. I'll open this week's Asymmetric Moose Inquest Into the Operations of the War Racket with a reading from Harvard Professor Samuel P. Huntington's 1957 treatise "The Soldier and the State", which traces the history of the military officer from the time of the Hundred Years War, when the officer was a businessman pursuing profit, via armies known as "free companies; to the development of what the professor advocates as the professional military, not controlled directly by civilians; requiring only "objective civilian control"; like we have today where high ranking officers earn entrance to the revolving doors of business and politics.

From Sam Huntington's: "*Soldier and the State*".

““Lord Salisbury once remarked: “If you believe the doctors, nothing is wholesome: if you believe the theologians, nothing is innocent: if you believe the soldiers, nothing is safe.” ... The military man's views also reflect a subjective professional bias. This professional bias, or sense of professional responsibility, leads him to feel that if he errs in his estimate, it should be on the side of overstating the threat. Consequently, at times he will see threats to the security of the state where actually no threats exist.”

Friday's edition of the Fairbanks Daily Mouthpiece for things militarist, in its Fort Ain't Right Alaska Post section contained an article titled: ***National Guard security force begins Alaska mission*** - By Staff Sgt. Zach Sheely, 100th Missile Defense Brigade April 14, 2021

FORT GREELY, Alaska – Trading the warm sunshine of Southern California for the frozen snowscape of the Alaska Interior, a detachment of Soldiers with the California National Guard's 330th Military Police Company arrived at Fort Greely on March 30, 2021.

This detachment is the first element of what will be a **rotational force** to support the security mission.

The added military police Soldiers will integrate with the military police of the ground-based Interceptor Security Company, 49th Missile Defense Battalion, Alaska Army National Guard, to ***defend and secure the Missile Defense Complex***.

I call Col. Mike Hatfield to the stand.

Asymmetric Moose – “Colonel, please tell the jury; what is your position within the Military Industrial Enterprise?”

Colonel Hatfield – “I am commander of the 100th Missile Defense Brigade.”

Asymmetric Moose – “I’m impressed Colonel. You guys got bigger rockets than the Gorilla. What can you tell the jury about this rotational security force.”

Colonel Hatfield - “The added MP *Soldiers were necessary due to national security requirements*. The 49th Missile Defense Battalion must achieve the highest levels of compliance and training readiness.

Asymmetric Moose – “The *Post* article states, “Due to the congressionally directed expansion of the Missile Defense Command, the 100th Brigade conducted a Force Design Update in 2018 to meet current and *emerging requirements*. This force management process codified the requirement for added security with the necessary legal authorities to perform the security mission.

Construction is underway on another missile field to hold additional interceptors in the future. The 49th Missile Defense Battalion MP Company, comprised of all active Alaska Army National Guard Soldiers, guards and defends this facility.

U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, in coordination with U.S. Strategic Command, generated a request for forces to augment the organic MP company. The 330th Military Police Company of the California Army National Guard’s 49th Military Police Brigade was in a deployment cycle and ready to support.

The mission at Fort Greely is solely site security. The 330th Military Police Soldiers will integrate into this mission on a phased approach that will include site-specific training, familiarization and ultimately, validation. The Soldiers will operate autonomously after receiving mission essential task certification by the 49th Missile Defense Battalion.”

Colonel, please explain.”

Colonel Hatfield - “*As the ground-based midcourse defense mission continues to expand and evolve, so must the security of the Missile Defense Complex!* We are pleased to welcome the talented professionals of the 330th MP Company to our extended GMD family. We look forward to incorporating them into our mission and sharing our various experiences for the good of the organization.”

Asymmetric Moose – “Thank you, Colonel Hatfield. That explains everything, except maybe why. You may step down. I’d like to call 2nd Lieutenant Sidonia Vega to the stand... Lieutenant, what is your position within the Military Industrial Enterprise?”

Lieutenant Vega – “I am detachment commander for the 330th Military Police Company.”

Asymmetric Moose – “Lieutenant, what’s your take on all this?”

Lieutenant Vega – “My soldiers are excited about the opportunity. Our first impressions were exceeded with the newly renovated barracks rooms, and of course, the snow. Many of my Soldiers have not experienced weather like this. We are excited to learn a new mission, explore a new place and make new connections with the other Soldiers here.”

Asymmetric Moose – “Thank you, Lieutenant. Enjoy your stay. You may step down... Members of the Jury, in light of Professor Huntington’s observation of the military mind’s nature to err in estimate, on the side of overstating the threat; seeing threats to the security of the state where actually no threats exist; I’d like you to consider the following statements taken from the US Department of Defense’s 2018 Nuclear Policy Review.

“Russia and China are pursuing asymmetric ways and means to counter U.S. conventional capabilities, thereby increasing the risk of miscalculation and the potential for military confrontation with the United States, its allies, and partners. Both countries are developing counter-space military capabilities to deny the United States the ability to conduct space-based intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR); nuclear command, control, and communications (NC3); and positioning,

navigation, and timing...

... Both are fielding an array of anti-access area denial (A2/AD) capabilities and underground facilities to counter U.S. precision conventional strike capabilities and to raise the cost for the United States... Russia *may also* rely on threats of limited nuclear first use, or actual first use, to *coerce us*, our allies, and partners *into terminating a conflict on terms favorable to Russia. Moscow apparently believes that the United States is unwilling to respond to Russian employment of tactical nuclear weapons with strategic nuclear weapons...*

...The [*nuclear*] triad provides the President flexibility while guarding against technological surprise or sudden changes in the geopolitical environment. To remain effective, however, we must recapitalize our Cold War legacy nuclear forces... Modernizing our dual-capable fighter bombers with next-generation F-35 fighter aircraft will maintain the strength of NATO's deterrence posture and maintain our ability to forward deploy nuclear weapons, should the security situation demand it."

Members of the jury, please consider this; If we were to scrap the so-called *Nuclear Triad* and the *F-35*, do you think maybe we wouldn't need those all those interceptors existing and additional, or their "augmented organic Military Police company. Hey, if we do that, maybe we could get around to supplying the world with doctors, like Cuba does. That might even make us more secure than fleets of Modernized Vertical Liftoff fighting aircraft and Optionally Manned Armored Vehicles.

Support the Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty!

Next one of my favorite string bands, The Carolina Chocolate Drops play an old *Etta Baker* tune, *Peace Behind the Bridge*.

I and a few other Veterans For Peace got to hear *Jim Page* play the following tune in Portland, Oregon a few years back; *Hiroshima, Nagasaki Russian Roulette*.

Last but not least among the Moose's favorites, the *Neville Brothers* sing *Holy Spirit*.

This has been the Asymmetric Moose, Rob Mulford, reminding you active duty and reservist service members, out there: Are you experiencing trouble with your enlistment; considering conscientious objector status, or just in need of counseling by professionals trained in the Uniformed Code of Military Justice? Call the G.I. Rights Hotline at 877-447-4487; again that is the G.I. Rights Hotline at 877-447-4487. The call may save you a lot of grief. It may even save your life.

Wage Peace!"

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Thanks to you who provided feedback to last week's news!

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

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May Peace be with you! Have a good week!
