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Protecting Democracy & Economic Justice

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Peace, Equity, & Justice Zoom Seminars

NO MAS

Veterans call for UU support to address climate impacts of Military Air Shows

**Thursday March 13,
5/6/7/8PM, West to East**



Gary Butterfield

Gary Butterfield will examine the U.S. military's relationship to the climate crisis and what we can do to raise awareness as we move from Empire to Earth Community. Specifically, he will examine the Veterans For Peace's "No MAS" (No Military Air Shows) initiative to end the polluting and wasteful Blue Angels and Thunderbirds aerial acrobatics over our cities.

Military air shows are a highly visible example of the Pentagon's exorbitant contribution to the climate crisis, and the San Diego UU's Climate and Justice Committee was among the first endorsers of these protests. Focusing on air shows is an effective way for activists to make the connection

UUA Announces Intent to Hire ESG Investment Intern

The UUA has posted a listing for a paid intern (full-time, temporary, hybrid position) to report to the UUA's Senior Investment Officer in Boston, Mass. The intern will "analyze and report on ESG (Environmental, Societal, and Governance) factors, support company advocacy, & engage with community investments in the context of a sophisticated endowment fund", i.e., the UUA's Common Endowment Fund. More information may be found at this link: <https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/esg-intern-at-unitarian-universalist-association-4149173252>

between the military and climate degradation. We plan to increase our support for local efforts in targeted cities in 2025 and we would like to invite other UUs and their congregations, fellowships, and societies to collaborate with us going forward.

Just Peace on a Burning Planet

Why our collective survival depends on rethinking the military

**Thursday April 10, 5/6/7/8PM,
West to East**



Nick Buxton

As the horrific L.A. fires have shown, being prepared for climate instability must be one of the top priorities for communities, states, and nations in the next decade. One of the few institutions that

has long been thinking about adaptation to climate change is the military. In 2010, Nick Buxton pulled together a team of researchers to look at the Pentagon's predictions and plans for the future, which became a book, *The Secure and the Dispossessed*, and warned of the dangers of militarized climate adaptation. Now, 15 years on, its predictions of a more militarized world, increased geopolitical hostility, armed borders has become a self-fulfilling prophecy. This talk will explore how the military both contributes to climate change and is worsening its impacts, how militarism runs counter to any possibilities of climate justice, and why peace building is critical to any possibility of a livable planet.



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Support and Protest

4 March

“March Forth” on March Fourth. . .

. . . for the “We the People’s State of the Union”: in Washington, D.C., in your hometown or nearby, or online for the national virtual event. The state of our democracy is challenged, at best; on life support, at worst—but resistance and protection are forming.



6 March

“Protect My Public Media” Day



Created by American Coalition for Public Radio and APTS Action (America’s Public Television Stations) as “a national day of action to celebrate and defend public media”, this is largely a response to the current FCC attacks on PBS and NPR, including an announced FCC investigation for possible violation of noncommercial underwriting regulations. (Those of us “over a certain age” remember the shock of seeing the first “enhanced underwriting” announcements on our PBS station back in 1984—for me, that was an Exxon spot [not exactly an ad, but certainly image-polishing]).

FCC Chairperson Brendan Carr, who literally wrote Project 2025’s chapter on the FCC, is also looking to defund the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB)—sorry, Congress appropriates funding, not the FCC!—and to entirely eliminate noncommercial educational licenses. Link here:

<https://protectmypublicmedia.org/pledge/>

8 March

International Working Women’s Day

This year, the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration, calls us to unlock equal rights, power, and opportunities for all, and for a feminist future leaving nobody behind. Central to this vision is empowering the next generation—youth, particularly young women and adolescent girls—as catalysts for lasting change.

14 March

Veterans March on Washington

Organized by Sons of Liberty, which says on Bluesky (sonsofliberty.bsky.social),

POWER TO THE PEOPLE! 14 March it’s on, Fam of Liberty. Calling all patriots. Calling all veterans. Calling all actively-serving people who got that concerning email demanding they swear loyalty to Trump. Calling all decent human beings. Calling all concerned citizens. Join us in Washington DC.

March 7-14: TWO ACTIONS, ONE WEEK

A Week without Amazon

Target & Walmart are also targets

After No-Spend Day on February 28th, the next project scheduled by the People’s Union USA, a grassroots organization that has been working since 2020 to promote economic resistance and improve government accountability and corporate practices, is a No-Amazon week from March 7th through the 14th.

Describing the Feb. 28th action, USA Today reports that

Economic blackout participants will refrain from making any in-store and online purchases from retailers, restaurants, large banks, fast food companies, and gas stations on Feb. 28. The organization will also avoid using credit or debit cards.

The boycott targets non-essential spending. However, spending on essential goods, such as food, medicine, paying bills, and emergency supplies, is allowed during the blackout.

More details may be found at <https://usatpu.org>.

Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Every day between March 7th and 14th, from 8:30 A.M. to about 6 P.M., diplomats, activists, and NGO reps from the U.S.A. and around the world will be at the U. N. supporting this treaty moving forward. There will be rallies outside the building, surely comments and photos on social media, and in general treaty supporters are calling on allies to be heard: in person on First Avenue for those in New York City, virtually or in a visible space in your local community for others.

Background

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons was adopted at the United Nations on July 7, 2017 (122 States in favor, 1 against, and 1 abstention). It was opened for signature in September 2017, and the 50th instrument of ratification or accession was deposited with the Secretary-General in October 2020. The treaty entered into force on 22 January 2021.

There have been 2 previous Meetings of the Parties, in Austria in June 2022 and in New York in November 2022. The United Nations will host the 3rd Meeting this week in March (coincidentally, the same week as the Amazon boycott).

More information may be found at <https://disarmament.unoda.org/wmd/nuclear/tpnw/>. Organizations planning a presence in New York City include Veterans for Peace, Peace Action, Pax Christi, War Resisters League, Brooklyn for Peace, NYCAN, Warheads ToWindmills, Catholic Worker, FOR, and Manhattan for a Nuclear Free Future.