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## Newsletter July 2014

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### → Ongoing discussion

#### The War to End All Wars?

On this centennial anniversary of the start of World War I, perhaps we should consider how anyone could think that a war would end wars. Can war bring peace or is it a pretext for imperial aggression consisting of economic and physical violence against people?

President Woodrow Wilson said, "Why, my fellow Americans, is there any man here or any woman — let me say, is there any child here — who does not know that the seed of war in the modern world is commercial and industrial rivalry?" St. Louis, Sept. 9, 1919. (George Seldes, [The Great Thoughts](#), Ballantine Books, (1985), pg. 455.)

Machiavelli infamously justified all manner of evil by stating that the ends justify the *means*. In contrast, a core principle of Beyond War Northwest declares that the *means* determine the outcome. The *means* to achieve peace are to work together to resolve conflict with an attitude of good will through peaceful collaboration and cooperation. This applies from the personal to the public and international levels. We have tried using destructive technologies to resolve interpersonal discord. Surely our shared humanity cautions us that it is time to take a different path.

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### → BWNW People

Hailey Peterson is a junior in high school and has recently completed a mural project at her school. It features the Beyond War principles as well as depictions of conservation and the connectedness of the world. Currently she is working to help plan events around the 50th anniversary of Senator Wayne Morse's opposition to the Gulf of Tonking Resolution. This includes a film series that will be held at her high school in the fall, which is also tied to the International Day of Peace. [For more, click here.](#)

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## → Beyond War Legatee News

### 5 Spheres of Peace

[The National Peace Academy](#) has been effectively contributing to a culture of peace for five years and is ready to increase capacity and do even more. Recently they applied their peacebuilding peacelearning skills to reflect and consider the next steps in our journey. What follows are NPA's next steps and they invite you to invest in making our impact even greater. Together we will build on our past successes and continue to take a holistic approach through the five spheres – personal, social, institutional, political and ecological.

There are four initiatives planned:

- Community Peacebuilding: Building Safe, Healthy, Sustainable Communities
- School Teacher and Administrator Training in Peace Education: Countering Violence in Schools and Communities
- Communities of Practice: Learning and Planning for Change
- National Dialogues: Convening community Conversations about the Issues Important to US and that Shape Society

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## → Upcoming Events

If you have events you would like to see announced here, local or global, email [annemill@beyondwarnw.org](mailto:annemill@beyondwarnw.org). Newsletter deadline: September 1.

**July 28: Beyond War Northwest Board Retreat Wayne Morse Legacy Series: Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution**  
[Wayne Morse Center](#)

**August 4: Book discussion, 7 pm.**

“I have a Dream Writings & Speeches” by Martin Luther King, Jr., edited by James Melvin Washington.

**August 6: Hiroshima-Nagasaki Commemoration, Alton Baker Park, 6:30-9:30pm.**



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**August 9, Wayne Morse**

## → Good Reading

Suggestions from the Eugene Book Group:

### ***The Nonviolence Handbook, A Guide for Practical Action* by Michael Nagler**

Like a fish living in water and unaware of it, we are unmindful of the worldview we operate in. A consequence of the scientific revolution that began in the eighteenth century is a system of thinking that emphasizes materialism, separateness and competition. Violence is seen as the norm. This interpretation of the world is so prevailing that we are largely ignorant that it is a construct. [To read more, click here.](#)

### ***Knowing Mandela* by John Carlin**

For journalists accustomed to the difference between the projected image of public figures and the real person, skepticism is their default. John Carlin was the South African correspondent for the *London Independent* from 1990 – 1995. He hears Nelson Mandela at the first press conference after his release from prison, talking “so soberly yet so sunnily.” When the conference was over, the journalists responded with a “long burst of spontaneous, heartfelt applause,” something Carlin had never seen before or again in 30 years of reporting. [To read more, click here.](#)

## → Discussion Series in September

We have collaborated with the Northwest Earth Institute to create a discussion course called "Seeing Systems: Peace, Justice and Sustainability." Focused on the interrelationship amongst peace, justice and environmental sustainability, the discussion course provides a non-prescriptive framework to take action on issues that matter. We are scheduling a discussion series

**Family Farm, 4-8pm.**  
”War No More, a Celebration of the Courage of Wayne Morse.”

**WAR NO MORE**  
CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
**SENATOR WAYNE MORSE'S**  
COURAGEOUS 'NO' VOTE TO OPPOSE  
AMERICA ENTERING THE VIETNAM WAR  
**AUG. 9, 2014 - 4 TO 8 PM.**  
WAYNE MORSE FAMILY FARM - 595 CREST DR. EUGENE

4-5 pm. Tours of the Wayne Morse House  
5-5:45 pm. Teach-Ins: "The Costs to Veterans' Families", "The Spiritual and Psychological Costs of Fighting Wars" & "War Resistance by GIs"  
6-8 pm. Peace Chior & other music, Celebrating Dissent  
Fashion Show: Tie dye, bell bottoms, war protests—the story of that era and today's challenges told with fashion.

Bring blankets, folding chairs or a picnic if you like!  
**NO ALCOHOL - free parking - donations accepted**

Sponsored by: Community Alliance of Lane County (CALC), Wayne Morse, Veterans Park Corporation, WANO (Women's Action for New Directions, Beyond War Movement), Endorsed by: Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics, ESR[Net], and Veterans for Peace chapter 157

**Free ICE CREAM KIDS ACTIVITIES**

info: 541.485.1755

**September 14-21: Peace Week in Eugene**  
A whole week devoted to peace. Think about it! What will you do?

EXPLORING THE RIGHT TO PEACE

**Peace Week**  
September 14-21, 2014  
plus youth-driven event Sept. 20  
music, art, workshops and surfing the global "peace wave!"  
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE 2014

**Sponsors:** Sports, beyond war northwest, WORDS OF PEACE, Juanitas, WELLSPRING FRIENDS SCHOOLS, DKG, WAND, ecopsical peace fellowship, INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE, CENTER FOR DIALOGUE & RESOLUTION, HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION, Eugene, Amigos Multicultural Services Center, NOBEL PEACE LAUREATE PROJECT, INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE, COMMUNITARIAN & COMPASSIONATE COMMUNICATION.

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**MORE INFO**  
[www.eugenepeaceteam.org](http://www.eugenepeaceteam.org)

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## → From the Jewish-Palestinian Living Room

in Eugene for September. To sign up, email [annemill@beyondwarnw.org](mailto:annemill@beyondwarnw.org). For more information, [click here](#).

→ **Beyond War Mural**  
**Completed at Churchill High School:**



## Dialogue Group

### War

**Every day by the dozens and hundreds** In Palestine, Israel, Nigeria, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Pakistan (the suffering nations planet-wide are many) children, women, and men -- mostly innocents -- are blown up, shot dead, immolated, kidnapped, tortured, maimed, humiliated, and emotionally scarred for all the days of their lives.

**Every militant or military has a reason**, just cause, self-proclaimed moral high ground, or rationalization -- the illusory, lesser function of the fear-arrested human being. Let's be clear; **war is mostly crimes.**

**Intoxicated** with power to misuse, wild with fear, blinded by grief, arrogant with self-importance, with silenced souls we prey on one another to create more victims -- the predictable failure and human tsunami.

On predatory crusades, we crazily imagine we'll be safer, repair our heart's sickness, cure our social retardation....

***"Humiliation is the most important obstacle to a post-predatory era for humankind."***

~ Robert W. Fuller,  
President, Oberlin College

Our predatory, war-like instincts which may seem to have worked will increasingly fail us, because others are getting too powerful.

**We are realizing the means are the ends in the making.**

## **Beyond War**

**To survive and thrive** into an excellent future, our first step today is to **protect the dignity of our assailant, our humiliator, our "other."**

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