



---

## Newsletter May 2014

---

### New Discussion Course

#### "Seeing Systems: Peace, Justice & Sustainability"

The Northwest Earth Institute (<http://www.nwei.org>), assisted by Eugene BWNW members, has created a six-session discussion guide to help us recognize how peace, justice and sustainability are interrelated.

The guide quotes from Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 1967 "A Christmas Sermon on Peace": "It really boils down to this: that all life is interrelated. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied into a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly...This is the way our universe is structured, this is its interrelated quality. We aren't going to have peace on Earth until we recognize this basic fact of interrelated structure of all reality." (p. 12)

Making use of insightful articles, the series brings us to a recognition of these interrelationships. It enables us to have "authentic hope," as discussed by author Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer.



### U of O Beyond War display

On August 7, it will have been 50 years since Oregon Senator Wayne Morse and Alaska Senator Ernest Gruening were the only members of Congress to vote against the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution that paved the way to the Vietnam War. Morse gave the only speech in opposition to the Resolution, which he correctly predicted would result in a long and bloody war.

In commemoration of these events and Morse's courage, U of O Beyond War created the 3,000 flags display on campus pictured above (photo by Luke Pickrell). The after effects of the Vietnam War continue to this

We can work together, engaged and inspired, to envision and act upon these systems to create positive change. Lacy Cagle, Editor and Curriculum Director for the series wrote that "recognizing the interconnected systems of our world can be difficult, but it can also be a joyous and empowering realization--through these networks of relationships, people power can expand and together, we can make a real difference for good."

In Eugene, we are organizing discussion groups. If you live in the area and would like to participate, please email us at [annemill@beyondwarnw.org](mailto:annemill@beyondwarnw.org).

If you would like to start a discussion group wherever you live, all of the information needed is available at the Northwest Earth Institute website: <http://www.nwei.org>.

We invite you to share your experiences and perspective with the Beyond War Northwest learning community in order to help us achieve greater clarity and effectiveness in our outreach. To comment, click here:

<http://beyondwarnw.org/home/local-group-discussions/the-bw-blog/>

### **Beyond War Legatee News**

**The Peace Alliance.** <http://www.thepeacealliance.org>  
Peace Alliance staff member, Matthew Albracht, has written a new article posted on Huffington Post: "The prevailing notion and dominant cultural story is that violence is inevitable and there is really nothing significant we can do about it. Luckily, this is a false assumption. Many new methodologies are emerging, at almost every level of society, which are proving to be highly effective ways to address conflict before it erupts into violence -- or to turn it around more quickly when violence is already ensuing. Conflict may be inevitable, but violence does not have to be."

day.

**Each one of the 3,000 flags represents:**

- 22 km<sup>2</sup> of land in Vietnam that is still contaminated,
- 35 deaths caused by explosive remnants of war
- 150 tons of explosive war remnants left to clear
- 16,000 deaths caused by defoliants including Agent Orange
- 135 children born with birth defects due to exposure to Agent Orange

**For more information on the U of O group, click here:**

<http://beyondwarnw.org.previewdns.com/about-beyond-war-northwest/find-a-local-group/university-of-oregon-beyond-war/>

### **Events**

**For more information:**

<http://www.BeyondWarNW.org>

**Washington, DC:**

**June 11, 5 p.m. Congress, War Powers and Counterterrorism**  
**106 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington D.C. Part of Wayne Morse Legacy Series:**  
(<http://waynemorsecenter.uoregon.edu/the-wayne-morse-legacy/>)

**Eugene:**

**June 4, 7 pm, BWNW Book Group: *Knowing Mandela: A Personal Portrait* by John Carlin (2013).**

- See more at: <http://peacealliance.org/the-leading-edge-of-peace-our-evolutionary-path-forward/>

### **Good reading**

#### **A suggestion from the Eugene Book Group:**

David Harris-Gershon's memoir, *What Do You Buy the Children of the Terrorist Who Tried to Kill Your Wife?* tells the true story of David and Jamie, newlyweds, who moved to Jerusalem full of hope. Their adventure and dreams were shattered when a bomb exploded in the cafeteria at Hebrew University. By a quirk of fate, Jaime, though severely injured, was spared but two close friends sitting beside her were killed. [To read more click here:](#)

### **Call to artists, models, & creative folks**

One of the August 9 events will be the story of the Vietnam era told with a fashion show. What provocative and eye-catching outfit could you create to depict the war, the protests, the final withdrawal and the peace movement it spawned. This is sponsored by the Eugene WAND group (Women's Action for New Directions). For a peek at a previous fashion show on militarism see:

<http://vimeo.com/37145675>. Send your designs to [annemill@beyondwarnw.org](mailto:annemill@beyondwarnw.org), and if you live in the Eugene area, consider modeling.

June 26, 8 am, BWNW Board Meeting  
June 26, 9 am, Outreach Group Meeting

July 28, 100 year anniversary of the start of World War I, TBA

August 6, 6:30–9:30, Hiroshima–Nagasaki Commemoration, Alton Baker Park

August 9, 4–8 pm, Wayne Morse Family Farm, "War No More, a Celebration of the Courage of Wayne Morse."

September 5, Eugene area potluck

September 14–21, Peace Week Eugene. A whole week devoted to peace. Think about it! What will you do?

*Copyright © 2014 Beyond War NW, All rights reserved.*

You are receiving this email because you opted in at the Beyond War website.

#### **Our mailing address is:**

Beyond War NW  
1490 W. 26th Avenue  
Eugene, OR 97405

[Add us to your address book](#)

**Our website is:** <http://www.BeyondWarNW.org>

[unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)

MailChimp.