



# Hawai'i Peace & Justice

*Nā Pua Ho'āla i ka Pono - The Flowers Awaken in Peace and Justice*

## Newsletter

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Hawai'i Peace and Justice (HPJ) creates a more peaceful, just and sustainable world by working for demilitarization and addressing the historical injustices caused by the military takeover of Hawai'i. We advocate for a more just and ecologically sustainable economy for Hawai'i.

- We oppose military expansion and work for the transformation of militarized places into centers for peace, justice and environmental protection.
- Our approach includes growing the organizing capacities of communities and constituencies negatively affected by militarization and strengthening alliances and networks with other groups that share our concerns for peace and justice.
- We work to counter the militarization of youth and advocate for non-military alternatives.
- We engage in research, outreach, public education, media and communications and creative nonviolent actions to reduce militarism in Hawai'i.

*Hawai'i Peace and Justice is pleased to provide this update on the many projects and organizations we are working with.*



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expose military presence in Hawai'i and inspire communities to organize for peace and nonviolence. Since the 1890s, the US has treated the Pacific Ocean as an 'American Lake'. Today, it seeks a drastic expansion of military bases in the region, primarily to contain a rising China. But movements against US bases in the Asia-Pacific are rising up and declaring a different vision of Ka Moana Nui (the great ocean) as a zone of peace and security through people's' solidarity. The voices of peoples of the Pacific are rarely heard in the US. The tour allows participants to find out about demilitarization efforts in the Asia-Pacific and how people in the U.S. can be in solidarity. Participants will gain a better understanding of: 1) the crucial role of Pacific islands to the maintenance and expansion of American Empire; 2) the disastrous impacts this network of bases has on the countries and peoples of the Asia-Pacific; and 3) the movements that are resisting U.S. militarization in the Pacific.

<http://www.dmzHawaii.org/dmz-legacy-site-two/?tag=demilitarization>

The project coordinator is in communications with non-profit Kōkua Kālihi Valley project coordinators discussing possible outreach within the Micronesian and Marshallese communities concentrated in Kālihi public housing and disproportionately enlisting into the poverty draft the possibilities of creating events that cater to the needs and experiences of this community, e.g., possible screening of "Island Soldier" documentary highlighting the sobering experiences of Kosraean enlistees somewhere within their community, such as Kūhio Park Terrace (KPT). It is was decided that such an effort would be an ongoing community building project over time with youth participants at the center of planning such a potentially controversial community event.

### **Social Media Outreach**

Our social media outreach team based on Kaua'i has posted a counter recruitment/careers in peacemaking message about every nine days for the last 18 months. We have reached nearly 18,000 15 to 25 year olds in Hawaii's 22 lowest income communities, the ones most targeted by military recruiters. The posts are created by our consultant drawing on CR organizations like National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth to address our young audience's concerns about their immediate future. They generate "likes" and "shares", but we do not regard the number of "reaches" to be a reliable indicator of how many "get" our message.

There is a better way to measure success. Every Facebook post has an invitation to click on our website, [www.808truth2youth.org](http://www.808truth2youth.org). As a consequence the web page is receiving 4 to 40 visits daily, sometimes more. We are encouraged by this. Every click represents a young person concerned about her/his future who wants to learn more about the military and about a possible career in diplomacy.

The 808truth2youth social media team consists of social media advertising and website design and programming professionals, mostly donating their time in the cause of guiding our youth at a vulnerable time in their young lives. Funding is a constant need to keep 808truth2youth live on social media.

<https://www.facebook.com/808Truth2Youth/>



### Opposing RIMPAC in Hawai'i

The US Pacific Command hosted 25 nations to engage in naval exercises in Hawaiian waters from June 27-August 2, 2018. HPJ was a part of a coalition with World Can't Wait Hawai'i, Women's Voices Women Speak and Veterans for Peace to protest the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) military exercises this summer 2018, to tell our political leaders and the broader public that there is a community in Hawai'i opposing the use of Hawai'i's land for war and military dependence. The article "Calling for an End to RIMPAC War Games" was published in the Hawai'i Independent & included a link to a petition to Governor Ige. By ending military use of Hawai'i's lands and seas, we can become a center promoting non-violent international relationships and peace building economies.



### Supporting Veterans As Agents of Peace

Veterans for Peace Chapter 113-Hawai'i works to reduce US military bases in other people's lands through distributing the VFP newspaper "Peace in Our Times" and its alternatives to military service project. Veterans For Peace is an international organization made up of military veterans, military family members, and allies and is dedicated to building a culture of peace, exposing the true costs of war, and healing the wounds of war.



### Supporting Women's Peace Leadership

Women's Voices Women Speak is an Oahu based organization that aims to build a common vision of peace through demilitarization among Indigenous and Immigrant women. We learn about each other through visiting the homelands of different women and how militaristic "national security" has affected these places and peoples. In 2017, a delegation of Hawai'i women went to the International Women's Network Against Militarism gathering in Okinawa to build relationships with other women part of anti-bases peace movements in their countries. In 2018, WVWS traveled to the Big Island to learn from local movements protecting Pōhakuloa from the damage of military training. WVWS works to uncover the histories of militarism across the Pacific, and create opportunities for people to build solidarity against military occupation and work toward a common vision--"genuine security."



### Harboring the Anti-Nuclear Sailboat

The Golden Rule was in Hawai'i in 1958 in an attempt to sail to the Marshall Islands to stop atmospheric nuclear testing. From California, The Golden Rule aims to sail to the Pacific again in Spring 2019. Their vision is to visit Hawai'i, the Marshall Islands, Guam, the Northern Marianas and Okinawa to arrive at mainland Japan by August 2020 for the 75th commemoration of the horrific atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Please see the schedule for The Golden Rule at: <http://www.vfpgoldenruleproject.org/>



## **Building a Campaign for Nonviolence in Hawai'i**

On September 17-23, 2018, the annual Campaign Nonviolence action held a candle vigil at the Federal building and sign waved at various places around Honolulu.

Campaign Nonviolence is a long-term grassroots movement for a culture of peace and nonviolence free from war, poverty, racism, environmental destruction and the epidemic of violence.

We invite people and organizations in the U.S. and worldwide to take action during CNV Action Week around the International Day of Peace, September 21. This is our fifth year organizing actions and we are hoping to mobilize over 2000 actions, marches and events across the U.S. covering all fifty states and beyond to take a strong stand for justice, disarmament and peace.

<http://www.paceebene.org/programs/campaign-nonviolence/>

*Mahalo for standing up for peace with us*

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