OMNI ANNUAL GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION ON MILITARY SPENDING, US TAX DAY, APRIL 15
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In 2011, global military spending surged to **US $1.74 trillion**. Given the numerous crises facing the planet — economic, environmental, health, diplomatic — it is imperative that we create a **global movement to shift this money to human needs**. We know that there are thousands of organizations and millions of individuals who support this point of view – what is needed is to begin a serious mobilizing effort to make it visible.

We are organizing a **Global Day of Action on Military Spending each year in April** to coincide with the release of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute’s (SIPRI) annual figures on world military expenditures. It is also Tax Day in the US. **In 2013, GDAMS will take place on Monday, April 15.** On this day, people on all continents will join together in joint actions to focus public, political, and media attention on the costs of military spending and the need for new priorities. Such events will help us to build an international network around this issue.

While each location will craft its own approach, there will be a common focus on calling attention to the overall size of global military spending. This would need in most cases to be linked to a national, local or international issue, such as the Afghanistan war and other wars, the anti-bases efforts, arms trade deals, work against small arms and nuclear weapons, resources for nonviolent conflict resolution, Article 9 campaign etc. We very much hope that peace groups will use this as an opportunity to connect up with development, anti-poverty, environmental, pro-democracy organizations and others who share our perspective.

As for types of actions: a whole range is possible — from street theatre/demonstrations, putting up banners to seminars, signature collection, flash mobs and much more. A key aspect is the visual side. By generating some captivating images, we plan to attract widespread media coverage and make available photos of our rallies and events. See the pictures from around the world in the **GDAMS Flickr page** which document the global movement and accompany our stories and the SIPRI report.
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Global Day of Action on Military Spending

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Move the Money CAMPAIGN 2013

While the recommendations of the Sustainable Defense Task would cut over one trillion dollars from the Pentagon budget over the next 10 years, this would still leave the Pentagon a ten year budget of over six trillion dollars.

Today, military spending accounts for more than half of the federal government's entire discretionary budget. Nuclear weapons spending alone accounts for over $40 billion annually, and is scheduled to increase. There is an obvious connection between the bloated Pentagon budget and the critical budget shortfalls facing virtually every community in the country.

Peace Action is partnering with Peace Action Education Fund on its Move the Money Campaign. This effort will serve as a platform for average people to voice their opinions and demands regarding military spending. Communities will utilize public forums, education, public demonstrations, local resolutions and petitions as tools to influence decisions made by our elected officials.

The following are goals that Peace Action’s Move the Money Campaign has for 2013:

- Build stronger alliances between the peace movement and labor, economic justice and human needs groups, whose constituencies have been devastated by the economic crisis.
- Raise the stakes for President Obama and other elected officials in the 2014 elections as they define their positions on military spending issues through Peace Action’s Peace Voter 2014 organizing,
- Develop educational tools on the federal budget and the impact of military spending on their communities for local organizers to use in their outreach.
- Work in key states to raise awareness and public support for reducing military spending by 25%.
- Support the local efforts of Peace Action affiliates and chapters in strengthening local alliances with civil rights, labor and other community groups and build city, state and national coalitions focused on reductions of military spending to meet human needs, and encourage participation in the Congressional budget process in 2013 and beyond.

Recent Blog Posts

- Peace Action and Peace Action Education Fund's 2013 Campaign Plans
  The political frame of our work is building a ...  
- Action Alert: Call Congress, Tell them to Stop the Hype and Cut the Pork!
  There is a lot of hype around the showdown over sequestration or the across the board
cuts in the federal budget. The worst f...

- Peace Action Joins 21 Other Organizations in Transpartisan Letter Urging Pentagon Cuts

What’s notable about this is it’s not just the usual suspects, which is likely why ...

- Action Alert: Sign and Circulate the Jobs Not Wars Petition!

One of the best ways to reduce the deficit is to put people back to work. It’s time to invest in our people, and our comm...

- Dr King on Peace, Militarism and Internationalism

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- Action Alert: Pull the Pork from the Pentagon Budget!

As the debate continues on the automatic spending cuts, the deficit, and the 2013 federal budget, it may seem like there is n...

- Sequester This! One Weapons Contractor Has a “Defense Backlog” Bigger Than the Entire Military Budgets of All But Two Countries! Let’s Pull the Pork from the Pentagon!

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- Action Alert – Cut the Pentagon, Not Medicare!

When Congress came to a deal over the budget negotiations earlier this month, they finally agreed to make the top 1% pay thei...

- A bit more on military and foreign policy in the State of the Union

Just a few points to add to Brother Matt Rothschild’s comprehensive commentary on the speech: It took the presid...

- Action Alert: Your Chance to Respond to the State of the Union

Tuesday night, President Obama delivered his first State of the Union speech of his second term. While it was a mixed b...

- Believe it or not, Congress has your budget – Take Action now to support the Back to Work Budget!

That’s right the Congressional Progressive Caucus just released its alternative budget called the ...

- Peace Action Wisconsin & Allies Expose Paul “1%” Ryan & GOP’s Budgetary Priorities

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- Marylanders – Let’s Stop a Corporate Welfare Handout to the World’s Biggest War Profiteer!

Lockheed Martin lobbyists and their friends are working to squeeze millions of dollars from Montgomery County tax payers. The...

- Lockheed Martin Made How Much Money Last Year? And They Still Need to Shake Down Maryland Taxpayers?
Thanks for Stephen Miles of Win Without War for this legwork. To put this amount of money in context, Lockheed Martin’s...

- Move the Money Op-Ed in Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel

Great job by Peace Action Wisconsin Program Director Mike Helbick, who got help on this from our friends at the Coalition for...

- 2/27 National Day of Action to Pull the Pork from the Pentagon Budget

Resources

- Super Committee Flier
- Super Committee Petition
- Lobbying 101 by AFSC
- 5 Myths about the Military Budget Fact Sheet
- Move the Money Brochure

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ACTIVIST PROFILE
Brandywine Peace Community
Brandywine Peace Community, a long-time WRL affiliate, has been throwing their support behind the Occupy movement with "Welcome made the connection between the corporate control of U.S. democracy and the corporate militarism of such war profiteers as Lockheed Pentagon weapons producer.

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Marv Davidov, 1931 - 2012
2. DEMOCRACY NOW, WAR TAX RESISTANCE

3. Tax Day: While Millions Rush to Meet Deadline, Resisters Continue...

www.democracynow.org/2013/4/15/tax_day_while_millions_rush_to

6 hours ago – To protest paying for lethal weapons, some Americans are taking a stand by personally refusing to fund the military. We speak with Ed Hedemann of the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee.

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our defense budget—is, in itself, an act of aggression against the poor.

4. HISTORIANS AGAINST THE WAR

5. Tax Day and the Pentagon | Common Dreams
https://www.commondreams.org/view/2013/04/14-tax-day-and-the-pentagon

1 day ago – Last weekend, Historians Against the War hosted an ambitious, strategy... for nuclear weapons, power, waste...

article titled Our Tax Dollars are off the War—2013 edition on Daily Kos...

6. Notes and Sources - Tax Day 2013 - Analysis - National Priorities...

nationalpriorities.org/analysis/2013/taxday-2013/notes-and-sources/

Tax Day 2013 shows how federal funds were spent during fiscal year 2012, the time...

National defense, nuclear weapons activities, war costs, and international...

7. Press Release: Tax Day 2013 - National War Tax Resistance...

www.nwtrcc.org/taxday2013.php

30 years of Tax Day anti-war protests, refusing to pay for cruise and New WRL Tax Day Pie Chart Resources for Educators and Activists!

In collaboration with the Toolbox for Education and Social Action (TESA), WRL is releasing NEW educational resources this Tax Day--from role plays to handouts to conversation starters to group activities--designed to help you put the WRL Tax Day flyer into practice, whether on the street as you hand it out, in community groups, or in classrooms.

Read More...

April 15 Global Day of Action on Military Spending

Add your (war) tax day event to this list! This week, Portland, OR, Belfast, ME, Los Angeles, Cleveland, Phoenix, Bristol, RI joined the list of US cities where activities to mark Tax Day and the Global Day of Action on Military Spending (GDAMS) will occur. On Long Island, NY, 4 Congressional offices will be visited. In the Bay Area over a 20 BART Train stations will be “adopted” for informational leafleting. To list YOUR event go to: http://demilitarize.org/action-events/

Also check out the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee's nationwide Tax Day actions here: http://nwtrcc.org/taxday2013.php

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