OMNI NEWSLETTER #5 FATHER’S DAY FOR PEACE
JUNE 16, 2013 (3RD SUNDAY IN JUNE). Compiled by Dick Bennett for a Culture of Peace (#1 June 19, 2008; #2 June 20, 2010; #3 June 19, 2011; #4 6-17-12). Mirroring Julia Ward Howe’s Mother’s Day for PEACE.

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My parents visited this past weekend, and my ex-Cold Warrior father (Navy veteran and longtime reserve officer, retired with the rank of Captain) had just returned from Vietnam, forty years after his service in the war. Here's to you, Pops, and your bear hugs. Tuesday, April 1, 2008

"Fathers" by Grace Paley

Fathers
Fathers are
more fathering
these days they have
accomplished this by
being more mothering

what luck for them that
women's lib happened then
the dream of new fathering
began to shine in the eyes
of free women and was
irresistible

on the New York subways
and the mass transits
of other cities one may
see fatherings of many colors
with their round babies on
their laps this may also
happen in the countryside

these scenes were brand new
exciting for an old woman who
had watched the old fathers
gathering once again in
familiar army camps and com-
fortable war rooms to consider
the necessary eradication of
the new fathering fathers
(who are their sons) as well
as the women and children who
will surely be in the way
[Most of the entries advertised gifts, leaving four noncommercial. One of those examined good questions, and it follows these three entries, but the author apparently had not heard of Julia Ward Howe or the alternative of Father’s Day for Peace. –Dick]

1. **Father's Day 2013**
   fathersday2013.net/

2. **Father's Day 2013**: Pictures, Videos, Breaking News - Huffington Post
   www.huffingtonpost.com/news/fathers-day-2013/


3. **Father's Day** - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
   en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Father's_Day

   Father's Day is a celebration honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. ... June 16, 2013. June 15 ...

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**HISTORIANS AGAINST WAR**

[haw-info] Speak Up Now! $638 Billion for Pentagon in 2014 NDAA-
Please circulate quickly

.haw-info-bounces@stopthewars.org on behalf of Hiscze@aol.com

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Please Forward Widely and Quickly

The House of Representative is poised to vote on **HR 1960, FY 2014 National Defense Authorization Act**, containing another $638 billion for the Pentagon (including $85.8 billion for the "winding down" war in Afghanistan). Isn't this just the same bad bill, Historians Against the War opposes every year? No its much worse!

**Here's why**: by busting through the sequester limits on the military, the House leadership aims to double the cuts on domestic discretionary spending. Across the country states and cities are already struggling with painful reductions in unemployment benefits, meals for the elderly, public housing, job training and Head Start. This bill compounds the damage.
Can we count on President Obama to veto this legislation, as he just warned? Not if past experience is any guide.

**Elected Representatives need to hear from us today!**

**Call Capitol Switchboard: 202-224-3121**

Let them know that you are opposed to spending $638 billion for unnecessary wars and weapons systems. Tell them to support Lee/ McGovern amendment to accelerate US withdrawal from Afghanistan.

**Most Important: Urge your member of Congress to vote "No" on the 2014 Defense Authorization bill (HR 1960) and to restore the domestic cuts, which are damaging our communities.**

Carolyn Rusti Eisenberg
for HAW Steering Committee

*PS Let us know if you made the call*

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**Mother's Day 2013: We Should Totally Get Rid Of Parent Days**

*By Laura Donovan in CultureMic*

As a child, I thought the concept behind Mother's Day and Father's Day was unfair. Parents were given days in their own name, so why didn't children receive the same privilege?

"We should have Daughter's Day," I declared one afternoon.
"Every day is Daughter's Day," my dad said. "Son's Day, too. Never forget that."

Two decades later, I understand and wish I could apologize for my toddler ignorance. Everyday is all about us, and that's why we don't need a celebratory day in our name. We should get to that point with our parents, who deserve more than just 24 hours a year of our full appreciation.

Mother's Day, which falls on May 12, was started by Anna Jarvis in 1905 following the passing of her mother on the second Sunday of May. The elder Jarvis reportedly educated other women about health and sanitation, so Anna made the holiday national in honor of her late parent.

Anna's sentiment was in the right place, but once the rest of the country latched onto the holiday, things started getting a little weird, and Anna was very vocal about their interpretation of Mother's Day. Florists began hiking up carnation prices, prompting Anna to boycott against flower vendors. The American War Mothers held their own Mother's Day event in the 1930s and placed the apostrophe on the wrong side of the "s," causing a livid Anna to disrupt the gathering and subsequently be charged with disorderly conduct. Mother's Day, she said, should not be plural, as it's supposed to honor each individual mom and family rather than lump them all in one category.

Anna wasn't pleased with the commercialization of Mother's Day, specifically the "teddy bears, bouquets, [and] heart-shaped assorted confections" that spawned from it. As for greeting cards? She didn't love the idea of buying a card with a message already enclosed. Writing a sincere letter to one's mother is a lot different than going for a pretty, interactive singing card that does all the work for you.

If she were around today, she probably wouldn't have anything nice to say about social media's takeover of parent days. As much as I love seeing family photos and touching Facebook status updates on Mother's and Father's Day, they can be a bit overwhelming.

The other downside is that Mother's/Father's Day alienates people who either only have one parent or none at all. What about those with stepmoms and stepdads? Where do you draw the line, and who does the holiday extend to? This is where it all becomes confusing. Some feel obligated to send cards to grandparents, and those without parents may even be reprimanded for not honoring the "next best" thing in one's life.

People without parents may also be forced into thinking they need to feel left out on that day, and that's if they're not already sad about it. I can't celebrate Father's Day, but I don't think much of it ... until someone calls on Father's Day and asks if I'm OK.

"Yeah, why wouldn't I be?" or some variation of that, slips from my mouth.

"Because it's Father's Day."
"Well, I was fine until you brought that up," I think to myself. Thanks for essentially expecting me to plan to be miserable all day.

There are many reasons Father's/Mother's Day should go, but as earlier stated, most of all we need to show our parents we care more than just one day a year. If you're close with both or one of your parents, do something nice a couple times a year. Say "I love you" everyday. Surprise them with a trip. Take them out to lunch once a month. You can do plenty of little things on a regular basis for your family, and that counts a lot more than shipping overpriced roses from Flowers.com their way every May.

What do you think of parents days? Let me know on Twitter: @LauraDonovanUA


MASCULINITY USA

[Fatherhood and the pressures of masculinity are inseparable in the US. Here is page one of a Google search on masculinity USA, June 10, 2013. And masculinity links closely to US gender relations, competition, success, sports, violence, guns, militarism and empire, suicide, and related subjects. See the newsletters on these topics. –Dick]

1. United States - Geert Hofstede
geert-hofstede.com/united-states.html

The United States score 62 on this dimension and is considered a "masculine" society. Behavior in school, work, and play are based on the shared values that ...

2. [PDF]
Exploring Masculinities in the United States and Japan
digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1054...etd

by SS Cochran - 2009 - Cited by 1 - Related articles

Dec 1, 2009 – Cochran, Susan Sims, "Exploring Masculinities in the United States and ..... discussion of the differences and similarities in masculinity in U.S. ...

3. USA vs Germany: Masculine vs Feminine? | Southeast Schnitzel
southeastschnitzel.wordpress.com/.../usa-vs-germany-masculine-vs-femin...

Jun 1, 2009 – Why understanding differences between the American and German work ethic includes gender characteristics. Boots vs Heels When two ...
4. **Masculinity** - ClearlyCultural
   [www.clearlycultural.com/geert-hofstede-cultural/masculinity/](www.clearlycultural.com/geert-hofstede-cultural/masculinity/)

   Masculine traits include assertiveness, materialism/material success, self-centeredness, power, strength, and individual achievements. The **United States** scored...

5. **Masculinity** | Scenarios USA
   [www.scenariosusa.org/films/masculinity/](www.scenariosusa.org/films/masculinity/)

   Jason Gutierrez is a Puerto Rican from New York City and the quintessential all-American guy. Status comes at a price as rumors spread that Jason is gay.

6. **Masculinity** | intercultural - Translation Services
   [www.kwintessential.co.uk/intercultural/masculinity.html](www.kwintessential.co.uk/intercultural/masculinity.html)

   Other examples of "masculine" cultures include the **USA**, the Germany, Ireland and Italy. "Feminine" cultures include Spain, Thailand, Korea, Portugal and the ...

7. **I Am a Masculinity Expert** | VICE United States
   [www.vice.com/read/i-am-a-masculinity-expert](www.vice.com/read/i-am-a-masculinity-expert)

   Which is strange because I have only been a man, technically speaking, for 20 months, when I first began injecting testosterone.

8. **Suicide, Social Integration, and Masculinity in the US Military**
   [www.academia.edu/.../Suicide_Social_Integration_and_Masculinity_in_t...](www.academia.edu/.../Suicide_Social_Integration_and_Masculinity_in_t...)

   "Reports indicate that suicide in the **U.S.** military has increased significantly in recent years. This increase has been attributed to a number of factors, including ...

9. **Black on Black: Masculinity in American Culture**

   by Nick Black Mar 23, 2011 – **Masculinity** in American Culture. Over the past few months I've been spending quite a bit of time in the **United States** – both for business and...

10. **Cultural Differences: It's More than Geography that ... - Growing Global**
    [www.growing-global.com/detail.asp?ID=23](www.growing-global.com/detail.asp?ID=23)

    **USA** ranked 13 of 39 – Moderate **Masculinity**
    **UK** ranked 8 out of 39 – High **Masculinity**
    **Germany** ranked 9 of 39 – High **Masculinity**
    **France** ranked 29 of 39 ...

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