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1. Events listing for Global Day of Action on Military Spending
demilitarize.org/action-events/
This page lists the many planned actions around the world for the 14 April 2014 Global Day of Action on Military Spending.

2. Global Day of Action on Military Spending - Wikipedia, the ...
en.wikipedia.org/.../Global_Day_of_Action_on_Military_Spending...
Wikipedia
Global Day of Action on Military Spending (GDAMS) takes place every year in mid-April. The day was originally proposed by the International Peace Bureau ...

3. Global Day of Action on Military Spending - International ...
www.ipb.org/.../Military_vs.%20Social%20Spending...
In 2011, IPB launched the Global Day of Action on Military Spending in collaboration with the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) in Washington DC. The idea is to ...

4. Global Day of Action on Military Spending, 2015 | War ...
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5. Global Day of Action on Military Spending 2015 | War ...
www.wri-irg.org › ... › Nonviolence Programme › War Profiteers
Feb 27, 2015 - GDAMS 2014 action on the Canary Islands The Global Day of Action on Military Spending (GDAMS) is an annual, international day of action ...

6. April 15 Global Day of Action on Military Spending | War ...
www.warresisters.org › Organizing for Peace › Past Actions
A15 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, ...

7. GDAMS - Global Day of Action on Military Spending ...
https://www.facebook.com/demilitarizeday
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8. Global Day Against Military Spending | American Friends ...
   https://www.afsc.org/.../global-day-...
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   Monday, April 15 -- 7 to 9 am and 3 to 6 pm join with AFSC, United for Peace and Justice, and Bay Area New Priorities Campaign volunteers to distribute info ...

9. Global Day of Action Against Military Spending covered in ...
   www.peace-action.org/node/200
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US military spending falls, increases in eastern Europe, Middle East, Africa and Asia says SIPRI

April 17, 2015 by Editor

(Stockholm, 13 April 2015) World military expenditure totalled $1.8 trillion in 2014, a fall of 0.4 per cent in real terms since 2013, according to figures released today by Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). The comprehensive annual update of the SIPRI Military Expenditure Database is accessible at www.sipri.org.

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- The United States leads upward trend in arms exports, Asian and Gulf states arms imports up, says SIPRI
- Middle East Defense Spending Fuels Security Dilemma
- Asia’s defense spending overtakes Europe’s: IISS
- SIPRI Releases 2011 Numbers on Military Spending
- For #GDAMS, @AbingdonPeace organized "People's ballot" to vote on spending priorities: http://t.co/aniUQa8Vb8 @CNDukhttp://t.co/FaDJ1uMUvM,

- For the 5th #GDAMS, @STWuk Philippines organized a kite-flying event in Santiago City. Here is the video-report: https://t.co/hA97Tf741p,

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Tell the world about your events!
Global Day of Action on Military Spending, 2015, War Resisters League

On Monday 13th April, groups across the world took action on military spending. The Global Day of Action on Military Spending (GDAMS) is now in it's fifth year, and WRI affiliates took action to highlight the huge amounts of money that are wasted on military expenditure across the globe.

In Finland, two WRI affiliates came together to display a banner reading "If we had $1.8 trillion, we'd would #movethemoney to education, renewable energy, healthcare" in multiple languages. Members of South Korean group World Without War are currently touring Europe, met with members of AKL (the Union of Conscientious Objectors), and took part in the action.

UK affiliate Trident Ploughshares helped to organise, through the 'Scrap Trident' coalition, a mass blockade of the Faslane base from which the Trident submarines, which carry nuclear missiles, head out to sea. 34 people were arrested, and workers were sent home for the day!

Also as part of GDAMS, a delegation of Hibakusha (survivors of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki) released a statement while travelling on Peace Boat, calling for for the reallocation of resources from the military "to the realisation of a world free of nuclear weapons and lasting peace."

According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Insitute (SIPRI), global military expenditure stands at $1,776 billion. This is a drop of 0.4% since 2013, but increases in spending in Asia and Oceania, the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Africa have largely matched decreases in Western and Central Europe and North America. For more information, visit, see:http://www.sipri.org/media/pressreleases/2015/milex-april-2015

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27% CURRENT MILITARY 18% PAST MILITARY 43% HUMAN RESOURCES 8% GENERAL GOVERNMENT 4% PHYSICAL RESOURCES 339 Lafayette Street • NY, NY 10012 • 212-228-0450 • www.warresisters.org HOW THESE FIGURES WERE DETERMINED Current military” includes Dept. of Defense ($584 billion) and the military portion from other departments as noted in current military box above ($202 billion). Funding for the war on terror is listed as “Overseas Contingency Operations” and totals $47 in this breakdown. “Past military” represents veterans’ benefits plus 80% of the interest on the debt.* For further explanation, please go to warresisters.org. These figures are from an analysis of detailed tables in the Analytical Perspectives book of the Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2015. The figures are Federal funds, which do not include Trust funds — such as Social Security — that are raised and spent separately from income taxes. What you pay (or don’t pay) by April 15, 2014, goes to the Federal funds portion of the budget. The government practice of combining Trust and Federal funds began during the Vietnam War, thus making the human needs portion of the budget seem larger and Source: 1040 Forms and Instructions 2013, Federal Outlays for FY 2012 Government Deception The pie chart (right) is the government view of the budget. This is a distortion of how our income tax dollars are spent because it includes Trust Funds (e.g., Social Security), and most of the past military spending is not distinguished from nonmilitary spending. For a more accurate representation of how your Federal income tax dollar is really spent, see the large graph. Social programs 21% Net interest 6% Law enforcement, general gov. 2% Social Security, retirement, Medicare 38% National defense, veterans, foreign affairs 24% WHERE YOUR INCOME TAX MONEY REALLY GOES U.S. FEDERAL BUDGET 2015 FISCAL YEAR $115 billion • Agriculture • Interior • Transportation • Homeland Sec. ($8B, partial) • HUD • Commerce • Energy (non-military) • Environmental Protection • Nat. Science Fdtn. • Army Corps Engineers • Fed. Comm. Commission • other physical resources $218 billion • Treasury, incl. 20% interest on debt ($91 B) • Government personnel • Justice Dept. • State Dept. (partial) • Int. Sec. Assist. (partial) • NASA (50%) • Judicial • Legislative • Allowances (proposals) • other general govt.
$786 billion Total Outlays DoD $584 billion: • Military Personnel $142 billion • Operation & Maint. $228 billion • Procurement $91 billion • Research & Dev. $63 billion • Construction $10 billion • Family Housing $2 billion • Revolving Management $1 billion • “Overseas Contingency” $47 billion Non-DoD military spending includes:* • Retiree Pay/Healthcare $83 billion • DoE nuke weapons/clean-up $19 billion • NASA (50%) $9 billion • Internl. Security Asst. $14 billion • Homeland Secur. (military) $41 billion • State Dept. (partial) $5 billion • FBI military $12 billion • “Opportunity, Growth, Security Initiative” allowances $17 • other $1 billion *analysis includes non-DoD activity based on coding and the military nature of activities, such as armed border control, DoD space flights, etc. $1,247 billion • Health/Human Services • Soc. Sec. Administration • Education Dept. • Food/Nutrition programs • Housing & Urban Dev. • Labor Dept. • Earned Inc/Child Credits • Health Insurance Credits • other human resources $521 billion • Veterans' Benefits $157 billion • Interest on national debt $364 billion (80% est. to be created by military spending) the military portion smaller. *Analysts differ on how much of the debt stems from the military; other groups estimate 50% to 60%. We use 80% because we believe if there had been no military spending most (if not all) of the national debt would have been eliminated. To (Federal Funds) tal Outlays Non-MILITARY: 55% and $1,580 BILLION $2,887 Billion Physical, human, community development 9% MILITARY: 45% and $1,307 BILLION The attacks on 9/11 led to the U.S. government’s endless “War on Terror” abroad. The creation in 2003 of the Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) — a second “defense” department — brought that war home. While military style policing, especially in communities of color, grew with the war on drugs in the 1980s, access to the weapons of war has proliferated through Pentagon and now DHS programs. “Current military” on the pie chart incorporates the variety of federal agencies that contribute to the militarization of our lives. • Leaflet with this flyer year-round and on Tax Day, April 15, 2014, or on the Global Day of Action on Military Spending (demilitarize.org). Be part of the New Priorities Network, (newprioritiesnetwork.org). • Join WRL’s Facing Tear Gas campaign to end the use of tear gas and related chemical weapons and police militarization in the U.S. and globally. The campaign is organizing against paramilitary training “Urban Shield” sites across the country. See facingteargas.org. • Call for your community to opt out! Stop local law enforcement from accepting military giveaways and DHS grants for weapons of war. • Write letters to elected officials and local newspapers. Send them copies of this flyer. Demand that the Pentagon budget be slashed. • Protest with your money! Sign up at wartax boycott.org. Refuse to pay all or part of your federal income tax. Whatever you choose to refuse—$1, $10, or a percentage—send a letter March 2014: 50,000 WHAT YOU CAN DO to elected officials and tell them why. Though illegal, thousands of people openly participate in this form of protest. Contact us for information or referral to a counselor near you. Contribute resisted tax money to organizations that support the common good. • Watch Death & Taxes, a 30-min. film featuring war tax resisters from across the country. Online at nwtrcc.org/deathandtaxes.php. • For more about refusing to pay for war, contact the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee, PO Box 150553, Brooklyn, NY 11215, (800) 269-7464, nwtrcc.org. Support the Peace Tax Fund bill: peacetaxfund.org. Resources • Additional copies of this leaflet are
available for 10¢ each (1-199), 7¢ each (200 - 499), 6¢ each (500+) plus 20% postage. Order online at warresisters.org, or order by phone or mail from the WRL National Office at the contact info below. • Find us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and read the WRL Blog—click on the links at warresisters.org. • For all our books and publications, including War Tax Resistance: A Guide to Withholding Your Support from the Military ($10 plus $5.60 priority mail; $3 media mail), see warresisters.org/store. Local Contact: If no group is listed, check for a WRL chapter on the website below, or start your own. Contact WRL for more information. WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE 339 Lafayette Street, New York, NY 10012 Tel (212) 228-0450 • Fax (212) 228-6193 warl@warresisters.org • www.warresisters.org HOMELAND SECURITY “They are using military weapons on our kids in our community — we need to take a lot more action. Cary Downs, father of James Rivera, 16, killed " by police in 2010, Stockton, California SWAT raids take place 100 times every day in the U.S. • Under the Pentagon’s Excess Property Program, $4 billion of equipment has been transferred to state and local police departments since 1990, including grenade launchers, helicopters, military robots, bayonets, armored vehicles, battle fatigues, etc. • Even the smallest police departments can purchase new battle-gear and surveillance equipment with generous DHS grants—over $34 billion since 2003. Ohio State University will use their 18-ton Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected vehicle “for a police presence at football games.” • AR-15 semi-automatic rifles have become a standard police weapon and school districts from California to Georgia are buying them by the dozens. • Arms merchants are cashing in those DHS grants with heavy marketing and sales across the U.S. • Urban Shield, a police training and weapons expo, invites your local cop to shop and train with police around the world from Bahrain to Brazil, courtesy of such companies as Lockheed Martin, Alliant Techsystems/ATK, and Safariland. • Customs and Border Protection (CPB, part of DHS) is the largest law enforcement agency in the U.S. Investigations into dehumanizing detentions, intrusive searches, and killings at the border reveal an agency operating with impunity, whose policies are shrouded in secrecy. • CPB owns 10 Predator drones (operating cost: $3,000 an hour). From 2010-12, they loaned 700 surveillance flights to local, state, and federal agencies. • U.S. taxpayers throw $786 billion a year at weaponized “security.” Meanwhile food insecurity (hunger) is at record levels for the fifth straight year in the U.S. sources (more on our website): “Homeland Security: The Second Defense Department,” nationalpriorities.org; urbanshield.org; “Secrecy at the Border,” onthemedia.org; Rise of the Warrior Cop by Radley Balko; “Little restraint in military giveaways,” bigstory.ap.org “America’s tendency is to pursue policies that react to violence rather than prevent it. As a result, the country is not only less prosperous, but less peaceful. Mike Honda and Michael Shank, “Measuring the " cost of violence,” Institute for Economics and Peace drawing: Matt Heft, tyothewolves.com GO

I DIDN’T RECEIVE THESE UNTIL AFTER I HAD MAILED the 2014 NEWSLETTER.
UPDATE: Global Day of Action on Military Spending April 14/15
Time to Move the Money From the Pentagon to the People!
This Tax Day, tell Congress how you want your money spent!

Did you know that 57% of our federal discretionary budget is spent on military programs? After 13+ years of war, it is time to rein in Pentagon spending and start funding the very real needs we have in our communities. It is outrageous that this year we have half as many troops in Afghanistan as last year, but the military funding in the Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) account actually went up. We need to end this slush fund that allows for the Pentagon budget to escape budget caps and keep spending irresponsibly. Tell Congress to end budget gimmicks to preserve wartime spending and bring those tax dollars home.

Did you know that more than 17,000 nuclear weapons, most held by the U.S. and Russia, continue to pose an intolerable threat to humanity? The U.S. is actually spending more on nuclear bombs and warheads than at the height of the Cold War! As currently planned, maintaining and modernizing the US nuclear arsenal will exceed $1 trillion over the next 30 years. Tell Congress that our government should be working in good faith to eliminate all nuclear arms, not stealing more of our tax dollars to modernize these weapons of mass destruction.

April 14, 2014 has been declared as the fourth Global Day of Action on Military Spending (GDAMS), when community, faith, labor, environmental and peace groups will gather in their communities on every continent to call attention to the domestic impact of money poured into military arms and war preparation by governments across the globe while urgent human needs go unmet. Here in the US, Tax Day actions will be held on April 15 and some groups will combine GDAMS actions with those.

It's not too late to get involved! More than 60 actions are planned around the country.

- Find an action in your community, or post one.
- Join the GDAMS Thunderclap!
- Tweet! Follow @DemilitarizeDay. On April 14/15 share this message: #GDAMS2014! Time to shift priorities and #movethemoney! Cut military spending, fund human needs!
  - Send an email to your Congressional Representative and Senators telling them to end the Pentagon slush fund and slash spending on nuclear weapons, and to redirect those funds to meet human needs! Customize your message.
- Download GDAMS leaflets, facts sheets, graphics and other tools

Please let us know if you are planning or participating in a GDAMS/Tax Day action by dropping us a note: info.ufpj@gmail.com. And please make a donation to support UFPJ’s long term work for peace and justice.

Thanks for your support!

Jackie Cabasso and Terry Rockefeller on behalf of the UFPJ Coordinating Committee
Monday, April 14, 2014

Dear Dick,

As you know, April 15 is Tax Day…but did you know that it’s also the Global Day of Action on Military Spending (GDAMS)?

The taxes we pay fund the critical needs in our communities – schools, infrastructure, healthcare, policemen, veterans’ care, job training, and so on. Unfortunately, too many of our tax dollars are funneled into unneeded and ineffective weapons systems in the Pentagon and that leaves us with too little for crucial investments that we need for healthy communities and economic strength as a nation.

This Tax Day/GDAMS, join thousands of people across the world speaking out against militarism!

Ways you can participate:

- **Join or host an event**: Tax Day/Global Day of Action on Military Spending activities are planned in Greensboro, NC, Superior, WI, St Louis & Kansas City, MO, Duluth, MN, Cleveland, OH, Boston, MA, Seattle, WA, Eugene & Portland, OR, San Mateo County, CA, and many other places! Find an event in your area or list one here.

- **Meet with your Members of Congress**: Congress is on recess April 14-25 and working in their home districts. Now is a great time to schedule a meeting with your Member of Congress and urge them to consider responsible cuts to the Pentagon budget. Important legislation was recently introduced in Congress that would save U.S. taxpayers about $100 billion over ten years by scaling down, delaying, or canceling a variety of nuclear weapons programs and facilities: Massachusetts Senator Ed Markey has introduced Senate bill S. 2070, the Smarter Approach to Nuclear Expenditures (SANE) Act and Oregon Congressman Earl Blumenauer has introduced a companion bill in the House, H.R.4107, the Reduce Expenditures in Nuclear Infrastructure Now (REIN-IN) Act. Please urge your Senators to co-sponsor the SANE Act, S. 2070 and urge your U.S. Representative to cosponsor the REIN IN Act, H. R. 4107.

- **Spread the word on social media**: Please support the Thunderclap asking Congress to eliminate the Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO), also known as the Pentagon slush fund.

Additional GDAMS resources are available online.

**U.S. organizations sponsoring Tax Day/GDAMS events**: Alliance for Global Justice, American Friends Service Committee, CODEPINK, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Foreign Policy in Focus, Friends Committee on National Legislation, National Priorities Project, Peace Action, Progressive Democrats of
This newsletter continues OMNI’s NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL DAYS PROJECT. Half of the Project affirms nonviolent DAYs, such as Human Rights Day. The other half offers nonviolent, world cooperative alternatives to violent, imperial, or generally misdirected days, as with the following:

Feb. 14: Standing on the Side of Love Day (formerly Valentine’s Day)

May, 2nd Sunday: Julia Ward Howe’s Mother’s Day for Peace (Mother’s Day)

3rd Sat. in May: Peace Forces Day (Armed Forces Day)

May, last Monday: Day of Mourning for Victims of Wars (Memorial Day)

June 14: Liberty and Justice for All Day (Flag Day)

June, 3rd Sunday: Father’s Day for Peace (Father’s Day)

September 11 (9-11): Peaceful Tomorrows Day (Patriot Day)

Oct., 2nd Monday: Indigenous Peoples Day (Columbus Day):

Nov. 11: World Unity Day (Veterans Day) (Or Armistice Day in 1918 when WWI ended).

November: Fourth Thursday: National Day of Gratitude and Atonement (Thanksgiving)

December 7: Pacific Colonial War Day (Pearl Harbor Day)

December 25: Love and Peacemaking Day (Christmas)

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