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FATHER’S DAY FOR PEACE and JUSTICE
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http://jamesrichardbennett.blogspot.com/2015/06/omni-fathers-day-for-peace-and-justice.html

Compiled by Dick Bennett for a Culture of Peace, Justice, and Ecology

(#1 June 19, 2008; #2 June 20, 2010; #3 June 19, 2011; #4 6-17-12; #5 6-16-13). Complementing Julia Ward Howe’s Mother’s Day for PEACE.
http://jamesrichardbennett.blogspot.com/2015/05/julia-ward-howes-mothers-day-for-peace.html

Thanks to Marc.

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#4 and #5 at end
Google Search Father’s Day June 21, 2015: As usual, with one exception (responsibility to children) in seven pages I found only commodification, entertainment, food and drink. The attraction to armed force instead of diplomacy and to violent masculinity instead of cooperation is so powerful in the USA that there’s no
Father’s Day equivalent of Howe’s Mother’s Day for Peace (https://zinnedproject.org/2014/05/mothers-day-for-peace/). But there are protests of business-as-usual Father’s Day, and alternative ways to signalize it.

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Father’s Day

A Prayer for Fathers Music Download

Dr. L. Edward Phillips composed this anthem for Father's Day at the request of the choir director at his wife's church, where the choir was small and the resources for Father's Day few. Parts are mostly unison with some division to three part and a two-part canonic treatment at the close.

A Prayer for Fathers »

Family Devotions for Father’s Day 2015

On this Father’s Day, or another time during the month of June, take time in your family for reflecting together about fathers.

Family Devotions for Father’s Day 2015 »

Giving Thanks for Fathers Near and Far

MORE

http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship/church-civic-holidays/fathers-day
CELEBRATING FATHER’S DAY

http://www.uua.org/worship/holidays/fathers-day

Third Sunday in June. A time to celebrate the sacred vocation of fatherhood and the larger themes of paternal figures in our lives.

UU World Articles on Father's Day http://www.uua.org/searchoursite.shtml?q=%22Father%27s+Day%22+more%3auuworld.org

Words for Worship Services

We light our chalice for fathers and for fatherhood

by Peter Friedrichs

Tagged as: Change, Children, Direct Experience, Father's Day, Fathers, Parents, Relationships, Words and Deeds

A Father's Day Prayer

by Kirk D Loadman-Copeland

Tagged as: Family, Father's Day

When Lonely Press Left Paw

by George A Tyger


Empowering the fathers of this world

by Loraine Bottorff McNeill


Forgive Me

by Jay Wolin


Father's Day Prayer

by Carol Allman-Morton
Father's Day Prayer
by Kristin Grassel Schmidt

http://www.uua.org/worship/holidays/fathers-day

Commentary

MASCULINITY TEST: MAKING PEACE WITH ENEMIES

MASCULINITY AND MILITARISM Google Search, June 13, 2915, Page One

Scholarly articles for masculinity and militarism

Duty unto death: English masculinity and militarism in ... - Mangan - Cited by 50

War, militarism, and masculinities - Higate - Cited by 70

Masculinity and nationalism: gender and sexuality in ... - Nagel - Cited by 483

1. Gender, war and militarism: making and questioning the links

www.palgrave-journals.com › Journal home › Archive › Articles

by L Segal - 2008 - Cited by 22 - Related articles

The gender dynamics of militarism have traditionally been seen as straightforward, given the cultural mythologies of warfare and the disciplining of 'masculinity'...

2. Militarization and masculinities | War Resisters' International

www.wri-irg.org › Programmes › Right to Refuse to Kill

Mar 1, 2010 - I objected to military service, because I am also against this laboratory manufactured masculinity. The struggle against militarism defined in ...

3. ¡Presente! - Masculinity and Militarism

www.soaw.org/presente/content/.../lang.en..

School of the Americas Watch

Presente! - the Newspaper of the Movement to close the SOA, Tough, decisive,
uncompromising, and ready to fight are among the masculine gender norms that ...

4. [Link to source]

5. [Link to source]

6. [Link to source]

7. [PDF] Manhood and the Militia Myth: Masculinity, Class and ...

8. [Link to source]

9. [Link to source]

10. [PDF] Masculinity, Militarism and Family Values ... - Vinay Lal

Most Americans view the eroding strength of America, as the.
VETERANS FOR PEACE

Father's Day Action: 'Say No to War!' 2015

We are calling on VFP members who are fathers to write short reflections about their hope for a peaceful future. Please send your reflections, poems, or blog posts to casey@veteransforpeace.org by June 18th to be posted on our national website and our social media pages on Father’s Day.

Friday, June 12, 2015

Veterans Call For Diplomacy in Iraq, Not More U.S. Bases and Troops

Veterans For Peace is dismayed by news that the Obama administration is sending 450 more troops to Iraq, and is considering building additional U.S. bases in the war torn country.

We remind President Obama of his own words, as reported by many news outlets in August 2014:

"There is no American military solution to the larger crisis in Iraq... The only lasting solution is for Iraqis to come together and form an inclusive government."

Veterans For Peace calls on the President to bring all the troops home now and to use diplomacy instead of more violence to address the fighting in Iraq and Syria. <Full Statement>

VETERANS FOR PEACE

“There is no flag large enough to cover the shame of killing innocent people.”

-Howard Zinn

Waging Peace and Justice

June 2015

Last month, members of Veterans For Peace participated in our first national Lobby Days. This year, we discussed the Budget and Military Spending, Diplomacy with Iran, Stop the Militarization of Police Act, and the
Relief for Victims of Agent Orange Act. We hope to expand on these efforts next year. At the same time, the Swords to Plowshares Belltower stood outside the Lincoln Memorial for the week leading up to and on Memorial Day. During this time, thousands of people traveled across the country to visit the national monuments. With many Memorial Day ceremonies taking place, VFP members educated the public on the true costs of war. On Memorial Day, as part of the Full Disclosure Campaign, VFP Members placed hundreds of letters at the Vietnam Wall. The letters were provided by VFP members, allies, and others who were alive during the Vietnam Wall and were addressed to those who had died there.

Speaking out against war is never easy. Moving beyond ourselves, our allies, and our like-minded social circles can be intimidating, and at time, emotionally tolling. The members and volunteers who participated in last month’s DC actions exposed an array of people to the Veterans For Peace message. Although not all individuals we encountered shared our beliefs, we were able to involve more people in the conversation about peace. As peacemakers, we can learn a lot from these efforts and continue to look for creative and genuine ways to expose more people our message.

Take Action This Month!

Here are some suggestions for taking action this month. If you would like tabling materials, please e-mail casey@veteransforpeace.org.

Golden Rule Christening – June 20th S. 1493 Fay Ave Samoa, CA 95564[map]

After over 5 years of restoration, the Golden Rule is ready to sail! The ship that sailed out into the Pacific in 1958 to halt atmospheric nuclear weapons tests in the Marshall Islands was rescued from a watery grave and lovingly restored by members of Veterans For Peace. The christening and launch will take place on June 20th, 2015. Check out the event page for more info.

Fathers Say No to War! – June 21st [across the country]

As fathers (and veterans) who are opposed to war, Father’s Day is an opportunity to write a Letter to the Editor, Op-Ed, poem, or blog post. Please send your reflections/writings to casey@veteransforpeace.org by June 18th to be posted on our national website and our social media pages by Father’s Day. Drone protests will be happening at Beale AFB on June 22nd, with this theme “Fathers Say No to War”. We are calling for VFP members and allies to organize their own solidarity actions during this time. Check out the Beale AFB event page for inspiration!

Looking Ahead: http://jamesrichardbennett.blogspot.com/

Newsletters

http://www.omnicenter.org/newsletter-archive/
Father's Day Action: 'Say No to War!'

This Father's Day, members of Veterans For Peace call on our leaders to invest in future generations, instead of endless war. As veterans and fathers, we say "No To War!"

WHAT KIND OF FATHERS DO WE NEED? NOT WARRIORS BUT COOPERATORS AND DIPLOMATS

J. William Fulbright: Can an Empire Change Its Attitude?


J. William Fulbright

If you previously knew anything about J. William Fulbright, it was probably of his educational exchange program, one of the world’s most admired peacemaking innovations. One proposed exchange, as recounted in his last book, The Price of Empire, never began.

In the early 1970s Fulbright approached the Soviets to apply part of their World War II Lend-Lease debt owed to the U.S. to Fulbright fellowships…. The Soviets had agreed to repay about $800 million, and Fulbright hoped to get “maybe a hundred million.” But the détente was sabotaged by a group of Cold War senators, and the Soviets abrogated the exchange agreements and other joint ventures in retaliation.

The story has a larger meaning. . . .His purpose is “to stimulate public thought and discussion free of the rigid and outdated stereotypes which stultify many of our foreign policy debates.” This is a main duty of Congress, he writes, “under our Constitutional system.” We should and can rid ourselves of dogmas dangerous to humans, such as the Evil Enemy. . . .

In his last book, The Price of Empire (1989), Fulbright’s guide to a humane community and global culture of peace continues to unfold. By practicing international cooperation, joint international ventures, negotiation and diplomacy, international understanding, a cosmopolitan perspective, knowledge, facts, reason and empathy will gradually reduce fear, paranoia, parochialism, nationalism, jingoism, fanaticism, arrogance, militarism and wars.

The world was made by human actions; actions are based on attitudes; and it is “possible to alter human attitudes,” he believes. Wars are not inevitable (speaking of today: nor are empire and warming); we can learn, and we must choose. [I shortened the article slightly. –Dick]

Join the Discussion, Learn From Others

J. William Fulbright: Voice of Reason and Diplomacy

A Forum discussing Fulbright’s resistance to dogma and fanaticism, to war and empire, during the 1960s to 1980s.

Panelists: Prof. Hoyt Purvis, Prof. Sidney Burris, Prof. Emer. Dick Bennett, Moderator
WHAT KIND OF FATHERS DO WE NEED? NAOMI KLEIN AND POPE FRANCIS CALL FOR RESISTANCE TO CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF CLIMATE CHANGE (these two items came from Common Dreams June 20, 2015)

**Climate Change Is a Crisis We Can Only Solve Together**
by Naomi Klein

"The weight of the world is not on any one person’s shoulders. Not yours. Not mine. It rests in the strength of the project of transformation that millions are already a part of."

**'Climate Is a Common Good': Pope Francis Calls for Justice on Warming Planet**
by Jon Queally

"What makes the pope’s message so radical isn’t just his call to urgently tackle climate change. It’s the fact he openly and unashamedly goes against the grain of dominant social, economic and environment policies."

America’s Voice for Population Stabilization

Since 1968, Population Connection (formerly Zero Population Growth or ZPG) has been America’s voice for population stabilization. We are the largest grassroots population organization in the United States—we have over 500,000 members, supporters, and participating educators!

Our core programs:

- **Population Education (PopEd)**: We train K-12 teachers and produce curriculum materials that address population issues and reach 3 million students each year;

- **Grassroots Outreach**: We engage an active constituency of U.S. advocates for
international family planning programs;

- **Advocacy**: We work directly with federal policymakers to fund and improve international family planning.

Population Connection works to ensure that every woman around the world who wants to delay or end childbearing has access to the health services and contraceptive supplies she needs in order to do so.

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## Our Approach

Overpopulation threatens the quality of life for people everywhere. Population Connection is the national grassroots population organization that educates young people and advocates progressive action to stabilize world population at a level that can be sustained by Earth’s resources.


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### This Father's Day, pins and needles [Gay Dads]

**Tevin Johnson-Campion, ACLU**  
**June 21, 2015**  
**Action aclu@aclu.org via uark.edu**  
**7:38 AM (1 hour ago)**

Hi James –

For over 20 years, my dads have built their lives together and raised me, my two brothers, and my sister. But they’re not just amazing dads – they’re also plaintiffs in the Supreme Court case that, at any moment now, could make history by extending marriage to all.

To my dads: I love you both so much, and I am SO proud of you. You’ve shown us so much love, and you’ve taught us to fight for what we believe in. Happy Father’s Day!

To all the other families out there: while we’re all on pins and needles waiting for the Supreme Court decision, I hope you remember what my dads taught us kids – love is what makes a family. We’re thinking of you, and of what this long road to the Supreme Court decision means to all families.

With love and anticipation,

Tevin Johnson-Campion for the ACLU Action team

P.S. I asked my dads how they’re feeling leading up to the Supreme Court’s decision. [Head over](#)
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)

2015 will be the final year of this project, the subject having been defined and profusely supported.)

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