

Memorial Day 2013: Peace Now... It's Up to Us

"Responsibility for working for peace lies not only with our leaders, but also with each of us individually." —The Dalai Lama

Yes, it's up to us. The American war in Iraq is over. U.S. troops are leaving Afghanistan. The wars are over or nearly so for Americans, if not for the people of Iraq and Afghanistan.

Let's seize this rare opportunity to build a lasting peace: to heal our veterans, to create a sustainable peace-centered economy with good education and meaningful work for all, to repair our ailing planet, and to ensure human rights and dignity for everyone. It's time to redirect our human and financial resources from the bottomless pit of perpetual war to efforts to build a future where children and grandchildren everywhere can thrive.

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What we can do:

Contact Congress, talk to our friends online and face-to-face, support community organizations working on peace and military issues:

- ❖ Support education about and elimination of killer drones. They're cheaper than boots on the ground but they kill civilians and build resentments against the United States.
- ❖ Oppose the drive to war with Iran. Support diplomatic efforts to stop the spread of nuclear weapons.
- ❖ Insist that all U.S. troops come home from Afghanistan by the end of 2014.
- ❖ Support bigger cuts in the U.S. military budget. That money can be better spent to heal and rebuild our country.
- ❖ Support veterans' services while opposing military policy.
- ❖ Support efforts to expose and stop sexual abuse in the military.
- ❖ Promote strengthening international peace-keeping organizations.
- ❖ Support regional peacekeeping initiatives regarding Syria.

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❖ A civil liberties protection bill regulating Drone use in Oregon, HB 2710, has passed the Oregon House. Ask your State Senator to support the bill. Legislature switchboard: 1-800-332-2313.

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