

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.” — Margaret Mead



# Grandmothers for Peace International

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## VOTE *because . . .*

**Iraq War:** 4,152 U.S. Military Deaths • Cost of War \$550,616,888,750

**Afghanistan War:** 582 U.S. Military Deaths • Cost of War \$200,000,000,000

**NEGLECTED: Children, Health Care, Jobs, Housing, Schools, Hunger, Environment, etc ...**

*“Torture. War Crimes. Orwellian Surveillance. Defying Subpoenas. Loss of Habeas Corpus. Broken Justice. Signing Statements. Secrecy. Constitutional Crisis. Nuclear Weapons in Space. Trillions of Dollars Missing at the Pentagon. Full-Spectrum Dominance\*. Control of Congress by Oil, Telecommunication, Pharmaceutical, Insurance, Defense and Banking Industries. Usury. CIA Black Ops. Veterans’ Suicide/Catastrophic Injuries and Deaths. Promises Betrayed. Devastated Military Families. Childhood Obesity/Autism. Corporate Prison Complex. High School Drop Outs. Increasing Unemployment. Potential U.S. Bankruptcy. \$55 Trillion Debt. Millions of Foreclosures. Seniors Suffering. A Million Dead Iraqis while Millions of Americans watch American Idol.*

“We need a voice for the people and a defender of the Constitution. We need revolutionary change in energy, health care, trade, taxation and foreign policy. We don’t need politicians, we need Patriots who ask tough questions, reason intellectually and demonstrate compassion.”

— **Samm (Denise) Simpson:** Florida  
(Editor: \*Full-spectrum dominance is military control of all elements of the battle area - land, air, sea and space; a Department of Defense blue print to enhance the war machine using our children and our taxes.)

“Contrary to our current national m.o., it’s not all about me, just as it’s not all about our country. It’s about the gigantic, historical turning point the entire world finds itself in now – the realization that we must all come together individually and globally, that **WAR IS NOT THE ANSWER!**”

“It’s critical that our next president be not just a national leader, but a world leader, someone respected and revered for integrity, intelligence, and humanistic compassion for all – a person who recognizes that since Hiroshima, a military/industrial/corporate coup has occurred in this nation. It’s a coup that has placed the entire world in peril.

“Our country and the world needs an American president who understands that democracy has departed from the U.S., and that greed, power mongering, and manipulation reign supreme. We need a U.S. president who can work effectively and altruistically to bring us the redirection we all need so desperately.”

— **Rita Ague:** Colorado Springs, Colorado

“The qualities I expect in a president are intelligence, integrity, compassion, honesty, the ability to see the over-all picture objectively, and the ability to pronounce NUCLEAR correctly while condemning it.”

— **Corine Thornton:** Hayward, California

“I want a president who stays true to what he says he will do for the American people. I would like to see a president who cares enough to provide health care for all people, do something tangible about our unstable economy, begin a withdrawal of troops from Iraq, and make our country one that others will respect once again.”

— **Fran Rajotte:** Nashville, Tennessee

“Our next president will face the unprecedented challenges of restoring America’s damaged reputation in the world, developing a sane foreign policy, and dealing with a crumbling economy and a planet in peril. It is necessary that our next commander-in-chief be someone with knowledge of the world, the determination to resolve conflicts peacefully and the character to inspire the respect and admiration of the world.

“He also needs to be aware of the history and complexities of the American Experience in the world and open-minded enough to learn from our past mistakes in dealing with our foreign and domestic problems. Someone who is truly compassionate would be most welcome.

“In short, we need a huge change from the past eight years. We want to be proud of our president, not embarrassed by him. We need someone who will not only be good for the USA, but for the world.”

— **Rayilyn Brown:** Arizona

## Vote because

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“We need a President who will listen to people’s needs – equitably – and use words rather than weapons to resolve differences with other countries.”

— **Kay Weeks**: Ellicott City, Maryland

“I look for a charismatic leader with an astute global view of the issues before us. The presidential candidate should be knowledgeable about how other cultures and segments of our society approach issues, be respectful of differences and be open to compromise. ‘My way or the die way’ is a primitive approach to solving problems. A leader needs compromising and negotiating skills.

“The individual’s private life is of interest to me, for I believe it reflects maturity, stability, loyalty and serves as a role model for our youth.”

— **Natalie Hartman Whitnack**:  
Fair Oaks, California

“I am hoping for our next President to have the ability to speak in public intelligently. This would give us a boost in confidence at home and abroad.”

— **Linda Hicks**: Richmond, Missouri

“What is important to me in a next president: Call it the Great Turning, The Hinge of History, or The Planet in Critical Care, but we are at a moment in time which calls for a visionary leader, one who is well educated and deeply attuned to the urgent needs begging to be addressed in a powerful and globally cooperative way.”

— **Ellen Murphy**: Bellingham, Washington

“The next president could appoint up to three Supreme Court Justices. We need a court with enough empathy to at least return our constitutional freedoms to us. This is what we need to be thinking when we vote this fall.”

— **Jeanne Norris**: Franklin County, New York

“To our Next President:

In your care, America can become a beacon of peace in this sad world.”

— **Anne Anthony**: Florida Keys

“The next President of the United States must be able to communicate with the people in a clear and honest language. A health care program for those who are below the poverty line is necessary. He should work toward communication and diplomacy when other countries are struggling with border or other difficulties. He should choose a running mate who is experienced and can add to his knowledge and understanding of various concerns.

“I hope he will learn how the United

Nations can be helpful to all nations, and will insist we pay our dues and funds which have been withheld the past years.”

— **Roma Jo Thompson**: From a red state that wants to become blue.

## OTHER GRANNY GROUPS

I know we are supposed to write about the need in our country for a new president and what it will mean to a country that is foundering. But I am choosing to show what the grass roots can do to keep our country on the right track and how it resonates in the world

This picture shows our vigil with several other peace groups, in recognition of Nagasaki Day at St. Marys, Georgia, – Site of The Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay.



In response to our vigil I received an e-mail from “Tomida Narumi In Gratitude from Japan for your Nagasaki Day Vigil at Kings Bay.”

The letter is too long to include in this report but I am including one excerpt and my e-mail address so that anyone can write to me and I will send the full letter.

“My name is Tomida Narumi (Tomida is my family name), a woman living in Kyoto, Japan. I was forwarded your e-mail of this vigil from my American friend living in Cordele, GA, (Fr. Robert Cushing). I give my thanksgiving to you for this vigil from the bottom of my heart. I forwarded this information to my elder “hibakusha” friend. He rejoiced and thanked for your action, and said that the democracy and the movement of abolishing any nuclear weapons in America would never fade as long as the soul like this vigil and grass-root peacemaking would be there. I agree his opinion.”

Hopefully, whoever becomes president will have the courage and intelligence to pursue peace and follow the lead of the good American people.

— **Renee Mintz**: St. Augustine, Florida

We the people are the rightful masters  
of both Congress and the courts,  
not to overthrow the Constitution  
but to overthrow the men  
who pervert the Constitution.

— **Abraham Lincoln**

## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

*Dear Grandmothers for Peace:*

For this issue of our newsletter, I asked what some of you want, expect, hope for in the new President. After eight long years of, shall I say misery, we hope and want much. *I want America to become the country the world THINKS we were, not necessarily WHAT we were.* I have few other words right now, except:

Vote because the planet depends on you.

Vote because our country depends on you.

Vote because your state depends on you.

Vote because your city/town depends on you.

Vote because your family depends on you.

Vote because you are an American, and we all depend on each other.

*Peace to all of us, Lorraine*

**P.S.** With the rising postage costs I want to thank all of you who “pace” yourselves and send in donations when the newsletter arrives, either in Fall or Spring. It keeps our costs down, we do not have to send out a renewal letter to each of you. Thank you for your “from the heart” donations. LK



**Farms Not Arms (FNA)**, based in Petaluma, CA, was formed two years ago by farmers who wanted to take a more active role in the broader social and political life of the country, and specifically to add a farmer’s perspective to the movement for peace, social justice, and a healthy environment.

FNA has grown to over three hundred farmers and food industry people, with support from the **Family Farm Defenders**, Madison, Wisconsin; **Jim Hightower**; **Ambassador Carol Moseley Braun**; **George Naylor**; **Dolores Huerta**; and organizations including **Global Exchange**, **Peaceroots Alliance**, **Organic Consumers Association**, plus others.

One FNA project that is attracting a lot of interest is *Swords to Ploughshares*, a project of the newly formed **Farmer-Veteran Coalition**, which seeks to provide training and employment in the agriculture field to returning war veterans. This project seeks to connect veterans and farmers for a positive collaboration that will help both veterans and the farming community.

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### Florida Keys

**Anne Anthony**

On April 27<sup>th</sup>, three **GFP Florida Keys members** went to Key West High School for counter-recruitment efforts. Mostly we were ignored as we sat outside the cafeteria with our materials: *Truth in Recruitment* from **American Friends Service Committee**, *Opt-Out Forms* from **GFP**, *6 Principles of Non-Violence*, etc.

However, about 20 students did stop by and talk with us, as well as several teachers. At one point we saw three Marine recruiters in the distance - they usually sit at the adjacent table, but they did not come near us. I think the principal (a military man himself), who reluctantly agreed to have us on campus, asked them to set up somewhere else, out of our vision. A student from the school newspaper took our picture, but would not stay to talk with us.

At the April 19<sup>th</sup> Saturday vigil, the woman who owns a business near the stoplight where we all stand, cussed out the Lutheran pastor who stands with us and called the police again. She said the honking was "disturbing the peace" and our presence was taking away from her business.

An officer pulled passenger cars over and issued warnings and several TICKETS for honking. (The last time she called, a different officer asked us to remove the "Honk for Peace" signs, which we replaced with "Wave for Peace.") The news went out like wildfire on the local radio, on the internet (bigpinekey.com), and created much attention and controversy. One of Kim's friends was ticked, but won his appeal with the dismissal of his ticket in traffic court. We and other peace groups will continue to protest at this busy intersection "until the war is over."

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### United Kingdom

**Jean Stead**

While Britain was, to its surprise, winning the largest number of Olympic medals in 100 years and coming in the top grouping with the US and China, the dark cloud of the Cold War was also enveloping it during the August holiday month.

Russia was attacking Georgia in retaliation for Georgia attacking the neighbouring state of Ossetia. Both Czechoslovakia and Poland had agreed to take American anti-nuclear missile stations in their countries, despite protests from a big proportion of their people. They said these made them nuclear targets. The Russians also said it would make them a target for a nuclear attack. So now the fear of a nuclear war is back with us again.

This gives great point to a subject largely shied away from by the two main political parties - the nuclear threat in Europe and the demonstrations planned against nuclear weapons. Britain is almost alone in Europe in possessing them, and under the New Labour government, has shown no desire to give them up.

They have agreed to update their Trident submarine nuclear warhead programme with American co-operation. They have not waited for a Parliamentary vote, as promised, to go ahead with the decision to build new and even more deadly warheads. Preparations have already started at the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston, about 40 miles west of London. There is the equivalent of 1,000 Hiroshima bombs at present mounted on Britain's Trident submarines.

That is why **Grandmothers for Peace UK** are planning to join a national demonstration outside the Aldermaston base where the inter-continental ballistic missile system is built, on which the equivalent of about \$6 billion are being spent. It is run by the British government's defence ministry with American private contractors.

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, GFP will join a one-day blockage of the base, widely publicised among national groups. Grandmothers for Peace already have leaders like **Helen John and Lindis Percy** in the forefront of these groups.

A women's peace

camp has been operating outside Aldermaston for years, and they will be the hosts of this demonstration.

They meet the second weekend of every month for two days, from Friday evening to Sunday midday. They take tents, water and food and camp outside. They climb fences, make videos and banners, and in a Block the Builders protest, have managed to stop the trucks going into the base for the submarine and nuclear bomb construction work. There have been over 40 arrests and many attempts to stop the demonstrators by the building of new fences and a new road into the camp.

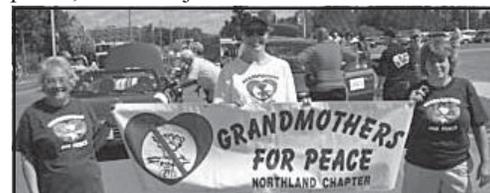
*It gives strength to our protest that we know all the GFP members in the US are supporting us in our opposition.*

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### Superior, Wisconsin

**Dorothy Wolden**

The **GFP Northland Chapter** carried their banner in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Superior, WI. We joined a float from the local



**Karen Barschdorf, left, Dorothy Wolden, and Kathy Hermes proudly participate in the 4th of July parade.**

chapter of **Veterans for Peace**. The response from the large crowd (over 1,000 people) was overwhelmingly positive to both groups, with women along the route particularly enthusiastic, clapping and shouting encouragement.

I was very proud to be carrying the banner for Grandmothers for Peace, and proud of the intelligent response of my community to our presence in the parade.

Many of us attended the August Hiroshima Remembrance Vigil in Duluth, Minnesota.

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### Bellingham, Washington

**Ellen Murphy**

"We have no official chapter, but many active grandmothers. We are now preparing for our big event of the year, *International Day of Peace*, September 21, 2008, sponsored by the **Whatcom Peace and Justice Center** and many co-sponsors. We are excited that **Kathy Kelly** will be our speaker this year, and that with lucky me, she will present a nonviolence training the next day."



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Sacramento, California  
**Lorraine Krofchok**

March 19, 2008, thousands of “we the people” were in the street at protests and vigils all over the country. Hundreds of people were arrested in DC and SF.

At our Sacramento protest on a busy intersection, Nancy, Ralph, and I held 10 pages of “little soldiers” - there are 400 soldiers on each page and that totaled 4,000 American war dead (actual count was 3,990). If I wanted to represent the Iraqi dead, some estimate one million, I would need 2,500 pages. Each of those lives was precious to someone and should be to all of us.



Grandmothers for Peace participated in actions in Phoenix, AZ; Chico, CA; Santa Clarita, CA; Duluth, MN; St. Augustine, FL; Washington state; the Florida Keys; Wilmington, NC; Upper NY state; Atlanta, GA; plus, various “granny groups” had actions around the country from recruiting station protests, to die-ins, and knit-ins.

The annual August Peace Event, August 9, found many of us remembering the atomic bomb victims of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.



**GFP Lorraine Krofchok and Mary Youngblood, a two-time Grammy award winner, and the first woman to record professionally on the Native American flute, at the August Peace Event.**

North Carolina  
**Lynn Heritage**

Southeastern Area contact person, Lynn Heritage with her “little soldiers” at the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Iraq War protest vigil, March 19, 2008.



Phoenix, Arizona  
**Odell Nelson**

The **GFP Northwest Valley Chapter** proudly display their new banner, unfortunately at the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Iraq war, March 19, 2008.



Indiana

**Christie Smith Stephens**

**Grandmothers for Peace International, Indiana Chapter** continues with monthly peace rallies, support of a peace fund which now exceeds \$900,000 at our local university, going door to door encouraging voter registration and participation in elections, reading and book reports on current political and global concerns, letters to editors and legislators, presentations for groups and classes, and our weekly meetings.

In August several of us were fortunate to visit the home of Anne Frank in Amsterdam and the site of The Singing Revolution in Tallinn, Estonia. The Singing Revolution, the amazing story of which is told in a documentary film of the same name, recounts how the people of Estonia without weapons sang themselves from occupation to freedom. May it be so all around the world.

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Santa Clarita, California  
**Patty Carmody**

The Santa Clarita Grandmothers for Peace continue with monthly vigils, first Sunday of the month at our local mall. Usually we gather at 3:00 pm, but during these hot summer months we wait until 7:00 pm as the sun goes down. Naturally we are hoping that the current presidential campaign will place proper focus on the need for serious pursuit of an end to U.S. involvement in any wars.

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Kennewick, Washington  
**Susie Gaul**

Two years ago we put lights making a peace sign in our window. At first no one said a word. In the last three months we have had people stop and ask how we made it. There is a change in the wind - it's coming - it's up to us to keep it going. Stand up and yell ENOUGH! Peace to all.

**Honoring Peg McIntire**

Peg McIntire went to the rally on Memorial Day 2008, came home with chest pains and quietly passed in the early morning hours. She had family with her. Her last day was spent “doing.” Now each of us has to do a little more, **AND** bring someone new into the peace movement!

At age 97, Peg always proved you were never too old for activism and spent her last day trying to make a difference. She was our “elder stateswoman.” The following is Peg McIntire’s last message to me:

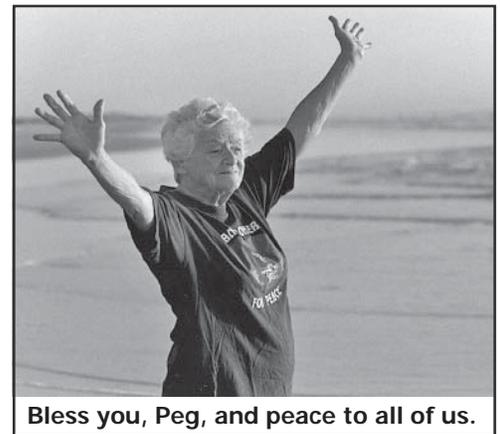
Dear Lorraine:

We will all be celebrating Memorial Day as a national holiday, but with a uniquely personal twinge as we remember loved ones who have died, and pray for the young men and women who are in danger today on active duty in foreign lands.

The following is the poem that I will read on Sunday at UU, and again on Monday when our local anti-war groups rally in St. Augustine’s Plaza de la Costituzione.

This poem is by **Captain Michael Davis O’Donnell**, Killed in Action on March 24, 1970, in the Republic of Vietnam.

If you are able,  
Save them a place  
Inside of you.  
  
And save one backward glance  
When you are leaving  
For the place they can no longer go.  
  
Be not ashamed to say  
You love them,  
Though you may  
Not have always.  
  
Take what they have left  
And what they have taught you  
With their dying  
And keep it with your own.  
  
And in that time  
When men decide and feel safe  
To call the war insane,  
Take one moment to embrace  
Those gentle heroes you left behind.



**Bless you, Peg, and peace to all of us.**

# THINGS TO KNOW

NOVEMBER 21-23, 2008



Be a part of history! Join thousands of human rights advocates, students, union workers, nuns, artists, teachers, grandmothers, community organizers, immigrants, indigenous people and peace activists in Columbus, Georgia, at the gate of Fort Benning to take a stand for the closure of the School of the Americas.

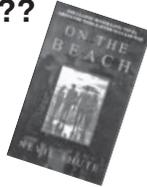
Take a stand to end U.S. policies that cause death and violence throughout the world.

Take a stand for justice.

Contact: (202) 234-3440; www.soaw.org

## Need Motivation???

Read or re-read Nevil Shute's "On The Beach," a novel about the world after nuclear war – an accidental nuclear war.



## 13 Cities Approve Resolution Opposing War with Iran

On Monday, July 14, 2008, Bellingham, Washington, became the first city in Washington to take an official stance against US military intervention in Iran. The council's unanimous 7-0 vote received a standing ovation from a crowd of supporters. Bellingham is now the thirteenth city in the nation to have approved a resolution regarding opposition to war with Iran.

Joan Wile founded Grandmothers Against the War in New York City in 2003. The group has continually protested the Iraq occupation.



Her book, *Grandmothers Against the War: Getting Off Our Fannies and Standing Up for Peace*, focuses on

events surrounding the arrest of her and 17 other grandmothers when they tried to enlist in the Times Square recruiting station. They were arrested, jailed, and tried. The arrestees became known as the Granny Peace Brigade, receiving international media coverage.

Joan has devoted a section to Grandmothers for Peace International. Her book is available at major and many independent book stores, and online from Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble.com.

## GFP Still Accepts Snail Mail

For our Grandmothers for Peace members who are without computer access, we welcome your comments and invite you to send them anytime, but especially in January and June each year for newsletter consideration.

There are space limitations, but if you want to contribute to the newsletter, a few to 150 words are welcome. Photos also welcome.

Mark your calendar, and see the back page of the newsletter for our address.

Mankind must put an end to war,  
or war will put an end to mankind.  
— John F. Kennedy

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#### 2008 Peace Scholarship Winners

\$500

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Dennisport, Massachusetts

#### Lauren Weiner

Ventura, California

\$250

#### Opar Abdulai

Kampala, Uganda

#### Diana Banda

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\$250

#### Ellen Biesack

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