

Dear Peace Friends,

As many of you know, Veterans For Peace has called for a week of action (Sept. 1 - 7), and 25 US cities are participating in creative actions to demonstrate our solidarity with the people of Palestine.

See Full Details at the end of this message.

Our local VFP chapter (Eisenhower Chapter 157) invites your participation in the following three local actions:

THURSDAY, SEPT. 5 (Noon - 1 p.m.)

Vigil with WILPF and other local peace groups at Peace & Justice Plaza in Chapel Hill (179 E. Franklin St.)

Bring signs, banners, VFP flags.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6 (6 p.m.)

Carpool with us to Greensboro as we join with VFP and other peace groups in an action on opening night of the NC Folk Festival, an event that draws huge every year. The VFPers in Greensboro will provide banners, a clothesline filled with infant clothing to memorialize the infants murdered in Palestine, and handouts to pass out for those who wish to participate in a short march through downtown Greensboro. A CARPOOL IS BEING ORGANIZED FROM DURHAM, and will leave at 4:45 p.m. If you'd like to go on your own, you can meet us at 6 p.m. at the Beloved Community Center (417 Arlington St., Greensboro). PLEASE LET ME KNOW by return e-mail if you think you might be able to participate, and full details will be provided for those planning to go.

FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE TWO EVENTS ABOVE, this third action can be done from the comfort of your home anytime between now and Sept. 7:

Call your US Representative and demand that they end their complicity in the giveaway of our tax dollars and the supplying of weapons of mass destruction to the criminal and immoral Israeli government. Call once or, better yet, call every day.

And there's more:

Here are three additional suggestions for action from VFP. Do what you can....

1. Deliver to Congressional offices, military bases or any appropriate government office, the VFP letter that lists the U.S. laws government employees and weapons makers violate with every arms shipment to Israel.
2. Do our nonviolent best to enforce those laws by holding simultaneous civil resistance actions stopping operations at those facilities.
3. Join local campaigns to get governments and universities to boycott Israeli goods and divest from Israeli government bonds.

What does it take to end the insanity? Everyone doing something!
Peace/Truth/Sanity,
Vicki

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### **VETERANS IN 25 CITIES DEMONSTRATE FOR GAZA September 1-7**

“September Days of Solidarity with Palestine,” will see members of Veterans For Peace from California to New Hampshire conduct protests and educational events in 25 cities September 1-7.

Activities will vary from hanging banners over expressways to conducting nonviolent actions at military installations to prevent business as usual.

Those “civil resistance” actions will be conducted to nonviolently enforce several U.S. laws broken every time weapons are manufactured or shipped to Israel. The action will include delivering an 11-page [letter to the U.S. State Department Inspector-General](#) containing 34 footnoted examples of illegal activity.

The cities are Atlanta; Binghamton NY; New Britain, CT; Columbus, Toledo and Yellow Springs OH; Dallas TX; Ft. Collins CO; Fresno, Auburn, Los Angeles and San Diego CA; Ft. Wayne IN; Asheville and Greensboro NC; Honolulu HI; Minneapolis MN; Nashville; Olympia WA; Portsmouth NH; Santa Fe NM; St. Louis MO; Syracuse NY; Tucson and Washington, D.C.

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The letter from Veterans For Peace alleges U.S. government officials and weapons manufacturers are violating:

- [\*\*The Conventional Arms Transfer Policy\*\*](#), which prohibits U.S. weapons transfers when it's likely they will be used by Israel to commit genocide; crimes against humanity; and grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions
- [\*\*The Foreign Assistance Act\*\*](#), which forbids the provision of assistance to a government which "engages in a consistent pattern of gross violations of internationally recognized [human rights](#)."
- [\*\*The U.S. War Crimes Act\*\*](#), which forbids grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions, including willful killing, torture or inhuman treatment, willfully causing great suffering or serious injury to body or health, and unlawful deportation or transfer, perpetrated by the Israeli Occupying Forces.
- [\*\*Arms Export Control Act\*\*](#), which says countries that receive US military aid can only use weapons for legitimate self-defense and internal security. Israel's genocidal campaign in Gaza goes way beyond self-defense and internal security.
- [\*\*The Leahy Law\*\*](#), which prohibits the U.S. Government from using funds for assistance to units of foreign security forces where there is credible information implicating that unit in the commission of gross violations of human rights.
- [\*\*The Genocide Convention Implementation Act\*\*](#), which was enacted to implement U.S. obligations under the Genocide Convention, provides for criminal penalties for individuals who commit or incite others to commit genocide.

Susan Schnall, VFP President, said, "Veterans For Peace members are sickened by the carnage in Gaza and that we pay for with our tax dollars. It continues daily right before our eyes and is immoral beyond words. But it also violates long-standing U.S. laws meant to insure we abide by international treaties enacted to prevent genocide and human rights abuses. We believe it is our duty and responsibility to do all that is humanly possible to stop it."