

# the Nuclear Resister

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## Navy Base Foes In & Out of Jeju Court & Jail

This fall the Korean Prime Minister's office declared that the conflict over the naval base in Gangjeong village had been resolved. “The disclosure came as a surprise to the villagers, who still meet hundreds of police every day,” reports Gangjeong Village Story (GVS). “They denounced the Park government, asking how the situation could be considered resolved when the village is under a Martial Law-like situation with even rallies prohibited. They further criticized the government for pretending that the villagers' claims are unreasonable or that there is nothing wrong with the base construction.”

GVS reports that Jeju congresswoman Jang Ha-Na declared in October that recent independent surveys demonstrate that, “Compared to last year, the soft corals, endangered species in the Gangjeong Sea, are dying from mysterious causes or have stopped growing. It has also been confirmed that floating detritus from the construction is forming deposits in various locations.” Furthermore, she said that the police and prosecutors have unjustly arrested and imprisoned citizen monitors 55 times between January 2012 and September 2013.

Catholic Solidarity to Realize the Peace Island, Jeju is a coalition of activist Korean Catholics who came together two years ago. They mobilized what has become a significant pillar of support for the villagers of Gangjeong, who are now in their seventh year of nonviolently resisting construction of a major naval base that is destroying a unique coastal geology and sea coral ecosystem. The group coordinates a daily Catholic communion mass in the road at the main construction gate and the naval base office gate. Mass at the office gate has been disrupted regularly since last spring, and in October, thick lines of police began blocking priests and nuns on their way to worship at this gate.

At the main construction gate, supply trucks are stopped for an hour but are impatiently revving their engines by the time most of the celebrants leave the road. Still, every day they must wait for a few priests and nuns who stay seated in their chairs. Police will move in to carry them sedan-style to the side of the road, and sometimes make arrests, so that the trucks can move through again.

The September 30 anniversary celebration of this solidarity brought 500 people to the gate, and traffic was stopped all day. Among the visitors were recidivist peace prisoner Fr. Bill “Bix” Bichsel SJ, and Nipponzon Myohoji Buddhist Brother Gilberto Perez, both of the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action in Washington. As he sat in front of the trucks, Bichsel held a sign in English inviting his fellow Jesuit, Pope Francis, to join them.

In November, Korean writer Cho Jeong carried the “No naval base in Jeju” message into the Vatican's St. Peter's Square with a makeshift sign she displayed beneath the window where the Pope would soon appear. Vatican police quickly demanded she put away the prohibited political message. When she left the Square and continued her picket in Rome, Jeong was arrested, her passport was taken and her sign confiscated. She got the passport back and was released about 20 minutes later. A Korean resident of Italy who was taking photos of Cho was also held for a passport check.

Paco Booyah, a member of the Village International Team explains the village's religious diversity: “There are several villagers who are Catholics. But not many. Also because of the Catholics' brave and strong actions, there are several villagers who have considered becoming Catholic. There are more Protestants than Catholics among the villagers though. And actually a majority of the villagers are Buddhist. Many villagers also believe traditional Jeju shamanism.”

As the daily mass/blockades, 100 ritual bows, community meals, and nightly ecumenical celebrations with dance and song continue, so do sessions in Jeju courts and the regular passage of resisters in and out of prison doors.

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## RESISTING DRONE WARFARE

### HANCOCK FIELD

Five Catholic activists arrested at a drone warfare base near Syracuse were found not guilty October 22 of disorderly conduct during their Ash Wednesday protest last February. The defendants — Bill Frankel-Streit, Ellen Grady, Linda Le Tendre, Fr. Bill Pickard and Carmen Trotta — appeared before part-time DeWitt Town Court Judge Robert Jokl. Jokl, who has heard many previous drone protest cases, admitted when announcing his verdict that he had wanted to find the five guilty as charged and jail them.

His verdict followed from testimony that the defendants were not in a public place (as the law specifies) but rather on the private property of the base where public access is limited. Yet when the prosecution objected to this technicality, Jokl cut short their objection by declaring “I did not find *mens rea*,” (Latin for “guilty mind”), because the defendants lacked the statutory intent to annoy, alarm or inconvenience the general public with their action.

Indeed, the court had heard the state of mind of the defendants. They were permitted to defend their actions in unrestricted testimony about the illegality and immorality of the robotic warfare waged against the people of Afghanistan from the relative safety of computer terminals at Hancock Field. They testified that they blocked the driveway into the base not to defy the law, but to uphold it and stop a crime in progress.

The trial took place in the same week that both Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch released reports detailing civilian drone deaths in Yemen and Pakistan.

The trial was also notable for the testimony of base commander Earl Evans. The defendants and nearly 50 other protest arrestees in the last year have all been served with Orders of Protection (OOP) naming Evans as the aggrieved person, yet none had ever met him. Now they know what he looks like, at least, and his testimony that base property extends to the middle of East Malloy Road helped seal the verdict.

One week after the acquittal, the other DeWitt town court judge renewed the first 17 OOPs issued one year earlier, when activists blocked three gates to the base. The orders remain in effect pending their January trial on charges of trespass and disorderly conduct.

Mark Colville, one of those facing trial in January, returned to the base on December 9. He was arrested with Yale Divinity School students Creighton Chandler and Gregory Williams as they served a People's Order of Protection on the base for the children of Afghanistan and their families (see text, page 2). The men were charged with trespass, disorderly conduct and obstruction of governmental administration. Colville was additionally charged with criminal contempt of court for violating the OOP. All three men were released with citations.

Colville told Truthout.org, “These are crimes, and the blood is on our hands. Unless we're standing against the legalization of this kind of murder, then we're colluding in it.”

The contempt charge illustrates how the Order of Protection is being used to suppress the First Amendment right of all those arrested to petition their government for redress of grievances at Hancock.

The grievance is that Hancock's 174th Attack Wing technicians pilot weaponized Reaper drones over Afghanistan, engaged in the targeted killing of civilians.

The three declared, “We are engaged in this action because we believe we can only see Christian hope when we confront the reality of bombs being dropped on children by remote-controlled killing machines.”

### BEALE AIR FORCE BASE

Drone warfare opponents were arrested on November 26, the second day of the monthly overnight peace camp and protest vigil at Beale Air Force Base in California. A dozen vigilers had blocked the entrance road for half an hour before moving aside at the request of a state patrol officer. Wearing blue scarves in solidarity with Afghan peace activists, MacGregor Eddy, Michael Kerr, Shirley Osgood and Flora Rogers then walked up the road to where military police waited. They asked to deliver a



photo by Ellen Grady

**Gregory Williams delivers an Order of Protection for the children of Afghanistan and their parents to the drone warriors at Hancock Field, near Syracuse, New York, December 9.**

letter to the commander of the base, demanding he ground the Global Hawk surveillance drones directed from the base on missions around the globe. Reconnaissance from the fleet informs Predator and Reaper drones for their notorious lethal missions. After waiting over 15 minutes for a representative of the commander, who never came, the four walked onto the base and were immediately arrested, handcuffed and briefly detained. Trespass citations were issued and the four were released.

On September 9, Osgood and four others were sentenced in federal court in Sacramento for trespassing at Beale in October, 2012. Each spoke to the court with passion about the inhumanity of drone warfare, and each told Judge Carolyn Delaney they would go to prison before accepting a fine and probation.

Delaney said that a prison sentence would serve no purpose and ordered Osgood, Sharon Delgado, David and Jan Hartsough, and Janie Kesselman to perform ten hours of community service.

For more information, visit [occupybealeafb.org](http://occupybealeafb.org).

### DRONE SUMMIT

CodePink organized a second annual International Summit on Drones Around the Globe: Proliferation and Resistance, in Washington, D.C. on November 16 and 17. Several hundred grassroots peace and human rights advocates, lawyers, writers, technology experts, artists and musicians took part, including delegates from Pakistan and Yemen who told tales of survival and loved ones lost to U.S. drone strikes.

The National Campaign for Nonviolent Resistance hosted a planning session for a follow-up direct action on Monday, November 18. It was decided to visit the office of New York Sen. Chuck Schumer, a vocal drone warfare booster, and urge him to renounce his position.

About 30 activists crowded into Schumer's office at the Hart Senate Office Building, where they spoke with staff, recited the names of children killed by U.S. drone strikes, taped photographs of drone victims to the office walls and mourned the death and destruction depicted. Capitol police arrived and tried to keep the protest contained to the office without making any arrests. Four people took the protest into the hallways overlooking the building's large atrium, where they continued to read the

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# Resistance Reflections

## THE PEOPLE'S ORDER OF PROTECTION FOR THE CHILDREN OF AFGHANISTAN AND THEIR FAMILIES:

TO: President Obama; The United States Military;  
Col. Greg Semmel; Col. Earl Evans;  
The 174th Attack Wing of the Air National Guard.

*Whereas* good cause has been shown for the issuance of this order of protection, the people of all nations committed to peace, having overwhelmingly made a determination in accordance with both the Spirit of and the Letter of the United Nations Charter do hereby order that the above named, and more specifically their Hell Fire missiles and 500 pound bombs fired from the MQ9 Reaper drones operated at Hancock Airfield, home of the 174th Attack wing of the New York State Air National Guard, are to stay away from the Children of Afghanistan and their families, and:  
Their homes;  
Their schools;  
Their places of play; and  
Their places of work (ie., the forests where they gather wood, the fields where they tend their vegetables and flocks)

And further the above named shall refrain from:  
Assault, stalking, harassment, menacing, bombing, killing, maiming and terrorizing, criminal obstruction of breathing or circulation, disorderly conduct, criminal mischief, forcible touching, intimidation, threats or any criminal offense or interference with the victims of the alleged offenses perpetrated by the offenders named in this order.

There shall be no more improper touching of the Children of Afghanistan or their families with your Hell Fire missiles and your 500 pound bombs.

There shall be no more menacing and reckless endangerment of the children and their families.

It is further ordered that this order of protection shall remain in force forever. Failure to comply with this order will result in the people's continued nonviolent resistance to this illegal and immoral behavior.

ORDER personally served at the gates of Hancock Air Base, site of where war crimes are being committed.

*The document above was delivered on December 9, together with a petition from Afghan Raz Mohammad requesting the court's help to protect his family. See story, page 1.*

## HANDS OFF SYRIA!

Late last summer, as the United States threatened missile and bomb attacks on Syria over the issue of chemical weapons, a handful of arrests were reported among the widespread opposition to such folly.

In London, many people attending the August 28 Stop the War mass rally on the eve of the historic vote in Parliament against attacking Syria staged a sit-in on Whitehall in front of the Prime Minister's residence. Police tried dragging them away but eventually relented as the number of protesters grew. Only after the area was declared closed under Section 14 regulations over an hour later did the crowd disperse. One man remained sitting in the road, and was arrested.

The arrest of musician and Iraq Veterans Against the War activist Emily Yates was captured on video by a bystander on Philadelphia's Independence Mall. As a Saturday, August 31 protest against U.S. war on Syria was winding down, several cops surrounded Yates, told her the area was closed for the day, and demanded she stop singing and playing her banjo. She stopped playing and argued briefly with several policemen. Yates turned to appeal to the crowd of witnesses, holding out her arms. With no warning of impending arrest, two of the officers grabbed her arms from behind, pulled them behind her back as they forced her over the back of a park bench, wrestling her into handcuffs while she shouted in pain for help. Yates was held for two nights on charges of disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and assaulting a federal officer, and arraigned before her release Monday, September 2. No trial date has been set.

In Los Angeles that same Saturday afternoon, more than 200 people chanting "Hands Off Syria!" demonstrated at the corner of Hollywood Boulevard and Highland Avenue. Police cited about 40 people for disrupting traffic and arrested two who refused to sign their citations.

That night in Tempe, Arizona, about 50 people marched down Mill Avenue through the bar district near Arizona State University. In a standoff with a line of bicycle- and horse-mounted police, some demonstrators chanted, "This is what a police state looks like." Police obliged the vision and arrested two people for disorderly conduct. One of them was also busted for the marijuana in his pocket.

At a Senate hearing on Syria September 3, a member of Veterans for Peace was hauled out for telling John Kerry, "You were in Vietnam. You know we used chemical weapons on the Vietnamese - Agent Orange and napalm." Medea Benjamin was taken away by Capitol police and charged with disorderly conduct after shouting out, "We don't want another war! Launching cruise missiles means another war! The American people do not want this!" Benjamin did 40 hours of community service.

## Supreme Court Hears Vandenberg Case

The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments on December 4 in the case of U.S. v. Apel. The government's appeal of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals reversal of Dennis Apel's trespass conviction may answer a decades-long question regarding jurisdiction over protest at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California. The Pacific Coast Highway, U.S. Rt. 1, passes right through the ballistic missile testing base.

The commander has authorized a limited protest zone at the main gate, located along that stretch of road. Pedestrians, cyclists and motorists all traverse the base on the highway and its easement freely, generally without restriction. Monthly peace vigils and several other demonstrations each year at the gate get closer scrutiny. Demonstrators are often shooed and escorted from the site by military police once the announced time for a protest has passed.

Sometimes, demonstrators have crossed a green line painted across the base entrance and been arrested on charges of trespass. These arrests have had a variety of consequences in federal court, from jail sentences to dismissal. Five such cases from last August were dismissed in October, and other earlier charges were dismissed last summer.

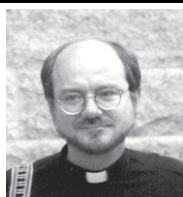
Apel's case is different. In 2003, he marked the entry sign with his own blood, and later that year was arrested when he crossed the green line. For these acts, he was formally barred from the base. Since then, without crossing the green line, he has been repeatedly arrested at the monthly vigil on charges of re-entry trespass. When he appealed a conviction on this charge, the Ninth Circuit reversed it, saying the base lacked exclusive rights of possession over otherwise public roads patrolled by the state and county.

The Supreme Court Justices said directly that they are not considering First Amendment issues; only the extent of a military commander's jurisdiction in such areas of public use within base boundaries. A decision is expected next spring.

Meanwhile, five of six Catholic Workers arrested after crossing the green line on Nagasaki Day, August 9, went to federal court in Santa Barbara for arraignment on October 17. The prosecutor told the judge the defendants were not worth the government's time and cost, and recommended the charges be dropped. They were, as was a long-outstanding charge against Fr. Louis Vitale, when he was in court last summer. The sixth Nagasaki Day defendant expects the same outcome when she appears in court at a later date.

For more information, visit [vandenbergwitness.org](http://vandenbergwitness.org).

**Fr. Larry Morlan, Presente!**  
(1960 - 2013)  
**Catholic Worker, Plowshares activist,**  
**Catholic priest**



## where we're at

Surely, we thought, after all these years of writing Nuclear Resister fund appeal letters, we should consider inviting someone else to write one. And what could be better than to ask past and current anti-nuclear and anti-war prisoners of conscience? So that's what we did, and we were quite touched and humbled by the responses we received, all of which were compiled in the Nuclear Resister's November fund appeal letter. The gracious comments exceeded our expectations both in number and expression of heartfelt endorsement, and reminded us of the power of this extended community of support that we are all a part of.

These words from peace prisoners expressing gratitude for the Nuclear Resister are expressing gratitude to all of YOU - because this work quite simply could not continue without your support. Thank you!

As we finish the final edits and proofreading for this last issue of 2013, we are pondering what sort of cake or cookies to make for the mailing party, signing our holiday cards, thinking of our friends in prison and their loved ones, and looking forward to daughter Emma's imminent visit from overseas and a week of family time! We share our hopes for joy, love and peace as December draws to a close, and send you our very best wishes for the new year,

Felice and Jack

## Thanks

It's been a busy couple of months! Thanks to Polly, Sonia, Lillian, Cindy, Leonardo, Bill, Rosemary, John, Jim, Sarah, Faith, Dwight, Amy, Charlotte, Russell, Edin, Jenise, Betts, Margo, Carole, Ya-Ching, Lisa, Jerry, Kim, Catherine, Mike, Robin and Gretchen for helping with recent mailings, and for building the 8-foot-tall Sadako puppet and accompanying her in Tucson's All Souls Procession as we remembered all those who have died as a result of nuclear weapons, nuclear testing, nuclear power and uranium mining.



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### ABOUT THE NUCLEAR RESISTER

Since 1980, the Nuclear Resister has provided comprehensive reporting on arrests for anti-nuclear civil resistance in the United States, with an emphasis on providing support for the women and men jailed for these actions. In 1990, the Nuclear Resister also began reporting on anti-war arrests in North America, plus overseas anti-nuclear and anti-war resistance with the same emphasis on prisoner support.

The Nuclear Resister is published about every two months and serves to network this nonviolent resistance movement while acting as a clearinghouse for information about contemporary nonviolent resistance to war and the nuclear threat. We believe that in any significant movement for social change, many committed individuals are imprisoned. Behind bars, they are physically isolated from their supporters and their own resistance activity is limited. Broader awareness of their actions and support for the imprisoned activist are essential to the movement for a peaceful, nuclear-free future.

Each issue provides the names and jail addresses of currently imprisoned anti-nuclear and anti-war activists. Readers are encouraged to provide active support by writing letters to those behind bars and in other ways requested by the prisoners.

Jack and Felice Cohen-Joppa, Editors



# TRANSFORM NOW PLOWSHARES SENTENCING POSTPONED

The scheduled September 30 sentencing date for the Transform Now Plowshares nuclear disarmament action group — Greg Boertje-Obed, Sr. Megan Rice and Michael Walli — was postponed again in early September to January 28, 2014. But someone forgot to tell those responsible for bringing the defendants from the private jail in Georgia up to court in Tennessee, so the three were moved to jails in the Knoxville area by mid-month. They remained there for more than a week while their mail received at the Georgia jail was returned to sender with no explanation.

Instead of handing down sentences, Federal Judge Amul Thapar ruled October 1 on defense motions to throw out the sabotage conviction and seek a new trial, rejecting both. But he did write that:

Of course, the defendants' nonviolence will be relevant at sentencing, since the Court must account for both the "nature and circumstances" of the offense and the history and characteristics" of the defendants... Given the obvious differences between the defendants and the paradigmatic saboteur, those factors surely will be worthy of discussion.

The delay in sentencing has given supporters more time to send letters and postcards to the judge — see details below. Supporters in Knoxville are planning a community gathering the night before sentencing and making arrangements for hosting out-of-town supporters who will attend.

In November, Michael Walli was honored in absentia with the Pax Christi Metro D.C.–Baltimore Peacemaker of the Year award. In a statement from jail read at the award event, Walli said, "The success of the work of world peace and an end to war-making has been assured to all of us by God. This work is realistic, practical, doable and worthy of the enthusiastic support of all people of good will."



Letters of support should be individually addressed

and sent to Gregory Boertje-Obed 22090, Megan Rice 22100, and Michael Walli 4444, all at the Irwin County Detention Center, 132 Cotton Drive, Ocilla GA, 31774. Letters sent after mid-January may be returned because the defendants will be in Tennessee for sentencing.

The Transform Now Plowshares support team asks for contributions to their support fund for commissary and phone cards for the prisoners. Contributions will also assist transportation for family of the defendants and witnesses who will testify at the sentencing.

You may donate online via Nukewatch at [www.nukewatchinfo.org](http://www.nukewatchinfo.org). Scroll to the bottom for the Donate button and add a message to the transaction indicating it is for the TNP support team. You may also mail a check payable to: Catholic Worker, PO Box 29179, Washington, DC 20017 and indicate on the memo line it is for the TNP support.

Supporters are also asking that letters to Judge Thapar continue and should encourage him to sentence with downward departures from the recommended sentencing guidelines, which are expected to range up to 12 years. By asking for downward departures, the judge is given the opportunity to recognize the difference between the letter of the law and the spirit of the law and to publicly proclaim his humanity and compassion.

Even if you've written a letter in the past or sent in a pre-written postcard, you can still write another. They seem to have an effect as Judge Thapar has referred to the high volume of letters and postcards, and he has posted a few on the legal record.

Please continue to send your letters to: U.S. District Judge Amul R. Thapar, United States District Judge, U.S. District Court, 35 W. Fifth St., Covington, KY 41011. Please also send a copy of your letter to one of their attorneys, Prof. Bill Quigley, Loyola Law Clinic, 7214 St. Charles Ave., Campus Box 902, New Orleans, LA 70118, or email [quigley77@gmail.com](mailto:quigley77@gmail.com) with "letter to Judge Thapar" in the subject line. A copy to [orep@earthlink.net](mailto:orep@earthlink.net) will also be appreciated.

## Chelsea Manning at Leavenworth

Chelsea (formerly Bradley) Manning, convicted and sentenced for whistleblowing on U.S. war crimes and diplomatic deception, has now completed the orientation process at the Fort Leavenworth, Kansas military prison.

Manning wrote:

I want to thank those of you who have sent, and encouraged others to send, your warm and thoughtful cards and letters to me at the U.S. Disciplinary Barracks. I want you to know that I am receiving your correspondence. However, I'm quite overwhelmed by the (unexpectedly high) volume of mail I receive. Unfortunately, given the limited resources and time available to me, I'm unable to reply to the vast majority of your letters and cards. Regardless, I absolutely encourage you to continue to send your support, as I make every effort to read all of the mail I receive.

The legal appeal of the court martial and verdict will begin following release of the official trial record. No decision is expected before late 2014 or early 2015.

The primary focus of Manning's legal defense this winter is getting her medically appropriate treatment for gender dysphoria, beginning with hormone therapy, and a legal name change recognized by the prison authorities. Contributions to the Private Manning Defense Fund are also now helping to support visits from her family in Wales, and a college fund.



To make a contribution, and for more information and links to the petition, visit [privatemanning.org](http://privatemanning.org). Her attorney David Coombs has also posted a helpful "Frequently Asked Questions of Chelsea" at his blog, [www.armycourt martialdefense.info](http://www.armycourt martialdefense.info).

Amnesty International is lending support and gathering signatures on a letter to Major General Buchanan, which will be included in the clemency petition to be submitted by David Coombs in early 2014.

Letters of support can be sent to Chelsea Manning, but envelopes must be addressed to Bradley E. Manning 89289, 1000 N. Warehouse Road, Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027-2304. Letters only, no books or newspapers except from the publisher. Manning requests that you include your return address within the actual letter. Doing so will ensure that she does not misplace your address.

## Inside & Out

**Name** ID# (if needed)  
(sentence - in/out date if known)  
prison or support address  
(action & date)

Please refer to  
[nukeresister.org/inside-out](http://nukeresister.org/inside-out)  
for current addresses before writing.

### NUCLEAR RESISTERS

**Gerald Ebner** 24467-045  
(six months - out 2/27/14)  
Lexington Federal Medical Center, POB 14500,  
Lexington, KY 40512.  
(Trespass at nuclear command center, Offutt  
AFB, 12/28/12)

**Gregory Boertje-Obed** 22090 (in 5/8/13)  
**Megan Rice** 22100 (in 5/8/13)  
**Michael Walli** 4444 (in 5/8/13)  
Irwin County Detention Center, 132 Cotton  
Drive, Ocilla GA 31774.  
(Transform Now Plowshares action group held  
for sentencing following conviction of sabo-  
tage and depredation of government property  
at Y-12 nuclear weapons complex, Oak Ridge,  
Tennessee, 7/28/12)

**Leonard Peltier** 89637-132 (life)  
USP Coleman I, POB 1033, Coleman, FL  
33521.  
(Native American political prisoner framed for  
murder while defending traditional indigenous  
from threats including uranium mining on  
sacred lands)

**Liu Yuandong** (in 2/23/13)  
Tianhe District Detention Centre, Guangzhou,  
China (address unavailable).  
(Detained after taking part in a protest  
against North Korea's nuclear tests)



### ANTI-WAR RELATED ACTIONS

**Shakir Hamoodi** 21901-045  
(three years - out 4/17/15)  
USP Leavenworth, POB 1000, Leavenworth,  
KS 60648.

(Plea agreement to one count of violating  
1991-2003 U.S. sanctions by providing  
personal charity for family and friends living  
in Iraq)

**Norman Edgar Lowry Jr.** KN 9758  
(one to seven years - in 8/1/11)  
SCI Dallas, 1000 Follies Rd., Dallas, PA 18612.  
(Repeated trespass at military recruiting  
office, 8/1/11)

**Rafil Dhafir** 11921-052  
(22 years - out 4/26/22)  
Unit HB, Federal Medical Center Devens, POB  
879, Ayer, MA 01432.  
(Convictions resulting from providing  
humanitarian and financial aid to Iraqis  
in violation of U.S. sanctions, 2/05)

**Bradley Manning** 89289  
(35 years - in 5/10, out 2/3/20)  
1000 N. Warehouse Road, Fort Leavenworth,  
KS 66027-2304.  
(Whistleblower convicted on espionage and  
other charges for release of military video  
and documents showing evidence of U.S.  
war crimes. To ensure delivery, any card or  
envelope must be addressed to Bradley, not  
Chelsea Manning.)

**Yang Yoon-Mo** Prisoner No. 301  
(18 months - in 2/1)  
(Obstruction of business of military port  
contractors, Jeju, South Korea)

**Park Do-Hyun** Prisoner No. 535  
(Arrested at sea while inspecting environmen-  
tally damaging construction violations at site  
of naval base on Jeju, 7/1/13)

**Kim Eun-Hye** Prisoner No. 12  
(8 months - in 10/13)  
(Multiple charges related to protests oppos-  
ing the naval base under construction on Jeju  
Island, South Korea.)

All above at: Jeju Prison, 161, Ora-2 dong,  
Jeju-si, Jeju-do, the Peace Island, Korea.

**Brian Jacob Church** 2012-0519002

**Jared Chase** 2012-0519003

**Brent Betterly** 2012-0519001  
P.O. Box 089002, Chicago, IL 60608.  
(NATO 3, held on high bail and facing Illinois  
felony terrorism charges following protest at  
the NATO summit in Chicago, May 2012)

**PREVIOUSLY LISTED,  
RECENTLY RELEASED: Robert Chantal,  
Kim Young-Jae, Park Yong-Sung,  
Song Kang-Ho, Kimberly Rivera,  
Justin Colby, Mark Neiweem**

# SHUT IT DOWN ALREADY!

Making good on their promise to continue demonstrating at Entergy's Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant until an uncontaminated green field stands in place of the still-operating nuclear reactor, on September 18 nine members of the Shut It Down Affinity Group chained themselves to the gate and spray painted the words "Shut It Down Today" on Entergy's driveway.

Entergy announced in August that the power plant will close in December 2014. "Deciding to operate Vermont Yankee for even one more day is deplorable," the women read in a prepared statement. "To operate it for more than another year is downright hubristic."

Entergy's decommissioning plans are not yet known, but where to dispose of spent fuel rods challenges Entergy and government officials, because the federal government has never honored its obligation to find a place to store them.

The nine — Linda Pon Owens and Ulrike Von Moltke from Vermont and Anneke Corbett, Frances Crowe, Nancy First, Marcia Gagliardi, Ellen Graves, Hattie Nestel and Paki Wieland from Massachusetts — were cited for trespass and released.

The affinity group — all women, and nearly all between the ages of 60 and 94 — returned to the reactor on November 12. Their blockade featured a banner reading "Fuel Rods = Catastrophe" and a sign asking "Where are your flood seals, Vermont Yankee?", a reference to recent federal reports of flood seal failures at the Vermont Yankee plant.

This time, Owens, von Moltke, Corbett, Crowe, Gagliardi and Nestel were joined by Susan Lantz and Priscilla Lynch. They were arrested by Vernon Police chief Mary Beth Hebert, but no citations were issued.

For more information, contact Shut It Down, c/o haley. antique@verizon.net.

## Veterans Return to NYC Memorial, Arrested Again

Nineteen military veterans and their allies were arrested on October 7 at New York City's Vietnam Veterans Memorial Plaza for refusing to leave the park at the 10 p.m. closing time. The date marks 12 years of invasion and occupation of Afghanistan, and the arrestees were reading the names of the dead from the wars in Afghanistan, Iraq and Vietnam, as well as from the drone wars in Pakistan and other countries. The aims of the action, organized by Veterans For Peace members, were fourfold: Calling for an end to the 12-year war in Afghanistan; Calling for an end to all U.S. wars of aggression; Remembering all those who have fallen and been wounded by war; Standing up for our right, duty and sworn oath, to defend the Constitution and to assemble and organize.

Fourteen of those arrested were cited for "remaining in the park after it is closed to public" and "failure to comply with a police order", then released. The remaining five, including a decorated World War II veteran, had handcuffed themselves together to symbolize their shared humanity and that of all the victims of war, and laid down in front of the memorial wall to symbolize that those killed in war are forever linked by death. They were charged with resisting arrest, obstructing government administration, disorderly conduct, failure to obey a park sign, trespassing, and failure to obey a lawful order. All five were held overnight and released after arraignment late the following evening.

Veterans and their allies arrested at the Memorial on October 7, 2012 were convicted after a four-day trial last summer by a judge who then dismissed the cases "in the interests of justice." A goal of the organizers this year was to incur charges serious enough to get a jury trial, and for the five charged with resisting arrest and obstructing government administration plus the three lesser charges, a jury trial is set for January 25. Many of the other fourteen also intend to take their case to trial, although it will be in front of a judge.

For the veterans, defending First Amendment rights is inextricably intertwined with protesting war. As Vietnam veteran Mike Tork said, explaining why he was taking part in the action, "Being able to peaceably assemble to petition the government for a redress of grievances is crucial. We may as well draw that line in the sand now, because it will eventually come to that. If we can't assemble, then we can't organize. If we can't organize, we can't win. We have to help provide the courage so that others will stand up as well."

For more information, visit [www.stopthesewars.org](http://www.stopthesewars.org)

### WRITINGS FROM JAIL

## THE INSIDE LINE



~ from *SCI Dallas*

by Norman Lowry

On the wall at the foot of my bed hangs a picture of a gateway through which lies the residue of life never fully realized. At this site, eight years prior to my birth, the United States of America purposefully melted hundreds of thousands of people, with a fire hotter than the sun. Next to this haunting image of Hiroshima hangs a picture of a female Buddhist cleric, peacefully sitting amid gasoline-fueled flames, whose outstretched arms seem to be inviting me to accept her love and forgiveness for my country's choice to war against and to decimate her native Vietnam.

Next, hangs the picture of 10-year-old Mona from Gaza who, with freshly bandaged head, pleads with me not to murder any more families with my country's bombs, as I have just murdered her family.

Next, hangs a picture of a lonely road in present day Jeju, South Korea, on which a solitary woman stands in the way of a military tank, begging America to remove its "PIVOT" (U.S. military acronym); it's geopolitical placement of 60%+ of all U.S. military forces on or around her beautiful island home, for the purpose of the domination of all of Asia.

Next, hang the pictures of friends; some with their children, grandchildren or other precious ones.

Finally, there are the pictures of nature: mountains, lakes, rivers, birds, water creatures; and images of my favorite works of art.

These pictures remind me of the monster of complicity and culpability which resides in my broken heart. They also remind me of the available freedom I am finding in my choices to learn to love others as much as I love myself. They help me not to forget that the extinction of mankind and of our lovely earth, which America is most strongly prosecuting, will escalate to its completion, if we do not stop it.

"May we be the wind that diverts the oncoming storm."  
- Bernard Naracobi

[Norman Lowry is serving a one-to-seven year sentence for repeated protests at a military recruiting station in Pennsylvania.]

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names of child drone victims and chant for an end to the assassination program. Capitol Police arrested Elizabeth Adams, JoAnne Lingle, Richard Ochs and Alice Sutter, and charged them with crowding, obstructing and incommuting inside a Senate office building.

### CIA DRONE PROTEST DRAWS FINES

Five people arrested during a National Campaign for Nonviolent Resistance killer drone protest last summer at the Central Intelligence Agency's headquarters were on trial October 22. Federal magistrate Ivan Davis in Alexandria, Virginia had no patience for testimony about free speech or international law, and lectured defendants about the relevance of their protest, which ended with six arrests.

The group had filed a criminal complaint against the CIA's killer drone missions with the U.S. Attorney in Alexandria, Virginia, to no avail. Then a letter seeking a meeting with CIA Director John Brennan, supported with 200 signatures, also went unanswered. So they showed up last summer, in person, hoping for a face-to-face.

Judge Davis cut off Max Obuszewski's statement when Obuszewski made note of the just-released Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch reports detailing the CIA's drone attacks in Pakistan and Yemen.

Obuszewski and co-defendants Joy First, Malachy Kilbride, Phil Runkel and Janice Sevre-Duszynska ARCWP, were convicted of trespass, fined \$355 including costs, and sentenced to one year of unsupervised probation, including an order not to be arrested during this period. Although unsupervised, the five were required to report immediately to the federal probation office. There they were told to sign documents releasing confidential information about their financial, employment, education, medical and psychiatric records. The five balked and protested vigorously until a supervisor agreed to waive the requirement. Nevertheless, the office will review arrest records quarterly to see if the convicted have been arrested again. Co-defendant Cindy Sheehan became ill with a virus just before the trial, so pled guilty and paid a fine.

## Bomb Plant Protesters Sentenced to Essay Writing

Thirteen people who crossed the line at the new Kansas City plant for nuclear weapons parts last July were in city court or represented by their attorney on September 4. Eight pleaded guilty and were sentenced to community service and fines of \$250 or \$500 plus court costs. Des Moines Catholic Workers Frank Cordaro and Ed Bloomer told the court they wouldn't pay fines or fees. The judge, reluctant to jail the men at a cost of \$68/day, set their cases aside until hours later, after she'd cleared the rest of her docket. Then the three debated the value of the courts in the lives of the homeless. "This isn't a courtroom," Cordaro told her, as reported in the National Catholic Reporter. "It's a collections agency. From where we live at the Catholic Worker, the reality is so profound that the justice system is a war on the poor. That's why we refuse to pay any costs." Bloomer and Cordaro were eventually ordered to return to the court in a month and appear before another judge, to answer a charge of probation violation for refusing to pay a fine which that judge had imposed following their earlier protests at the plant.

The other five codefendants pleaded not guilty and returned to court with four others on December 13 for trial. For their trial, the framed door they each walked through at the action in July ("Open the door to a nuclear-free future") was brought into court for evidence, and the video of the defendants passing through and onto the plant site was played.

Judge Ardie Bland listened attentively to the evidence and testimony of the defendants, except for Fr. Bill Bichsel SJ, who was not in attendance and was represented by attorney Henry Stoever.

Defendant Georgia Walker told the court, "Two of my family worked for the IRS at this site [of the former Kansas City plant at the Bannister Federal Complex]. They were not informed there were any problems [from contaminants from the KC Plant]. Both died, one at 61, one at 62, of strange cancers... Rather than punishing agencies involved in this contamination, my elected City Council conspired with them to give them a new place to devastate and ruin... About 650 persons — workers at the complex — have applied for compensation [for illnesses] and only 75 have received compensation... I do not feel I'm guilty. I feel I'm sane and taking a stand for justice."

After pronouncing Bichsel, Walker, Cele Breen, Fr. Carl Kabat OMI, Lauren Logan, Janice Sevre-Duszynska ARCWP, Jane Stoever, Betsy Terrell and Fr. Jerry Zawada OFM all guilty, Bland ordered each to pay court costs and write a one-page essay, answering six questions he posed, such as "If Korea, or China, or a mid-east country drops a nuclear bomb, what do you do?" and "How do you respond about nuclear weapons to someone who doesn't believe in God?" He told the defendants he took the case "because I've done this before with Mr. Stoever. I think you're educating, because every time I learn something."

For more information, visit [kcpeaceworks.org](http://kcpeaceworks.org).



# MANNING BANNERS SEIZED

Last May, before the start of Chelsea (formerly Bradley) Manning's court martial, Genny Bove embarked on a five-day solidarity tour of banner drops in Bristol and South Wales. Her large "Free Bradley Manning" banner had been displayed for more than a year from overpasses around Britain. But on May 30 in Bristol, police cut down the banners, seized them with the threat to destroy them and arrested Bove when she objected. They did return her peace flag.

Bove was released without charges. One month later she wrote a complaint to the police and demanded the return of her banners. In reply, two months after she wrote, Bove was summoned to court on October 7 to answer a charge of "causing danger to road users."

Representing herself, Bove tried to obtain a copy of the particulars against her, so she could study the evidence and get legal advice before entering a plea. She was told she could read the evidence in court on that day. On the advice of counsel, she wrote to the court with a plea of not guilty and did not attend. Late Saturday night, October 12, police knocked loudly and threatened to break down her door in Wrexham, North Wales, and arrest her on a warrant for failure to appear. Bove surrendered and was held until Monday when she was taken to court in Bristol. She



photo by Genny Bove

Looking down on the M32 motorway in Bristol, past banners reading "Truth on Trial" and "Free Bradley Manning"

## CLOSE THE SCHOOL OF ASSASSINS!

Nashua Chantal was released from federal prison on September 11, completing a six-month sentence for trespass at Fort Benning, Georgia. Chantal climbed the fence in November, 2012 during the 22nd annual School of the Americas (SOA) Watch vigil. The annual protest marks the anniversary of the November, 1989 massacre of 14-year-old Celina Ramos, her mother Elba Ramos and six Jesuit priests in El Salvador by graduates of the SOA.

The 2013 vigil, Demand Justice Not Impunity, began on November 22 with 300 people joining an annual march on the Stewart Detention Center in nearby Lumpkin, Georgia. About 2,000 undocumented people are held there in the largest immigrant prison in the country, owned by the for-profit Corrections Corporation of America.

On Saturday, the next day, hundreds gathered for a People's Movement Assembly in the Columbus Convention Center. Small groups of SOA Watch activists addressed questions arising from the movement about the role of nonviolent direct action in the context of an increasingly militarized prison system. While prison witness has been a core element of the SOA Watch movement since its beginning, the Assembly was intended to spark discussions that will continue into the future, such as: Is there a need to shift to other creative ways of continuing the tradition of direct action? What are people's thoughts on nonviolent direct action and prison witness considering the movement's history and today's context? Grassroots organizing strategies were also discussed.

More than a thousand people joined Sunday's mass funeral procession to the fenced-off gate of the army base. As in years past, hundreds of small white crosses inscribed with the names of victims of state-sponsored violence were again placed in the chain-link fence, a visual condemnation of the renamed Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation located there. The Institute continues the nefarious decades-long mission of the original SOA: training Latin American police and military to be the local agents of the United States' empire.

This year, for the first time since 1993, no one risked arrest during the annual demonstrations, although thousands of soap bubbles and a large banner reading "Rooted in Resistance" crossed over the barbed-wire fence.

For more information, contact SOA Watch, 5525 Illinois Ave NW, Washington, DC 20011, 202-234-3440, [www.soaw.org](http://www.soaw.org).

entered a plea of not guilty, opted for a jury trial, and was ordered to return to court on November 4. On November 2, prosecutors dropped the charge for insufficient evidence.

For more information, visit [manningfamilyfund.org](http://manningfamilyfund.org).

## CUNY Students Protest Petraeus Post

Several dozen City University of New York students demonstrated outside a Macaulay Honors College fundraiser on September 19, protesting the appointment of retired general, CIA director and alleged war criminal David Petraeus to a visiting post at the College. When police pushed through to place barricades along the sidewalk and force demonstrators into the street, a scuffle broke out and several students were thrown to the ground.

## NATO Summit Protester Released to House Arrest

Mark Neiweem was released from prison on December 12 after serving 19 months of two concurrent three-year sentences.

In the lead-up to the NATO protests of May 2012, the native Chicagoan was one of several activists targeted by undercover police for their political views and as part of a larger effort to justify the millions of taxpayer dollars spent on police during the NATO summit. In April 2013, after 11 months of abusive pretrial custody at Cook County Jail, Neiweem pleaded guilty to a probation violation charge from a previous conviction and to solicitation and attempted possession of an explosive or incendiary device.

Neiweem was assigned to a medium security prison and had no record of violence, but prison staff soon moved him to segregated housing and placed him under investigation. He was cited with two serious disciplinary infractions: "Gang or Unauthorized Organization Activity," for his possession of "unauthorized" anarchist symbols and friendship with another anarchist in the prison; and "Dangerous Written Material," for his possession of "unauthorized" anarchist literature, which he received after it was approved by the prison mailroom.

As a result, Neiweem spent the past five months in segregated housing.

"Segregation is supposed to be used for those who are too dangerous to house in the general population," his attorney Alan Mills from the Uptown People's Law Center explained. "Instead, Illinois uses it to punish thousands of prisoners like Mr. Neiweem — people who are no threat to anyone. He did not try to escape; he did not hit a guard; he did not assault or threaten another prisoner. What he did was read and write about his political beliefs. He used his time in prison to better understand himself and the world we live in. It was for this — reading and writing — that he was punished."

Prison officials threatened to revoke a year or more of "good time" as punishment for the infractions. Supporters organized letters and a call-in to the governor and state prisons director, and only three months were revoked. Ultimately, Neiweem served only 30 days beyond his original parole date, having won a final legal appeal restoring 30 days good time just last week. Neiweem is on house arrest in Chicago for 90 days.

## Kimberly Rivera Released

Iraq war resister Kimberly Rivera has been released from the military prison in San Diego, two weeks after the birth in hospital custody of her fifth child, Matthew. Rivera, who fled to Canada in 2007, lost an immigration appeal and returned to the United States in September, 2012. She served over seven months of a ten-month sentence, with credit for good behavior and doing extra work.

After last-minute pressure from outside supporters and her attorney, husband Mario Rivera was allowed to be present for the birth on November 25. Mario brought their other children with him the next day, and after another round of wrangling and approval from the Admiral, a family visit was permitted.

Then, on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, Fort Carson Senior Commander Brig. General Michael A. Bills acted with extreme cruelty to deny Rivera's request for clemency that would allow her to be excused from serving the last few weeks of her sentence so that she could be with her newborn son. She was taken from the hospital back to the brig that morning, and their nursing son was given to his father.

Protests of the action took place in Canada, France and the United States on December 1.

The Rivera family now faces significant fiscal challenges getting their lives back on track. Visit [couragetoresist.org](http://couragetoresist.org) to contribute to the Rivera Family Support Fund.

Video of the incident also shows a plainclothes cop in a grey striped hoodie kneel down, wind up and punch Luis Henriquez in the back, twice, as Henriquez lays subdued under two other officers. Nevertheless, Henriquez was arrested along with Jose Disla, Augustin Castro, Denise Ford, Angelica Hernandez and Rafael Pena, and charged with obstruction of governmental administration, riot, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. Their next court date is January 9.

Christopher French, who was arrested and jailed on felony battery charges after scuffling with police during the NATO summit demonstrations, pleaded guilty to misdemeanor resisting arrest on August 15. He was sentenced to 364 days in jail. With credit for time served and good time, French was released November 25.

Three remaining defendants jailed since their high-profile, pre-emptive arrests in May, 2012 — Brian Jacob Church, Jared Chase and Brent Betterly, now known as the NATO 3 — will stand trial beginning January 6 in Chicago, on state charges of conspiracy to commit terrorism, possession of explosives and attempted arson. Their indictments are based in large part on the enterprise of two undercover Chicago police who began infiltrating Occupy Chicago events in the lead up to the summit and quickly ingratiated themselves with the defendants, targeting them because of their perceived politics and political associations.

Final motions hearings in December mostly favored the state, who will, for example, be permitted to freely refer to the defendants as terrorists and anarchists. Lawyers defending Chase said they would be pursuing an entrapment defense on all 11 counts against their client. Lawyers for Betterly and Church will pursue affirmative defenses on two counts, and reserved the right to argue entrapment against the others.

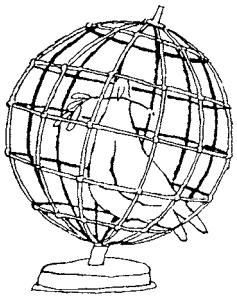
For more information, visit [nato5support.wordpress.com](http://nato5support.wordpress.com).



Individually addressed letters of support should be sent to Brian Jacob Church 2012-0519002, Jared Chase 2012-0519003 and Brent Betterly 2012-0519001; all at P.O. Box 089002, Chicago, IL 60608.

Contributions to their legal defense fund will be gratefully accepted via [www.wepay.com/donations/261042023](http://www.wepay.com/donations/261042023), or payable to the 8th Day Center for Justice, 205 W. Monroe St. Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60606. Write "8th Day Center/NATO 5 Defense Fund" in the memo line.

Letters of support to Mark Neiweem while on house arrest should be sent c/o OpPenPal, P.O. Box 409220, Chicago, IL 60640.



# INTERNATIONAL NOTES

## Shannon Airport Die-in

Irish writer and “Guerrilla Theatre Activist” Margareta D’Arcy, 79, and co-defendant Niall Farrell, 60, both members of Galway Alliance Against War (GAAW) were pronounced guilty and sentenced on December 11 to three months in jail, suspended for two years, for their peaceful die-in on the runway of Ireland’s Shannon Airport on October 7, 2012.

The die-in was part of an international week of actions against drone warfare, and also marked the 11th anniversary of the U.S. “war on terror”. They also face trial on a similar charge after another arrest at Shannon last September 1.

On September 1, D’Arcy and Farrell were apprehended as they approached the same runway to protest Irish complicity as the United States prepared to attack Syria, and were held overnight. Two Shannonwatch plane spotters were arrested the same day outside the base and had their car and equipment seized for several days, but they were not charged.

Ireland’s formal status as a neutral country continues to be undermined by the regular shipment of more than 2.5 million U.S./NATO troops, substantial armaments and occasional victims of “rendition” kidnappings through the international airport at Shannon. Shannonwatch monitors this violation of the Hague Convention and has protested successive Irish governments that have accepted the air traffic since October, 2001. Several formal appeals have been made to airport police to search suspect aircraft for illicit troop and arms shipments, to no avail.

A U.S. troop transport aircraft was damaged in December, 2011 as it sat at Shannon Airport, but no one has been charged in the incident. Six months later, police searched Niall Farrell’s home and took three of his family’s computers, returning only two of them months later.

When he and D’Arcy were arrested at Shannon in October 2012, they were questioned for 6 hours and released without charges. The next month they were arrested at their homes, interrogated again for six hours, and again released without charges. Another GAAW activist was taken in for a day of questioning in the interim, but he refused to cooperate except to ask why the Garda (police) would not investigate the violations of international law at Shannon. D’Arcy and Farrell were eventually indicted for interfering with the proper use of an airport.

Guerrilla theater characterized each of D’Arcy and Farrell’s subsequent appearances in court. Farrell simply didn’t answer the summons last July. D’Arcy, who uses a walker, showed up dressed in an orange jumpsuit like those worn by Guantanamo prisoners. Poor of sight and hearing, she stepped up onto a bench to get eye-to-eye with Judge Patrick Durcan. When he ordered her to stand down, she refused, insisting on her right to be treated as an equal. She made note of an error in her summons but her objection was put off. Durcan ordered her removed, adjourned court and hastily left the room. The Irish Independent reported that as he walked out, D’Arcy shouted, “So you don’t want a conversation with me

## Resisting World’s Largest Arms Fair

*From the report of Anne-Marie O’Reilly, Campaign Against the Arms Trade*

The world’s largest arms fair, London’s DSEi, hosted 1500 arms companies and 30,000 arms buyers and sellers at the biennial event in September.

The event was met with a series of diverse protests by different groups, not only at the ExCel convention center but also the airport (misdirecting arriving arms dealers) and in other venues across the United Kingdom. A handful of the actions resulted in arrests.

As the dealers’ exhibits were assembled on Sunday, September 8, the Occupy vs. the Arms Fair action halted the entrance of two boats with gun turrets for display. Hundreds of people blocked the east entrance to ExCel for over four hours. Priests refused to leave the road until their exorcism of the fair had been completed, while others locked on, died-in and performed songs and theatre in the road. Eighteen people were eventually arrested for obstruction of the highway. The protesters included people from Algeria, Bahrain, Brazil and Turkey who have witnessed the arms trade’s impact.

around the word ‘proper’ and the use of the airport as a military airport. Murder! Complicity in murder! Run! Run away and never hear the truth.”

When they were arrested last September, a statement released on their behalf by GAAW said:

Irish democracy has been subverted in the interests of this American war machine: the Greens and Labour entered government with a mandate to oppose Ireland’s role in these wars and develop a policy of neutrality, but reneged on their promises. Therefore, we feel we have no alternative but to block the runway at Shannon to highlight Irish involvement in this carnage.

This time, the two were held overnight and taken to court the next day. Farrell was repeatedly admonished not to make political statements, and when Judge O’Kelly tried to silence D’Arcy’s “political” comments, she shot back, “How can you try to depoliticize a political action?” Both were eventually released on bail after promising not to trespass at Shannon until the completion of the case.

They returned to Judge Durcan’s court the next week, on September 11, again dressed in orange jumpsuits and Farrell at times donning an Obama mask. Farrell told the court they had committed no offense, but had acted to spotlight crimes against humanity. He was ordered to sit down and remain silent. When he persisted, he was ordered from the room.

“You can remove me from the court but you can’t remove the blood that stains Shannon Airport and the hands of the Irish people,” he stated boldly as he was led away.

D’Arcy then stood and exclaimed, “I am a whistleblower,” and pulled a whistle from her pocket, blowing it loudly. “I witnessed the build-up of the U.S.A. warmongers to the invasion of Syria last weekend at Shannon. The Irish government are complicit in this threatened illegal invasion by aiding and abetting the warmongers at Shannon. The people of the world have said No to WAR.”

The court heard her out and then adjourned.

At their trial on December 2, the judge allowed the summons to be hastily amended to correct the citation error D’Arcy had tried to point out earlier, and which would commonly be grounds for dismissal. Farrell was denied a request for recess to consult a lawyer on the matter. This prevented the defendants, representing themselves, from preparing a suitable defense. The judge also stopped any questions or witness testimony related to the Irish Constitution and Irish treaty obligations as a neutral nation.

After their sentence was announced on December 11, D’Arcy stood to make a citizen’s arrest of Judge Durcan, “for making Irish people active allies and participants in illegal wars...” she read from her indictment. The statement was pulled from her hand by police as the judge slipped out of the courtroom.

For more information, visit [shannonwatch.org](http://shannonwatch.org).

When the fair opened on Monday, campaigners superglued themselves to the entrances of the Central London offices of Lockheed Martin, the world’s largest arms company. They prevented access for three hours. Police arrested five people who were not released until the following morning.

On Tuesday morning, Christian activists prevented the main visitor entrance from opening for over an hour, until five were arrested to clear the blockade. That evening, activists blocked all four entrances to a dinner aboard the Cutty Sark, forcing dealers to enter via the fire exit.

Wednesday saw a roof-top action at ExCel and the expulsion of a journalist for reporting on it, and on Thursday a woman was arrested while leafleting dealers at the light rail station.

Over the next two years, Campaign Against Arms Trade and the Stop the Arms Fair coalition will conduct workshops and direct action training to build the network of people ready to challenge the next DSEi arms fair in 2015. For more information, visit the Campaign Against Arms Trade at [www.caat.org.uk](http://www.caat.org.uk).

## Koodankulam

The village of Idinthakarai, at the southern tip in India’s Tamil Nadu state and the heart of the popular struggle to stop the Koodankulam nuclear power plant, remains encircled under a sort of political siege. In 850 days of relentless protest, nearly the entire village has been declared criminal in hundreds of indictments the Indian Supreme Court asked local authorities to dismiss more than six months ago, when they gave final approval for the plant to open.

When the father of a leading activist, M. Pushparayan, died nearby in the city of Tuticorin in early December, 200 police were deployed to his funeral to arrest Pushparayan should he attend.

He stayed in the village, conscious of the experience of Thenga Ganeshan. In September, the village welcomed home the articulate and outspoken local opponent of the nuclear project after 185 days in jail. Ganeshan was arrested last March 15 in the market in Koodankulam village, three miles away, where he had gone from Idinthakarai to visit his parents. Organizers eschewed international political support for such prisoners, not wishing to aggravate the slander of foreign guidance of the grassroots movement.

Now that the reactor is running, the anti-nuclear movement that had brought together diverse segments of the community is evolving. Government promises to create jobs and open some beaches to mineral mining are exploiting old divisions. Tensions have again been fueled by unknown persons throwing small “country bombs” in and around the village at night, a tactic that had disappeared with the rise of the anti-nuclear movement. When a late November blast in a bomb-builder’s small room at the tsunami colony between Idinthakarai and the reactor killed six people, including two children, police were quick to pin blame on the People’s Movement Against Nuclear Energy (PMANE). But there was no evidence of involvement by the movement, which is pledged to nonviolence.

In October, fishing community leadership in three southern Tamil Nadu districts renewed their support for PMANE’s efforts. PMANE is inviting activists to Idinthakarai on January 4-5, 2014 for a national convention of anti-nuclear movements, *Confronting the Nuke-Colonization of India*.

## Anti-War Down Under

In late September, for the third year in a row, about 40 Christian peace activists and allies returned to Australia’s Swan Island Military Base in Queenscliff, Victoria for a week of nonviolent resistance to the Afghan War and Australia’s role in it.

As the sun rose on September 25, a group of 17 activists who blockaded at the gate discovered that they could simply reach under the gate and lift the latch. Gate open, they proceeded across the narrow bridge crossing the channel and onto the island training facility for the elite Special Air Service Regiment (SAS). The SAS continues to fight and kill in Afghanistan in Australia’s name.

Outnumbered guards tried to catch up, arresting two people near the gate, three more at a second gate, and finally escorting the last twelve people onto the island. There the group planted a fig tree before eventually being arrested and escorted from the island, and told they may be charged at a later date.

For more information, visit [swanislandpeace.org](http://swanislandpeace.org)

Santa and some elves paid a visit to Victoria Barracks outside Melbourne on December 3.

With thanks to Edward Snowden, Santa had learned that Australia was assisting the U.S. drone war in Pakistan through its spy base at Pine Gap. He wanted to let the soldiers know they would all join the U.S. on Santa’s very, very naughty list unless they helped him drop presents instead of helping the U.S. drop bombs from drones.

“The children of Pakistan now live in constant fear of flying objects and what they deliver,” said Santa. “This makes it hard for me to visit them without them becoming scared of having their families blown up.”

When no one answered their knocks at the gate, Greg “Santa” Rolles and elf Shane Anderson scaled the stone wall nearby and dropped into the arms of military police.

## Arrests at Spy Bases

Harassment of the weekly vigil outside the NSA’s listening outpost at Menwith Hill, England has resumed after an 18-month hiatus. Lindis Percy has recently been “reported with a view to prosecution” about five times. The October 22 vigil had scarcely begun when

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# Burghfield Bomb Plant Blockades

Protesters pitched a nuclear disarmament action camp outside the Atomic Weapons Establishment in Burghfield, Berkshire, England, beginning August 26.

The blockades on September 2 began at dawn and involved activists from across Europe. All traffic was blocked for an hour until police cleared a blockade of six Finnish activists at the main gate. Another affinity group replaced the Finns, and later waves of Scottish and Belgian activists were cleared from a second gate. The Spanish blockade of a second road leading to the main gate lasted 14 hours. A total of 21 people were arrested for obstructing the highway. The British arrestees were summoned to court in October, while those from abroad accepted formal warnings to avoid returning to court. One Dutch woman was jailed overnight when she refused the warning. In October, one woman paid a £75 fine

plus costs, and eight others will be on trial January 13 in Reading.

Nuala Young, a former Oxford city councilor who took part, told the Oxford Mail, "Britain is well-placed to drop its weapons program and give an example to the world."

One month later, on October 3, two large colorful Welsh dragon puppets led more than two dozen people in another lock-down blockade at Burghfield. While police waited for an order that never came to cut the activists free, supporters served up sandwiches and tea, cakes and cold drinks to police and blockaders alike. After a fine picnic and serenade of Welsh songs, with no arrests having been made, the campaigners packed up to return again another day.

For more information and to join in the ongoing Action AWE campaign, visit [actionawe.org](http://actionawe.org).

# FUTURE ACTIONS

*More future actions and event details can be found at [nukeresister.org/future-actions](http://nukeresister.org/future-actions)*

## martin luther king, jr. day lockheed martin

You are invited to join the Brandywine Peace Community for their 36th annual commemoration at noon on Monday, January 20, 2014 at the main driveway entrance to Lockheed Martin Valley Forge weapons complex, 230 Mall Boulevard in King of Prussia, PA. There will be audio broadcasts of Dr. King's speeches and sermons, speakers, music, litanies and nonviolent resistance honoring his commitment to social justice and peace through nonviolent action. For more information, contact Brandywine Peace Community at (610)544-1818 or [brandywine@juno.com](mailto:brandywine@juno.com).

## bangor trident sub base

Join the Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action on Saturday, January 18, 2014 as they honor the memory of Dr. King with a day of action against the scourge of militarism and nuclear weapons. Welcome participants of the Interfaith Peace Walk, vigil at the nearby Bangor Trident nuclear submarine base, and prepare for the Monday MLK Seattle Rally and March in which Ground Zero will participate. For more information, contact Ground Zero at [info@gzcenter.org](mailto:info@gzcenter.org).

## midwest catholic worker faith & resistance retreat

The 2014 Midwest Catholic Worker Faith and Resistance Retreat, hosted by the Des Moines Catholic Worker and co-sponsored by the Des Moines Veterans for Peace chapter, will take place from March 14-17 in Des Moines, Iowa. The focus of the retreat, which will include nonviolent direct action, is on drone warfare and the announced Des Moines drone command center at the former Iowa Air Guard F-16 facility. For more information, contact Frank Cordaro at (515)282-4781 or [frank.cordaro@gmail.com](mailto:frank.cordaro@gmail.com).

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**Defending Civil Resistance Under International Law** (1987) is again available directly from author Francis A. Boyle, Professor of International Law at the University of Illinois - Champaign College of Law. This book talks about treaties and the Nuremberg Principles, outlining related legal defenses for people who commit acts of civil resistance against war, nuclear weapons and more. An important resource for attorneys and those who represent themselves in U.S. courts, full of information that will help in your efforts to educate jurors, the judge and prosecutors about the justification of your action under international law. \$15 each, post paid. Order from and make checks payable to Francis A. Boyle, Law Building, 504 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Champaign, IL 61820.

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# Jeju, cont.

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Since the beginning of the resistance in 2007, the newly formed Gangjeong Human Rights Committee reports nearly 650 arrests, resulting in 473 indictments. Many of the cases are now making their way through the courts. In 2013 alone, the local court has heard over 600 cases against hundreds of citizens, issued verdicts for 123 people and levied fines of nearly 250M Won (\$240,000), in addition to 200M Won fines from previous years. There have been only a handful of charges dismissed or convictions overturned on appeal.

Mr. Park Yong-Sung was released September 9 after just 20 days of a 40-day sentence for refusing to pay fines.

After 158 days in Jeju Prison, Mr. Kim Young-Jae was released on September 16, although his prosecution continues. His prison letter to the Nuclear Resister, translated by the Gangjeong International Team, is below.

Mr. Lee Kwang-Won refused to pay his fine for a seven-hour sit-in atop a cement mixer in May, 2012, and instead served 40 days in jail in Seoul from September 28 to November 6. He is the fifth resister to refuse fines and go to jail. As more appeals are denied, it is expected that more resisters will choose jail over payment of fines.

## WRITINGS FROM JAIL

### THE INSIDE LINE

~ from Jeju Prison

August 1, 2013

Hello,

My name is Kim Young-Jae, and I am currently incarcerated for trying to stop the construction of a U.S. Naval base in Jeju, Korea.

I am very grateful to get the newspaper from the Nuclear Resister and the card of support you sent.

I want to thank all of you who have supported our efforts to stop naval base construction in Jeju, a beautiful island of peace. I feel a deep sense of solidarity with those of you who support peace.

Not only are many U.S. military troops already stationed in my country, but it also has an unnecessarily high concentration of arms and weaponry, exposing us to a constant threat of war.

On top of this a new naval base is under construction, possibly with an agenda to seal the border with China. From what we have seen so far there is evidence that this naval base is not a product of the Korean government's independent policy. In other words, it's being built for America's need to contain China. This is a major cause, if not the only one.

The people of this little village, Gangjeong, and the peace activists have been the only ones standing between that gargantuan force and peace for seven years. This has called for enormous sacrifice on our part.

Military and men in power have ripped this village's community apart. But our peaceful resistance against the oppressive government forces has not been corrupted, and we resist in more creative and artistic methods as well as taking action.

I believe all the peace activists here and the Nuclear Resister are one at heart. We ask for your continued interest and solidarity. I will always support your efforts to uphold peace and solidarity.

(translated by the Gangjeong International Team)

*[Kim Young-Jae stood in front of a construction truck on April 12 and remained in jail until September 16. His trial continues.]*

On October 7, village elder Mr. Kang Bu-Eun, 72, and Kim Eun-Hye, 23, a woman from the mainland who visited in the spring of 2012 to support the struggle and never left, were both taken from court to serve six and eight-month prison sentences, respectively. Both were accused of violence against police, and convicted of obstructing government affairs.

Additional charges were included in the conviction of Kang, a quiet man who told the court he could never have imagined eating a prison meal. Then he witnessed the government force construction over the objection of Gangjeong villagers and exploit the division between the minority who support the project and the large majority opposed. Kang is known not to retreat from police when they attack, and his lawyer later acknowledged he threw a small stone that did not strike any of the police who had surrounded him. Many villagers signed a petition asking to be jailed in Kang's place, so he could return to caring for his ailing wife. Kang's bail application was rejected in November, but on December 5 the appeals court reduced his sentence to one year of probation and he was released, having served 59 days.

The only evidence against Kim Eun-Hye was the verbal testimony of a mainland policewoman laid up for 12 weeks after Kim allegedly kicked her in October 2012 as police circled and arrested Kim at the construction site. Testimony from police at the scene was contradictory, and the judge said that despite the lack of any clear evidence, it all seemed like something that could have happened. Kim vehemently denied striking anyone at the demonstration. During the same period, Kim herself was nearly knocked unconscious and treated for a minor concussion after her head hit the ground when police dragged her carelessly away from the gate. She remains in prison.

Catholic Sr. Stella Soh Hee-sook, who helps to coordinate the daily mass, was brought to court on similar assault charges in mid-November. She is the first nun to be indicted in 200 years of Korean Catholic history, because another policewoman claimed an injury while clearing Catholic activists off the road. Sr. Soh testified to her own injuries from police. For reasons of health, Soh also moved to have her trial continued in Seoul, closer to her home.

The Gangjeong Human Rights Committee held a press conference outside court on November 21, when an unprecedented 67 protest cases were on the docket. They called for a formal reprimand of the judge who would not consider evidence favorable to the jailed Save Our Seas activists Dr. Song Kang-Ho and Br. Park Do-Hyun, and demanded human rights education for local court judges who violate their duty by presuming protesters are guilty.

On November 27, the court granted bail to Dr. Song and Br. Park. Both refused to post bail as the court decision seemed intentionally late and would not permit their opposition activity. Because Song was jailed for two weeks in 2011, and another six months in 2012, people urged him to accept bail. Some paid it without his knowledge and he was released two days later, after 151 days in jail.

Korean film critic and four-time peace prisoner Mr. Yang Yoon-Mo will complete the first year of his 18-month sentence on February 1.

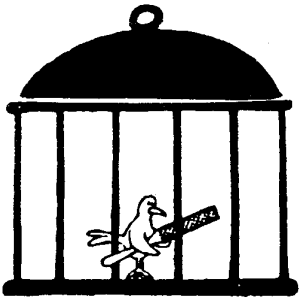
For more information, follow the news in English at [savejejunow.org](http://savejejunow.org). Monthly issues of the English-language Gangjeong Village Story, published by the Gangjeong Village Association, are posted there and include regular court and prison updates.



Letters of support should be individually addressed to Mr. Yang Yoon-Mo, Prisoner No. 301; Mr. Park Do-Hyun, Prisoner No. 535; and Ms. Kim Eun-Hye, Prisoner No. 12; all at: Jeju Prison, 161, Ora-2 dong, Jeju-si, Jeju-do, the Peace Island, Korea.



# Update Files



**ROYAL AIR FORCE WADDINGTON:** With “a heavy heart,” a Lincolnshire magistrate pronounced Rev. Keith Hebden, Fr. Martin Newell, Penelope Walker, Susan Clarkson, Christopher Cole and Henrietta Cullinan guilty of criminal damage on October 7. He’d heard their testimony about the dangers of drone warfare and the illegality of Britain’s combat drones in Afghanistan, piloted remotely from the local air base. Britain has fired more than 400 weapons from its drones in Afghanistan, and an analysis by the Bureau of Investigative Journalism shows the U.K. is three times more likely than the U.S. to fire weapons from its drones there. Hebden told the court, “The decision to pilot armed drones from Waddington makes RAF Waddington a war zone. It brings the Afghanistan conflict into this country and it puts ourselves in grave danger. If this country becomes part of a war zone it makes all of our lives less safe.” He pointed out that it was their intention to save lives when they cut a fence, planted a peace garden and leafleted staff at the base last June. They were ordered to pay £10 compensation each, plus £90 in costs and victims’ fund...

**PENTAGON:** Bill Frankel-Streit, Nancy Gowan and Art Laffin were convicted in federal court on October 4 of failure to obey a lawful order. They were arrested on Hiroshima Day, when, as Laffin testified, “[we] went to witness at the Pentagon metro entrance to repent for the nuclear sin.” The U.S. attorney did not request a jail sentence, and the three were fined \$100 plus fees and assessments...

**LOS ANGELES FEDERAL BUILDING:** David Omondi pleaded guilty to charges resulting from the “Chelsea in Chains” protest calling for Private Manning’s freedom from the steps of the government edifice last August 28. He was sentenced to community service. The same charges against fellow L.A. Catholic Workers Jeff Dietrich and Barbara Robinson were later dropped...

**WHITE HOUSE:** Diane Wilson was found guilty on September 6 of unlawful entry into the President’s yard and sentenced to 90 days in jail, suspended. Wilson had been fasting in solidarity with hunger-striking prisoners at the Guantanamo Bay prison and California for 57 days by June 26, when she joined an International Day in Support of Victims of Torture demo. She climbed up and over the White House fence and was quickly apprehended. Four of those arrested outside the White House fence that day went to court in December and were found guilty of failure to obey a lawful order. Three were fined and one agreed to do community service...

**NAVAL BASE KITSAP/BANGOR:** Seven members of the Pacific Life Community (PLC) were convicted in October of trespass at the Trident nuclear missile submarine base during the annual PLC gathering last March. Federal magistrate Mary Theiler predictably rejected the international law defense they offered as they defended themselves. She also denied retired CIA analyst Ray McGovern expert witness status to testify about the pervasive inability of individuals to seek redress of grievances. The defendants each addressed the court, having been told that their intentions would have no bearing on the judge’s decision. Theiler listened to all, declared each guilty, and imposed sentence immediately. Fr. Bill Bichsel SJ, Fr. Jerry Zawada OFM, and Susan Crane were fined \$500 and placed on two years probation. Betsy Lamb, Denny Moore, Ed Ehmke and Mary Jane Parrine were each fined \$250 plus one year probation. Some told the judge they would not pay the fine. All were ordered not to enter any military base without the permission of the commander for the term of probation... In separate cases this fall, a federal trespass charge against Bernie Meyer was dropped. Meyer is a member of the local Ground Zero Community for Nonviolent Action and was arrested at the annual Mothers’ Day peace action while reciting Julia Ward Howe’s original proclamation after crossing the boundary line. In November, seven people arrested on August 11 on the county side of the line spoke at a mitigation hearing and had their fines reduced. Three codefendants had paid the original fine...

**JUSTIN COLBY:** Iraq war resister Justin Colby earned time off for good behavior, and was released from the military brig at Ft. Lewis, Washington in November, after serving about eight months of a nine month sentence...

**RINGHALS, SWEDEN:** Nine Greenpeace activists were given fines ranging from 5,000 to 25,000 SEK (\$760–

\$3,800) for trespassing at the Ringhals nuclear power plant in October, 2012. The group conducted a “peaceful stress test” demonstrating lax security at the plant and two remained inside the grounds until the next day...

**AIMPOINT, SWEDEN:** Martin Smedjeback was convicted October 14 of trespass at the military laser gunsight exporter last summer, and fined 1,500 SEK (\$220)...

**TORONTO:** In October, Audrey Tobias was found not guilty at a bench trial of refusing to fill out a Canadian census form. The 89-year-old’s refusal was firmly grounded in her opposition to the goliath American war merchant Lockheed-Martin as contractor and data-collector for the headcount. Her legal defense before a packed courtroom was that being compelled to complete the form would violate her Canadian Charter of Rights...

**BRISTOL, ENGLAND:** Smash EDO activists were in court twice in November. One person was fined £1,000 for tapping a cowbell at a noise demo outside the arms dealer last summer. Two others were found guilty of criminal damage after they locked and glued themselves to the gates of EDO on the 10th anniversary of the Iraq invasion earlier this year...

## Spy Bases, cont.

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Percy was arrested for breaching a notice of aggravated trespass she’d reportedly been given on September 11. Male arresting officers threatened to forcefully search her pockets before taking her into the station and charging her with trespass.

In August, Percy had been researching land issues at RAF Barford St. John in Oxfordshire, an annex of RAF Croughton, the notorious NSA communications intercept station from where German Chancellor Merkel’s cell phone was allegedly tapped. A patrol car spotted Percy as she left the base and returned to her parked car. She was told she was trespassing, and served notice not to return for three months. From vast personal experience, she knew the section cited did not apply. To test the abuse in court, Percy went straight back into the base and was arrested again.

This time, she was held for nine hours and released at 1:00 a.m. Percy later learned that the case had been dropped. For more information, visit [www.caab.org.uk](http://www.caab.org.uk).

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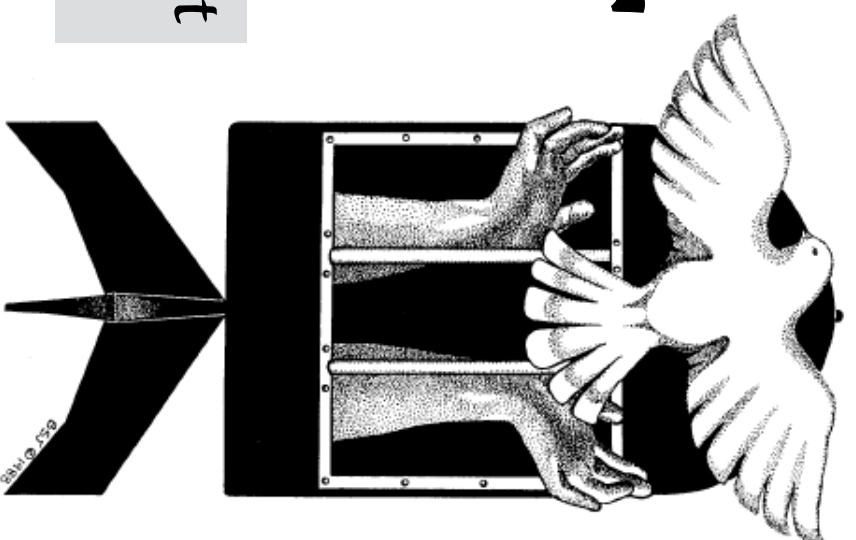
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