



Veterans For Peace

Chapter 74 – Metro Detroit Area Chapter

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October 2018 VFP Chapter 74 News Update

Receiving this Update by email but not yet a Veterans For Peace member? Please consider joining! Non-veterans can join as an Associate Member. The more VFP members there are, the more we can do. For membership information visit <https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/VeteransforPeace/OnlineMembership.html>.

1. Next VFP Chapter 74 Meeting –Saturday, October 13 – 2pm

The next Veterans For Peace Chapter 74 meeting will be on Saturday, October 13th, 2pm, at the Swords Into Plowshares Center in downtown Detroit starting at 2pm. The Swords Into Plowshares Center is at 33 East Adams (near Woodward) and next to Comerica Park in downtown Detroit. Free parking is available in the Central United Methodist Church parking lot on the west side of the Center. If parking lot attendants are present please tell them you are attending the Vets For Peace meeting at the Swords Into Plowshares Center. Everyone interested in lessening the power of militarism, be they veteran or not, is welcome at a VFP 74 meeting. The agenda will be...

1. Introductions and welcome
 - a. VFP mission statement
 - b. Members and guests present
 - c. Member news
2. General business
 - a. Treasury report
 - b. Other
3. Old Business
 - a. My Lai memorial exhibit
 - b. Other
4. New Business
 - a. Veterans Day
 - b. Other
5. Upcoming events
6. Adjournment – Next Meeting Date

2. Veterans For Peace My Lai Memorial Exhibit In Downtown Detroit October 12-13-14



at <https://goo.gl/maps/SxMspVwfkgH2>) and next to Comerica Park in downtown Detroit. The exhibit hours will be...

In the spirit of exposing the true costs of war, and seek justice for the victims of war, Veterans For Peace Chapter 74 and the Swords Into Plowshares Peace Center & Gallery are sponsoring the My Lai Memorial Traveling Exhibit - <http://mylaimemorial.org> - on October 12, 13 and 14. The 40-panel exhibition, on the 50th anniversary of the My Lai massacre in Vietnam, includes photos, printed memories of survivors and interactive stations. The exhibit experience invites participants to make a renewed commitment to peace and social justice and provides opportunities to support initiatives working to reduce violence and militarism both at home and abroad. The exhibit will be at the Swords Into Plowshares Peace Center & Gallery, 33 East Adams (near Woodward – map

- Friday, October 12 –12pm to 8pm - Opening Event 6pm to 8pm – “Vietnam Veterans Talk” at 7pm
- Saturday, October 13 – 10am to 8pm
- Sunday, October 14 – 10am to 5pm

If you can help download, print and post exhibit flyers (visit <https://tinyurl.com/MyLaiDetroitFlyer> to download a pdf version) around the area (i.e. coffee shops) it is greatly appreciated!

3. My Lai Exhibit – Donations Needed

There are certain costs associated with bringing the My Lai exhibit to town including transportation costs (the exhibit is driven over in a trailer from it's "base" at Chicago with the VFP Chapter there), meal expenses for the event supervisor coming over from Chicago, and also helping pay off the costs of creating the exhibit.

With that said, any and all donations for bringing the My Lai exhibit are welcome and needed. To make a tax-deductible donation to the local Chapter of VFP, visit www.vfp74.org/donations. There you can make a donation through PayPal, or obtain instructions on how to make a donation by mailing in a check. Of course you can also make a donation at the exhibit if you plan on attending. Thanks in advance for any help on this!

4. Annual VFP Chapter 93 John Lennon Concert – Thursday, October 11th



11th annual concert at The Ark, 316 S. Main St. in Ann Arbor (map at <https://theark.org/contact/directions-parking>) with local musical artists performing works of John Lennon in honor of his October birthday. This year's musical talent includes Judy Banker, Jud Branam, Kevin Brown, Annie & Rod Capps, Rochelle Clark, FUBAR, the Midwest Territory Band, Aspen Jacobsen, Dave Keeney & Sophia Hanifi, Billy King, John Latini, Dave Roof, Jo Serrapere, Dick Siegel and Emily Slomovits (with more to be added) along with emcee Chris Buhalis. All artists will be performing works of John Lennon on his October birthday, as well as other peace-themed songs. Advance tickets (\$20) are available now online at

<http://theark.org/shows-events/2018/oct/11/veterans-peace-john-lennon-birthday-concert> or by phone through the Michigan Union ticket office (734-763-8587). The concert starts at 7:30pm with doors opening for seating at 7pm. All funds raised will go to the VFP Chapter 93 Peace Scholarship Fund which awards scholarships to college students enrolled in peace studies or conflict resolution courses at colleges and universities (such as at Wayne State University).

5. Have An E-Mail Address?

It saves the Chapter 74 VFP folk's time and expense if we can send these VFP updates to you by e-mail. If you are receiving this update by postal mail and have an e-mail address, it would be appreciated if you could forward your e-mail address to Bob Krzewinski at wolverbob@gmail.com. Your e-mail address will be kept confidential and not given to third parties.

6. Our VFP Chapter Can Use Your Help

Currently our VFP Chapter literally has only a few people doing all the work and projects and to say we could use help is an understatement. Most of these volunteer jobs don't take up that much time at all, and would help out the Chapter immensely. One thing we are trying to promote is for people to sign up for a "volunteer email list". We always need extra people to help staff events like the Arlington Michigan (one cross for every soldier killed in Iraq/Afghanistan wars) display on Memorial Day or the VFP Chapter 74 activities. Just tell us you want to be on the volunteer e-mail list and when an event date starts rolling around, we will email you to see if you can help out.

If you can, great. If not, we understand. Even if you are not a veteran, we could still use your help. To be placed on the "volunteer email list", just send an email to Steve Saelzler at saelzler@comcast.net (or call 734-675-4138) and he will get back in touch with you. Thanks in advance for your consideration of this request!!!

7. Announcements & Events

November 11th (Sunday) - Veterans Day Arlington Michigan Display

Veterans Park, corner of Jackson and Maple Roads, Ann Arbor. Display of one marker for every Michigan soldier (230) killed in the Iraq and Afghan wars. 11am to dusk. For more details visit www.vfp93.org.

VFP 74 On Facebook

Veterans For Peace Chapter 74 now has a Facebook page. To sign up, just visit Facebook (www.facebook.com) and type in Veterans For Peace Chapter 74.

Women In Black Marches

Second Saturday of every month in the Metro Detroit area with everyone welcome (men, women, children). Please wear black. You can view upcoming "Women in Black - Detroit" events at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/WIB-Detroit>.

Metro Detroit Peace Events Calendar

For a complete update of Metro Detroit area events, visit the Gray Panthers of Metro Detroit website at <http://www.graypanthersmetrodetroit.org/CalendarofEvents.html>.

A Simple Way To Promote VFP - Wear Your VFP T-Shirt!

Help spread the word about Veterans For Peace by wearing a VFP t-shirt, sweatshirt or button around your town or in your travels. Not only does this introduce the public to the fact that there are veterans who stand for peace, but can help bring additional veterans into the organization. Don't have a VFP t-shirt or button? Order them by visiting <http://veterans-for-peace-online-store.myshopify.com/> (secure, online sales available).

Swords Into Plowshares Peace Center & Gallery

Open most Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 1pm to 5pm at 33 East Adams (near Woodward) and next to Comerica Park in downtown Detroit. Free parking is available in the Central United Methodist Church parking lot on the west side of the Center. If parking lot attendants are present please tell them you are going to the Gallery. For more information, including current Gallery hours, a map to the Gallery in downtown Detroit, and exhibit updates, visit www.swordsintoplowsharesdetroit.org.

SE Michigan Peace & Justice Calendar - www.Activate313.org

Michigan Peace Network - <http://michiganpeacenetwork.org/>

VFP Michigan Peace Scholarships

Applications are being taken now for the Veterans For Peace Michigan Peace Scholarships, sponsored by VFP Chapter 93. The Scholarships, out of an endowment provided by Yoko Ono to Veterans For Peace, are awarded to college students enrolled in a peace studies or conflict resolution related program. Awards are given to either Michigan residents, or students enrolled at a Michigan college, with a preference given to military veterans. For more information, visit www.vfp93.org.