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“Cutting Through the Fog of War”

It is with the greatest of sadness that we have to announce the death of another of our VFP56 brothers, Guy Kuttner. Guy was a very active individual in our peace community since the beginning of the conflict in Vietnam. His passing has left a great hole in our community as well as within our hearts. Below is Guy's epilogue written by his family members.

Guy F.D.R. Kuttner



Our dear Guyzie (aka: Guy, Guyzer, Pepe, Pops, Mister K, Kuttner, Professor Kuttner, Thumper) was born in Chicago on May 23, 1946 and continued his journey into the greater being on March 3, 2011. Guy was a wonderful teacher who made us laugh and think. He was a wise, ridiculous and passionate lover of life, his family and friends.

Guy participated in all aspects of life with his big, golden heart and beautiful smile. He gardened, cooked, painted, built, restored streams and worked tirelessly for the earth. We will always see him walking jauntily across his school campuses, laughing boldly where no one had gone before, singing exuberantly with us, or bravely speaking truth to power.

Guy shared his humanity, insight, irreverence and wit through his writings on school reform, social justice, politics and the people he knew. He wrote books, columns and powerful letters to the editor.

He was a lifelong peacemaker and war resister. After turning in his draft card with a poem to J. Edgar Hoover in resistance to the Vietnam War, he worked whole-heartedly with the War Resisters League, War Tax Resistance Movement, Humboldt Draft Coordinating Committee, Humboldt Sanctuary Movement and Humboldt Committee for Conscientious Objectors, establishing the GI Rights Hotline, becoming a member of Humboldt Bay VFP Chapter 056.

Guy was beloved brother to Peter, husband to Cindy, father to Rio, Sita and Jessie, grandfather to Emmitt and Everett, and friend and teacher to many.

Dear Guyzie! We will always miss your presence and will keep your spirit alive, sharing the joy, passion, and love you gave us.

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In his honor, plant a tree, befriend a stranger and stand up for your beliefs. Donations can be sent to the Guy Kuttner Nature Education Memorial Fund at any Coast Central Credit Union branch.

There will be a community celebration for Guy on July 9, 2011 at the Bayside Grange.

Guy's wish: Take care of yourselves, take care of each other, and take care of this place. You have been gifted to spend this incarnation on this jewel of a planet. I know you will treat it and its inhabitants with the respect they deserve. Oh, and thanks for all the fish!

TREATMENT OF BRADLEY MANNING

By Richard Gilchrist

I suggest that every member of Humboldt Bay VFP go into Congressman Mike Thompson's office and request that his secretary convey your concern regarding the treatment of Pfc. Bradley Manning. Manning is being held at the Marine brig in Quantico, VA. Manning is the Army intelligence analyst that is accused of leaking secret government files to WikiLeaks. According to his lawyer he is being held in his cell 23 hours a day in isolation, and has been made to stand outside his cell naked for long periods of time. Each night he has to turn in his clothes and sleep in the naked. Lights outside this cell make it very difficult for him to sleep. He cannot exercise in his cell. His treatment, to me, is not unlike that the inmates in Abu Ghraib prison in early 2004 experienced. Also according to his lawyer, no other detainee at the brig is forced to endure this type of isolation and humiliation. It has also been reported by a friend of Manning that there has been a severe deterioration of his mental condition since his incarceration.

In my opinion, if one of our soldiers was held under similar conditions by another country, the United State would before the UN decry the deplorable treatment.

Manning has not been tried for any crime, but according Geoffrey Morrell, the Pentagon press secretary, the general conditions of Manning's confinement are due to "the seriousness of the charges he's facing, the potential length if the sentence, the national security implication and to protect him from harm". My question is, what has his treatment to do with the fact that he may have committed a crime? He hasn't been found guilty of anything at this point. Do we now start the punishment before establishment of guilt? I can't imagine what his treatment will be like if he is found guilty, but that isn't

my concern at the moment. My concern is that Manning is undergoing treatment that the military would find deplorable for any of our captured soldiers.

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In a continuation of Richard's remarks another account of the treatment of Private Bradley Manning as just surfaced

Treatment of Accused WikiLeaks Source 'Cruel and Unusual'

ACLU

By Eric W. Dolan

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In a letter sent to Defense Secretary Robert Gates today, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) said the Department of Defense's

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treatment of 23-year-old Pfc. Bradley Manning was a clear violation of the U.S. Constitution.

Manning faces numerous charges for stealing classified files and is suspected as the source of a massive trove of State Department documents published on the WikiLeaks website in recent months. He has been held at the Quantico brig since July under a maximum security regimen, which leaves him in his cell for 23 hours a day, because authorities say his escape would pose a risk to national security.

“The Supreme Court has long held that the government violates the Eighth Amendment’s ban on cruel and unusual punishment whenever it unnecessarily and wantonly inflicts pain,” the letter to Gates stated. “No legitimate purpose is served by keeping Private Manning stripped naked; in prolonged isolated confinement and utter idleness; subjected to sleep deprivation through repeated physical inspections throughout the night; deprived of any meaningful opportunity to exercise, even in his cell; and stripped of his reading glasses so that he cannot read.”

“Nor has the Department of Defense any legitimate purpose in requiring Private Manning to stand naked in his observation cell at ‘parade rest,’ with legs spread and genitals displayed, in full view of guards and other officers,” the letter continued. “The very purpose of such treatment is to degrade, humiliate, and traumatize -- a purpose that cannot be squared with what the Supreme Court has described as ‘the basic concept underlying the Eighth Amendment, which is nothing less than the dignity of man.’”

Defense Department officials claim that Manning has been held in solitary confinement and stripped of his clothes to prevent him from committing suicide.

“The problem with the argument that Manning is being kept in long-term solitary confinement to prevent his suicide is that long-term solitary confinement causes suicide,” Terry A. Kupers, institute professor at The Wright Institute, explained in an article at CNN. “Suicide is merely the tip of the iceberg. Solitary confinement breaks prisoners down and practically guarantees they will never function normally in society again.”

“Absent any evident justification, such treatment is clearly forbidden by our Constitution,” the ACLU said. “Given that those standards apparently permit Private Manning to be subjected to plainly unconstitutional conditions, it is clear that the Department of Defense must adapt its standards to meet the demands of the Constitution.”

The State Department’s top spokesman, P.J. Crowley, was forced to resign over the weekend after he called Manning’s treatment “ridiculous and counterproductive and stupid.”

Despite being a member of the House Committee on Oversight

and Government Reform, Congressman Dennis Kucinich (D-OH) has been unable to visit with Manning to investigate reports that he had been subjected to abusive treatment.

The Pentagon has rejected allegations of harsh conditions and said Manning received treatment similar to others under the high-security regime.

“He’s not being treated differently than any other maximum security detainee and not differently really that much from the medium security detainees,” Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell told MSNBC after he paid a visit to the site himself.

War on War

By Harold Bustamonte

A world of change, a world of rage, a world so entangled with a world of blame.

As I sit from another continent in a land that has had some short of war, civil and other for over 50 years I think about what is it that makes man so complacent to fight and deface what is so simple but so complicating.

Communications...talking, working things out, sorting thru differences, relating or not, the world of man is a world of disgruntle opinions and egotistical acts that end up killing innocent children and whole families, communities and even destroying the earths wealth.

Health is wealth. Wealth is the culture of knowledge and awareness. Awareness is the ability to educate in a manner that will benefit all for the prize of sustaining a life of home, love and happiness.

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Next VFP56 meeting will be held
on Thursday, April 7th
at 7:00 PM.
Meeting will be held in the Commons Room at 550 Union Street in Arcata.
Veterans and non-veterans are more than welcome to come and help us dialogue about what we together can do to bring about peace in this complex world.



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These are basic things everyone wants. But due to some disagreement in philosophy, religion, color of skin, color of a flag etc., men seek to fight and fight until they are dead .

Does it make sense, no, they are dead and change for the good never happens. Social and money systems change, people are hungry and beaten so they fight to win; sometimes they don't. Sometimes they are bored and they have to create a live version of a video game or is it the opposite,

The video game is created by an insane reality man has drawn into reality. I'm so done with male ego's and yet I respect and empower the warrior spirit to embody the truth and the strength of love for a family.

I'm so wish we can move on from wars of all kinds, class wars, drug wars, money wars, nation wars, wars on health. I wish we could just all be man enough to really learn what it is to be a man and help the woman with the task of building a tribe, a family, a nation of peoples of the earth.

We live in a time that so much is changing. Mega storms, wars over who's cooler, war on the poor, Tsunami's earth quakes, political rants... As an ex US Army sniper...I will snipe all negative energy and provide cover for positive affirmations for humanity to grow up and realize we all want the same. Middle East, South and Central America, Asia, now North America.... Lets pledge to the truth of what should be true... Life and living in harmony.. Wikileaks is a reality of that truth, Political prisoners is another..Lets face it, lets just erase the past and start a new phase of truth reconciliation and allow each other to shake hands and allow each other to live and breathe.. Maybe we need to put those dog zappers on peoples neck that get to aggressive and violent.. ZAP ZAP...ouch...

Life is but one task, Remembering to be happy always no matter what goes on in the world. Compassion and generosity..One Love

ARCATANS SEEK PEACE, FIND INTIMIDATION IN THE BUBBLE

By John Schaefer, VFP56

As the Park Police hauled Rich Gilchrist and me from the White House demonstration to be booked, I hoped we played a small part to quell the wars in the Middle East. But after our release a few hours later we heard not only that the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq continued undiminished--no big surprise--but also that Obama had begun another one.

We weren't the only ones; demonstrations emerged across the US on March 19, and I would guess that other participants were as shocked as we were to hear of the new war on Libya.

Is there a lesson here, apart from realizing how little influence we really had? In a pre-arrest rally, long-time muckraker and Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader offered some thoughts, which make sense to me. He noted that in only one of the three branches of our government is there any chance of arresting the progress of the war. It's neither the judicial nor the executive. Nader feels that we might slow the war machine by pressuring Congress, and it is the only effective lever we have to pull. But our experience this trip shows it won't be easy.

As all members of Congress were out of town, we could only visit staff at their offices. Some are helpful and some are not. Similarly, while some members are oblivious to damage the wars are doing, I continue to find others are doing the best they can to slow down the war machine. Thank goodness. And there are some in between, who might say they're for peace but who don't support all the proposed peace legislation. So which ones are which, and how do we influence them?

Senator Feinstein has a long way to go; she says she is for peace, but has not voted where her mouth is. She has chosen not to cosponsor the only Senate bill that could bring peace to Afghanistan, and she opposed a similar bill last May. On this visit we met with Feinstein's staff person Rich Harper, who has been helpful and business-like in the past, willing to hear opinions without judgment. Interestingly, at this meeting a Military Legislative Fellow (actually a military gal), assigned by the Pentagon to "advise" a member of Congress was also present. Her presence changed the interaction, and I felt intimidated. Now, whatever a constituent says is noted and filtered by a Pentagon representative. In an exchange about Bradley Manning, Harper was surprisingly deferential to her objections to our position.

Major Shannon Gorrell said there are some 150 military officers now assigned to Congress. To me their presence changes the nature of the game; anyone visiting a congressional office should request no Pentagon presence.

The good news is that Representative Mike Thompson co-sponsored H.Con.Res.28, Kucinich's bill directing the president to remove troops from Afghanistan by the end of this year. The measure failed, but it is important that he supported it anyway. Other good news is his support of three good (but ultimately losing) bills: Nadler-Lee-Stark's reducing Afghanistan spending, Woolsey's bill prohibiting wasteful spending, and Campbell's bill cutting Pentagon spending. At Mike's office we met with his new Legislative Assistant Tim Daly, who explained that Mike doesn't support three other excellent bills: Lee's HR780, Woolsey's HR651, and Stark's HR413. He should support them. With some persuasion he might change his mind and I hope readers will visit Mike's local office and say so.

Almost all Bay Area representatives vote solidly against the wars, and we should certainly support them: Honda, Farr, Wool-

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sey, Lee, and Eshoo to name a few. I'd like Mike to be all he can be, by noting what they support.

Senator Boxer has supported peace legislation in the past, but there hasn't been much in the Senate. Her bill, S186, is relatively weak and merely calls for a withdrawal schedule, but it has only a few cosponsors.

I continue to be disappointed with how little the US public cares about our Middle East wars. The turnout at Saturday's White House rally was five hundred to a thousand, of whom only about 113 were willing to be arrested.

One old-timer showed me a photo of a 1969 rally that filled the Mall with hundreds of thousands of war protesters, and based on that Vietnam War experience we'll need to get numbers like those for demonstrations to be effective, especially now with a more aggressive Pentagon congressional campaign.

How do we do that? So far most of us think we aren't affected by the wars. Alas, how wrong that is. Money spent on wars means money not spent on education, health care, veterans' services, municipal services, unemployment insurance, criminal justice, transportation, and on and on.

We are still a rich county, Nader noted, but that wealth is being sucked up by the wars, by big corporations and by already wealthy individuals. Income inequality is the highest it's been in decades and real incomes have fallen for years. What will it take for people to stop doing what the Fox News tells them?

Also on my trip to Washington was an FCNL (Quaker) workshop on how to influence members of Congress. Attendees ranged from high school age to elderly, from all over the East. We totaled perhaps two hundred souls. I was pleased to see a lot of college students, some of whom feel the pinch of declining Pell Grants. Will that issue match in importance the military draft of the 1960s? I doubt it, and anyway these students attended not for self interest but because "war is not the answer".

While getting arrested shows commitment, we were so few that we didn't affect Congress. I'm not anxious to do it again. Had we been a few thousand, Congress might have noticed, but we have a ways to go and numbers are actually declining. I would rather see everyone who attended a demonstration write letters to Congress, followed up by continuous visits and phone calls.

In summary, Congress is the only lever available, and I fear that if we fail to pull it hard we can expect greater economic decline at home and ongoing disaster abroad.

The few of us peaceniks that there were won't change any congressional votes, and opposition to the war will have to rise from the sixty-some percent who merely oppose the war in a poll, to the same number in their representatives' offices and voting.

Washington- Quantico- Congress

By Richard Gilchrist

It's a long way from Eureka to Washington, D.C., but John Schaefer and I made our way to DC to take part in the March 19 Veterans for Peace civil-disobedience demonstration in front of the White House.

Going to D.C. was not entirely new for either John or me. Several years ago, we had both been Ambassadors for Peace and in that capacity had visited congressional offices. I had participated in the September 21, 2005 protest march attended by thousands. This was a first Veterans for Peace demonstration for John and a second for me.

I headed there with high hopes that there would be a large turnout for the event marking the eighth Iraq War anniversary. I was hoping that tens of thousands would show up and demand that we stop the two middle-east wars. Unfortunately, that did not happen. And to top the weekend off, we learned that U.S. planes were bombing Libya. At best, the turnout was in the two thousand range and only 110 of us stepped across the line to be arrested.

As long as they can arrest us in numbers of a 100, 200, or even 300, the impact will be relegated to section "B", page 12 of the newspaper and not even be mentioned on the TV media. We need thousands, indeed tens of thousands, to take to the streets and close down the government. We need to fill every jail in DC and in every city and town across the country before we wake up the government. There is too much money being made off the wars and very little personal commitment to the wars. Very few families have blood on the line.

While I was discouraged, I'm going to keep going, as much for myself as anything else. I do think that I represent many that for one reason or another can't attend the demonstrations. One of these days, we may reach the saturation point and once again we will fill the streets.

Obama is committed to staying in Afghanistan until 2014. To put that date in real terms, my grandson who started college this year will be graduating when Obama assures us that he will seriously start pulling out the troops.

The day before the demonstration at the WH, John and I went to Representative Mike Thompson's office. We had a meeting with his chief of staff. We covered several topics. The one that was of most interest to me was HR 248 introduced by Rep. Serrano. The bill would better inform troops about depleted uranium and to test them for exposure when they return.

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Another topic that we brought up was the treatment of Bradley Manning. We pushed the argument that Thompson should look into the treatment of Manning setting aside the question of the guilt. If one of our soldiers were held under similar conditions by another country, we would take the situation before the UN. We got a little back talk about Wikileaks but we pushed back with the argument that Manning's treatment was the important question at this time. If there is any take-home suggestion for anyone going in to meet with their Rep or their staff, it is 'be prepared to stand your ground because they will try to take charge'.

The March 19 DC demonstrations were a well-rehearsed dance. The demonstrators and the Capital Park Police have met many times and both know the steps. John Schaefer's report covered the WH demonstration so I'll move on to the March 20th demonstrations held at Quantico, VA for the Bradley Manning.

While the demonstrators and the Capital Park Police have a civil relationship, the police at Quantico acted much like police determined to break up a riot or a workers' strike. The tension in the air was palpable. The police blocked off the entrance to the Quantico Marine Base on both sides of the street with fences, but the most menacing aspect of the police presence was a contingent of riot police complete with shields, and helmets with facemasks; they were backed up with a water cannon, a K9 group, a horse patrol, and flack-jacketed M16-armed police along with an unknown number of MP's just over the hill on the Marine base. All in all, I think the police outnumbered the demonstrators.

The demonstration started out very peaceful. Ann Wright and several others gave speeches decrying the conditions of Bradley Manning's detention. After we sang several of the standard peace songs, we moved down to the street in front of Quantico.

Part of the agreement between the police and the organizers was that a group could cross the street and lay flowers on the Iowa Jima Memorial that is normally open to the public. But the veterans were prevented from reaching the memorial because the police had moved another fence directly in front of it.

This blockage changed the whole attitude of the event. VFP National President Elliot Adams pushed over the fence on our side of the street and we poured into the street directly in front of the base. As we moved into the street, the Virginia riot police moved toward us much like a Roman legion, shoulder to shoulder with shields to the front. The only missing part was the Roman stabbing swords. We sat down in the street and the police halted about five yards away. We sang peace songs and waited to see what would happen next. One interesting point was that while we were at a stalemate, a young lady from Code Pink went along the line of the police and put Bradley Manning stickers on their shields. I still had not made a decision whether I was going to be arrested. We didn't know what

was going to happen.

While I was deciding whether I would or wouldn't volunteer to be arrested, Elliot Adams moved out of the group. I guess I used that as a sign and struggled to my feet and left the group. I hadn't gone more than a minute when the riot police started to push into the group. A couple more minutes and I would have been pushed to the ground. They didn't have to act as they did. They pushed Ann Wright to the ground and really hurt her because she has a very bad knee. She was crying and that brought the police to a halt. I think they were startled at what they did. They didn't have to do any of that because the group in the street was mostly old veterans and little old ladies. All they would have had to do is ask the group to get up to be arrested, and the group would have complied.

I stayed for a while and then boarded the bus back to DC. As I walked back to the bus, I felt terrible. I felt that I had let the group down. Of course, I can rationalize not being arrested because one more wouldn't have made much of a difference, but I still feel crappy about my choice.

I think in the end, 33 were arrested. The most important two were Daniel Ellsberg and Ann Wright. They want a court trial to test the treatment of Bradley Manning. We all have to keep pressure on Congress concerning the treatment of Bradley Manning. As I stressed to as many congressional assistants as possible, the treatment of Bradley Manning is totally unacceptable. *The reps were on spring break.

The day following the Bradley Manning demonstrations, I went to almost all of the CA rep offices and asked them to cosponsor HR 248, the DU bill.

John's report tells about our visit to the senate offices.

Beer and Bread is a Huge Success

Thanks to VFP

By Mashaw McGuinnis

I am so proud of our chapter, who teamed up with the Redwood Peace and Justice Center to put on a hugely successful Beer and Bread fundraiser. According to Dave Meserve, we raised about a thousand dollars more than last year, and that even considering that the hall rental price went up! This success was definitely due to a group effort, but it is worth special mention that the money raised at the auction/raffle table was more than triple the usual amount! This was in no small part to the efforts of Martha Devine and John Schaefer, two members who know how to capitalize on schmoozing and finagling to get donated goodies from local businesses.

Since so few people outside of our little circle know what the

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G.I. Rights Hotline does, I wrote the following story for the Arcata Eye and it ran the week of the event:

Paradox in my Bubble

I love living in an artsy-fartsy town like Arcata where juggling unicyclists and hitchhiking hula hoopers outnumber the traffic lights. I am blissed out eating a locally made slug at Los Bagels, accompanied by Duane Flatmo's artwork in the parking lot while dreadlocks go bouncing by the window. I never would have guessed that within this little utopian bubble I call home sits an office building down at the end of 10th street where volunteers meet and confront the dirtiest secrets of our own military.

The unspeakable parts of military life are conveniently forgotten by recruiters when our bravest and brightest sit looking at the dotted line on the enlistment contract. Nevertheless, truths like rape, suicide, and Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) are real-life truths sometimes encountered by those serving who are just out of high school. Since the military rarely acknowledges these events victims are forced to find help where they can. Enter the G.I. Rights Hotline, a nation wide network of volunteers who counsel callers about their legal rights in the military.

The Arcata hotline team is made up of two veterans, a retired attorney, an HSU professor and one Conscientious Objector who each take their job very seriously, providing confidential information for free. They never advise but instead refer and share information that is completely legal and usually gets them the help they need. But that doesn't make their task any easier. One afternoon a counselor arrived for his shift fresh from the Co-Op where he was serenaded by an 18 year old ukulele player, only to pick up a voicemail from the musician's youthful counterpart who was raped on base by her own commander. Since the chain of command requires those type of complaints go through the woman's commander, the counselor had to tell the caller that reporting it through the normal channels could put her at greater risk, possibly even get her death threats.

Death threats? Raped by her commander? I learned this shocking fact because the counselor who took that young woman's call was my partner Carl. Volunteering at the hotline for over ten years, hearing these gut-wrenching tales has worn him down. The rape victim explained that she joined up to get money for college. While he relayed the story to me a picture flashed through my mind of my friend's daughter, a dance major at HSU who supplemented her education by making tie-dye and selling it at festivals. She was sweet, open and engaging which helped her sales do really well. She would be about the same age of that rape victim. A disturbing paradox was starting to grow in my little bubble.

One example was the evening I met a Plazoid on my way home and chuckled at his nearly naked body. Wearing jeans riding half-staff and a joyous shit-eating grin as he approached, I prepared myself to deny his monetary request. Instead he asked if he could sing me a song which he promptly did, and it wasn't half bad. I was still giggling over it when Carl's long face stopped me in our front doorway. "We got another suicide call this afternoon" he said

sadly "A mother of a 19 year old who was being redeployed to Iraq a third time...just two weeks out of the psych ward, with nothing more for support than some anti-depressants". The Plazoid was still fresh in my mind, with his silly grin and sillier song. Isn't that how 19 is supposed to look? I tried to imagine him wiping the grin off and signing up for the Marines because he "needed direction" in his life.

That is a story I heard frequently from my young classmates at C.R. They were tired of the lack of opportunities here in utopia, and wanted to belong to something bigger. Easy enough to understand, after the bombardment of slick commercials at the Minor Theater, which urged young people to become "Army Strong". One teenaged boy who sat next to me at C.R. confessed to the entire class that he had missed a week because he had been depressed and drinking a lot. His confession didn't surprise me, because he seemed to be a loner and often shared revealing things about his violent upbringing. His inappropriate comments always created awkwardness in the class and I felt sorry for him. The young man had signed up for Delayed Enlistment and frequently expressed eagerness for August when he would leave to start boot camp. Hearing about the young suicidal fellow getting redeployed, I wondered what had become of my troubled classmate.

In just one Saturday I saw a man walking a goat on a leash, someone offering magic cookies for a dollar each and a woman with a typewriter selling spontaneously composed poems. This unique atmosphere makes it easy to forget that things like rape, P.T.S.D. and suicide are happening within our young population who trust their government. You can come help support the work of the Arcata branch of the hotline this coming Friday by swigging locally brewed beer and noshing on locally baked breads at the 22nd annual Beer and Bread fundraiser. From 5:30 to 7:30 at the Veteran's Memorial Building, this popular 21 and over event is a fun way

to help those young people get the support they need. The Redwood Peace and Justice Center and our local chapter of Veterans For Peace puts on this shindig to help pay the rent and expenses for those hotline volunteers. How many opportunities will you have this week to help an at-risk enlisted person who is ignored by our military, without having to leave our utopian bubble?

If you know someone who is enlisted or considering enlistment and has questions about their legal rights, send them to gighthouse.org or tell them to call toll free (877) 447-4487. All calls are confidential.





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If you would like to submit an article, opinion, comment or response to anything you have read which might interest the members of VFP-56, please e-mail it to turtldncer@aol.com, in word format, or mail to Jim Sorter at 1762 Buttermilk Lane, Arcata, CA 95521. Submissions will be included on a first come basis until the newsletter is full. Late arriving submissions will be archived for future issues.

2nd Annual Peace Poetry Celebration

Who: Peace Poetry Contest entrants (high school students).

What: Reading of Peace Poems by the poet's and award presentations.

When: Friday, May 6, 2011, at 7 p.m.

Where: Unitarian Universalist's Fellowship Hall, 23 Fellowship Way, Bayside, California (a short distance along Jacoby Creek Road beyond the Bayside Grange)

This year there will be an award for "Best Presentation." Judging will be by faculty of Dell'Arte International.

Volunteers are needed to provide munchies and beverages, and coordinate and staff the refreshments table. More information on this later. If you are willing to help please contact: Carl Stancil at 616-6405 (carlstancil@gmail.com); Jon Reisdorf at 822-4595 (jonreisdorf@hotmail.com); or 'Nate' Lomba at 269.0528 (nslomba@reninet.com).

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