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## Veterans, Military Families, Peace Groups Protest New NBC Show

RootsAction.org, Just Foreign Policy, Veterans For Peace, and Military Families Speak Out have launched a campaign at <http://StarsEarnStripes.org> targeting NBC's new program, “Stars Earn Stripes,” which the network is advertising during its Olympics telecast. The show debuted on August 13th.

Veterans For Peace held its national convention in Miami, Fla., August 8-11. VFP President Leah Bolger said, “Retired General Wesley Clark should be ashamed of himself for his role in promoting this ‘reality’ show. He knows better than most that war is not a game played by contestants. In a promotion for the show, he tries to impress us with its realism ‘...live ammo, real explosions and real danger....’ How ironic that PFC Bradley Manning has been in jail for more than two years for letting the public see the real truth of war, while NBC makes a profit out of making it into entertainment.”

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Military Families Speak Out Board Member Sarah Fuhro said, “Having my son return from two REAL wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, with the cost of war carried in his body and heart, I find this deeply offensive. Having met wounded children and refugees from these and other wars, I find this disgusting. I hope NBC will reconsider this form of entertainment.”

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Military Families Speak Out Member Anna Berlinrut said, “As the mother of a Marine about to deploy to Afghanistan for his 6th mission in harm's way, I find trivializing war to be horrendous and profit making from war to be a crime.”

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Just Foreign Policy's Robert Naiman said, “It's breathtakingly bizarre that NBC is promoting a ‘reality TV series’ glamorizing war at a time when 87,000 American soldiers are fighting in a real war in Afghanistan that lost the support of the majority of Americans a long time ago. If NBC wants to show Americans what war is really like, they should take their TV cameras to a military hospital, and ask the people they meet there what they think about keeping tens of thousands of American soldiers in Afghanistan indefinitely, or what they think of the plans of some people in Washington to start a new war with Iran.”

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RootsAction's Campaign Coordinator David Swanson said, “‘Stars Earn Stripes’ is a reality show cohosted by retired U.S. General Wesley Clark, co-starring Todd Palin, and with no apparent role for reality. The ads brag about the use of real bullets, but depict war as a harmless sport. Celebrities paired up with soldiers competing at ‘long-range weapons fire’ is not a continuation of the Olympics. It's a normalization of war that erases the death and suffering.”

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StarsEarnStripes.org is asking NBC to stop treating war as a sport, and to air an in-depth segment showing the reality of civilian victims of recent U.S. wars, on any program, any time in the coming months. RootsAction has provided some resources to help NBC research and show the reality of war, at <http://StarsEarnStripes.org>





## JOHN MULLOY ESCAPES

John Mulloy, notorious VFP56 member has escaped from isolation at Granada Correctional Facility and has made it back safely to 550 Union Street in Arcata. Several of his cohorts were there to welcome him back from his ordeal and vowed to “cover his back” if authorities tried to apprehend him.

John stated that he would “go down fighting” before surrendering. Welcome home John!!



## Dear Supporters of S. Brian Willson,

We're pleased to announce that we have officially begun our Indiegogo fundraising campaign for our new feature documentary:

"PAYING THE PRICE FOR PEACE: "The Story of S. Brian Willson"

This documentary will ask the tough questions, and weigh in with some of our nation's leading anti-war activists such as Daniel Ellsberg, Ron Kovic, Father Roy Bourgeois, Col. Ann Wright, Amy Goodman, Kathy Kelly, Medea Benjamin, Martin Sheen, Alice Walker, Blase Bonpane,

Camilo Mejia, Kris Kristofferson, Bruce Gagnon, Jeff Paterson, Cindy Sheehan & others.

By the end of the film, hopefully you will be ready to join with other peace activists by asking the question, "What are we American citizens prepared to do to oppose and end these illegal, immoral and undeclared deadly wars that the administration continues to wage in our name?"

We need your help to raise our production funds and hope that you will in turn, invite your friends to support this project. We'd like to complete this film by the next election. It is among those of us who are not afraid to voice our opinion and practice non-violent disobedience against these wars, who will ultimately make the difference. What price are we willing to pay for attaining peace?

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### Assange: 'U.S. War on Whistleblowers Must End'

*By Ernest A. Canning on 8/24/2012 Guest blogged by Ernest A. Canning*

Speaking to a crowd of supporters from the balcony of Ecuador's U.K. Embassy last Sunday, WikiLeaks founder, Julian Assange, demanded that the United States end its war on whistleblowers -- a war that, Assange said, not only threatens WikiLeaks but "the freedom of expression and the health of our societies." The U.S., he said, must choose between returning to the "revolutionary values" upon which it was founded, or "lurch off the precipice, dragging us all into a dangerous and oppressive world under which journalists fall silent under fear of prosecution."

Assange credited citizen activism for the fact that Britain did not carry out its unlawful threat last week to "storm" Ecuador's Em-

bassy, stating:

If the UK did not throw away the Vienna Conventions the other night, it was because the world was watching. And the world was watching because you were watching.

So the next time somebody tells you it is pointless to defend those rights that we hold dear, remind them of your vigil in the dark before the Embassy of Ecuador. Remind them how, in the morning, the sun came up on a different world, and a courageous Latin American nation took a stand for justice.

Assange called upon the U.S. to "pledge, before the world, that it will not pursue journalists for shining a light on the secret crimes of the powerful."

"There must be no more foolish talk about prosecuting any media organization, be it WikiLeaks or be it the New York Times," he declared. "The U.S. Administration's war on whistleblowers must end."

The controversial Assange went on to call for the release of "one of the world's foremost political prisoners, Bradley Manning," noting that the former Army Intelligence Analyst had just "spent his 815th day of detention without trial. The legal maximum is 120 days."

*Manning is the U.S. Army Private alleged to have released classified material to Assange's WikiLeaks. Legendary Pentagon Papers whistleblower Daniel Ellsberg, during late 2010.*

Next VFP56 meeting will be held  
on Thursday, September 6th 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 to-  
gether can do to bring about peace  
in this complex world.



## OPINION: Vets Need Minimum Wage Hike

By Jon Soltz

U.S. Rep. Sean Duffy (R-Wis.) recently ran away from a veteran in Wausau who was trying to ask him about what he was going to do about raising the minimum wage. As a veteran, I was dismayed that a United States congressman would try to avoid someone who served our nation.

But then I began to consider the issue of the minimum wage and why a veteran like this one would be so concerned about seeing it raised.

When I volunteered to serve in the armed forces, I was motivated by a sense of pride in America's status as a land of opportunity. Too many of the soldiers I served with have come home to economic hardships unbecoming their service and our country. Vets are not immune from the downward trend toward low wages and low incomes in our economy, and many I know struggle just to meet their basic needs.

We believe, as a country, that anyone who puts in a full day's work should be able to live off his or her earnings: This is one reason we established a federal minimum wage over 70 years ago. But Tuesday marked the three-year anniversary of the last time the federal minimum wage was increased. Over the past three years, the minimum wage has been stuck at \$7.25 per hour - just over \$15,000 per year for full-time work - even as the cost of basic expenses such as food and gasoline has continued to rise.

We cannot sit by while the paychecks of America's lowest-paid workers continue to get squeezed by rising prices. Raising the minimum wage is a modest step that we could take right now to ensure that real opportunity is available for all who work for it.

When you consider that the highest unemployment rate among veterans is in the youngest age bracket (18 to 24), minimum-wage jobs are often what these young returning troops rely on, while they gain the skills and education necessary to build another career.

Recently, some members of Congress have begun to recognize all of this. Earlier this year, Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) introduced a bill called the Rebuild America Act, which would raise the minimum wage to \$9.80 by 2014, increase the tipped minimum wage to 70% of the full minimum wage and index both to automatically increase with the rising cost of living. Rep. George Miller (D-Calif.) has announced plans to introduce a similar bill in the House.

If this bill were passed, over 28 million low-wage workers in the U.S. would see their paychecks rise by over \$5,000 per year. The workers who would benefit from this bill are people many of us

meet every day - checkout clerks, restaurant servers and homecare workers - almost 90% of whom are adults over age 20.

While raising the minimum wage would provide much-needed support to these workers, it also would help support the economy as a whole by boosting consumer spending and giving businesses the customer base that they need in order to start hiring again. If we acted now to increase the minimum wage, we could prop up our frustratingly sluggish economic recovery by generating more than \$25 billion in gross domestic product and creating the equivalent of over 100,000 jobs.

If we don't increase the minimum wage, we have little reason to expect the economy will provide the same boost on its own. Low-wage jobs, primarily in the service sector, already have accounted for a majority of all job growth in the wake of the recession. Meanwhile, the largest employers of low-wage workers - retail giants such as Walmart and fast-food chains such as McDonald's - are actually earning stronger profits today than they were before the recession, even as they continue to pay their employees the minimum wage.

The promise of opportunity in America is threatened today by a job market that does not allow many to work their way out of poverty. As a veteran, I have seen men and women in uniform make incredible sacrifices to protect this promise of opportunity.

It's time for Congress to do its part by raising the minimum wage and stop running away from the issue in more ways than one.

*Jon Soltz is an Iraq War veteran and chairman of VoteVets.org, a veterans group with over 220,000 supporters.*

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## ***It's the Guns – But We All Know, It's Not Really the Guns***

By Michael Moore

Since Cain went nuts and whacked Abel, there have always been those humans who, for one reason or another, go temporarily or permanently insane and commit unspeakable acts of violence. There was the Roman Emperor Tiberius, who during the first century A.D. enjoyed throwing victims off a cliff on the Mediterranean island of Capri. Gilles de Rais, a French knight and ally of Joan of Arc during the middle ages, went cuckoo-for-Cocoa Puffs one day and ended up murdering hundreds of children. Just a few decades later Vlad the Impaler, the inspiration for Dracula, was killing people in Transylvania in numberless horrifying ways.

In modern times, nearly every nation has had a psychopath or two commit a mass murder, regardless of how strict their gun laws are – the crazed white supremacist in Norway one year ago Sunday, the schoolyard butcher in Dunblane, Scotland, the École Polytechnique killer in Montreal, the mass murderer in Erfurt,

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Germany ... the list seems endless.

And now the Aurora shooter last Friday. There have always been insane people, and there always will be.

But here's the difference between the rest of the world and us: We have TWO Auroras that take place every single day of every single year! At least 24 Americans every day (8-9,000 a year) are killed by people with guns – and that doesn't count the ones accidentally killed by guns or who commit suicide with a gun. Count them and you can triple that number to over 25,000.

That means the United States is responsible for over 80% of all the gun deaths in the 23 richest countries combined. Considering that the people of those countries, as human beings, are no better or worse than any of us, well, then, why us?

Both conservatives and liberals in America operate with firmly held beliefs as to “the why” of this problem. And the reason neither can find their way out of the box toward a real solution is because, in fact, they're both half right.

The right believes that the Founding Fathers, through some sort of divine decree, have guaranteed them the absolute right to own as many guns as they desire. And they will ceaselessly remind you that a gun cannot fire itself – that “Guns don't kill people, people kill people.”

Of course, they know they're being intellectually dishonest (if I can use that word) when they say that about the Second Amendment because they know the men who wrote the constitution just wanted to make sure a militia could be quickly called up from amongst the farmers and merchants should the Brits decide to return and wreak some havoc.

But they are half right when they say “Guns don't kill people.” I would just alter that slogan slightly to speak the real truth: “Guns don't kill people, Americans kill people.”

Because we're the only ones in the first world who do this en masse. And you'll hear all stripes of Americans come up with a host of reasons so that they don't have to deal with what's really behind all this murder and mayhem.

They'll say it's the violent movies and video games that are responsible. Last time I checked, the movies and video games in Japan are more violent than ours – and yet usually fewer than 20 people a year are killed there with guns – and in 2006 the number was two!

***Others will say it's the number of broken homes that lead to all this killing. I hate to break this to you, but there are almost as many single-parent homes in the U.K. as there are here – and yet, in Great Britain, there are usually fewer than 40 gun murders a year.***

People like me will say this is all the result of the U.S. having a

history and a culture of men with guns, “cowboys and Indians,” “shoot first and ask questions later.” And while it is true that the mass genocide of the Native Americans set a pretty ugly model to found a country on, I think it's safe to say we're not the only ones with a violent past or a penchant for genocide. Hello, Germany! That's right I'm talking about you and your history, from the Huns to the Nazis, just loving a good slaughter (as did the Japanese, and the British who ruled the world for hundreds of years – and they didn't achieve that through planting daisies). And yet in Germany, a nation of 80 million people, there are only around 200 gun murders a year.

So those countries (and many others) are just like us – except for the fact that more people here believe in God and go to church than any other Western nation.

My liberal compatriots will tell you if we just had less guns, there would be less gun deaths. And, mathematically, that would be true. If you have less arsenic in the water supply, it will kill less people. Less of anything bad – calories, smoking, reality TV – will kill far fewer people. And if we had strong gun laws that prohibited automatic and semi-automatic weapons and banned the sale of large magazines that can hold a gazillion bullets, well, then shooters like the man in Aurora would not be able to shoot so many people in just a few minutes.

But this, too, has a problem. There are plenty of guns in Canada (mostly hunting rifles) – and yet the annual gun murder count in Canada is around 200 deaths. In fact, because of its proximity, Canada's culture is very similar to ours – the kids play the same violent video games, watch the same movies and TV shows, and yet they don't grow up wanting to kill each other. Switzerland has the third-highest number of guns per capita on earth, but still a low murder rate.

So – why us?

I posed this question a decade ago in my film ‘Bowling for Columbine,’ and this week, I have had little to say because I feel I said what I had to say ten years ago – and it doesn't seem to have done a whole lot of good other than to now look like it was actually a crystal ball posing as a movie.

This is what I said then, and it is what I will say again today:

1. We Americans are incredibly good killers. We believe in killing as a way of accomplishing our goals. Three-quarters of our states execute criminals, even though the states with the lower murder rates are generally the states with no death penalty.

Our killing is not just historical (the slaughter of Indians and slaves and each other in a “civil” war). It is our current way of

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resolving whatever it is we're afraid of. It's invasion as foreign policy. Sure there's Iraq and Afghanistan – but we've been invaders since we "conquered the wild west" and now we're hooked so bad we don't even know where to invade (bin Laden wasn't hiding in Afghanistan, he was in Pakistan) or what to invade for (Saddam had zero weapons of mass destruction and nothing to do with 9/11). We send our lower classes off to do the killing, and the rest of us who don't have a loved one over there don't spend a single minute of any given day thinking about the carnage. And now we send in remote pilotless planes to kill, planes that are being controlled by faceless men in a lush, air conditioned studio in suburban Las Vegas. It is madness.

2. We are an easily frightened people and it is easy to manipulate us with fear. What are we so afraid of that we need to have 300 million guns in our homes? Who do we think is going to hurt us? Why are most of these guns in white suburban and rural homes? Maybe we should fix our race problem and our poverty problem (again, #1 in the industrialized world) and then maybe there would be fewer frustrated, frightened, angry people reaching for the gun in the drawer. Maybe we would take better care of each other (here's a good example of what I mean).

Those are my thoughts about Aurora and the violent country I am a citizen of. Like I said, I spelled it all out here if you'd like to watch it or share it for free with others. All we're lacking here, my friends, is the courage and the resolve. I'm in if you are.

Michael Moore

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## Suicides, Mental Health Woes Soar Since Start of Iraq War, Study Finds Army Suicide Rate Soars By Carrie Gann

Since the start of the Iraq War in 2003, the rate of Suicide among U.S. Army soldiers has soared, according to a new study from the U.S. Army Public Health Command.

The study, an analysis of data from the Army Behavioral Health Integrated Data Environment, shows a striking 80 percent increase in suicides among Army personnel between 2004 and 2008. The rise parallels increasing rates of depression, anxiety and other mental health conditions in soldiers, the study said.

The high number of suicides are "unprecedented in over 30 years of U.S. Army records," according to the authors of the study, which was published Wednesday in the journal *Injury Prevention*. Based on the data and the timing of the increase in suicide rates, the authors

calculated that about 40 percent of the Army's suicides in 2008 could be associated with the U.S. military escalation in Iraq.

"This study does not show that U.S. military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan cause suicide," said Dr. Michelle Chervak, one of the study's authors, a senior epidemiologist at the U.S. Army Public Health Command. "This study does suggest that an Army engaged in prolonged combat operations is a population under stress, and that mental health conditions and suicide can be expected to increase under these circumstances."

From 1977 to 2003, suicide rates in the Army closely matched the rates of suicide in the civilian population, and were even on a downward trend. But after 2004, the rates began to climb fast, outpacing the rates in civilians by 2008.

In 2007 and 2008 alone, 255 active duty soldiers committed suicide. The vast majority of the suicides since 2004 were by men; and 69 percent had seen active combat duty. Nearly half were between ages 18 and 24. And 54 percent of those who committed suicide were from among the lower ranks of enlisted personnel.

The study found that suicide rates were higher among soldiers who had been diagnosed with a mental illness in the year before their death.

Soldiers who had been diagnosed with major depression were more than 11 times as likely to commit suicide, and suicide was 10 times more likely among those with anxiety. More than 25 percent of the soldiers who took their lives had been diagnosed with adjustment disorder, a term for the immediate emotional fallout from proximity to stressful events.

The association between mental health woes and the risk of suicide is well known to mental health professionals, but Chervak said the purpose of the study was to validate mental health diagnoses as a major risk factor for the increasing number of suicides in the Army.

Studies have shown rising rates of mental illness among U.S. military service members in recent years. Dr. Amir Afkhami, a professor of psychiatry and global health at George Washington University, said it's uncertain whether or not there are truly more cases of mental illness among troops or if the military is simply more attuned to recognizing and reporting these issues.

"But the higher number of suicides is a rock-solid indicator that we do have a problem," he said. "There's no question about it."

Each branch of the military has suicide prevention programs in place. But the study's authors say there is a great need for more research and ongoing evaluation of these programs. Chervak said the current study provides a starting place for the Army to rethink

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its current approach to helping soldiers in need.

“By establishing that soldiers who are diagnosed with a mental health disorder are at greater risk of suicide, we then have a place to target prevention strategies,” Chervak said.

Afkhami said reaching soldiers who are at risk of suicide means thinking creatively about how to get help to the soldiers who need it, including those returning from combat who bear emotional and psychological scars and have trouble readjusting to civilian life.

“While it’s important to be focused on what’s going on now, especially with the drawdown of troops, we really have to think about next steps, and what do we do for our troops once they return back home,” he said.

The military said Friday that there had been 154 suicides among active-duty troops through Thursday, a rate of nearly one each day this year. The figures were first reported this week by The Associated Press.

That number represents an 18 percent increase over the 130 active-duty military suicides for the same period in 2011. There were 123 suicides from January to early June in 2010, and 133 during that period in 2009, the Pentagon said.

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## US Military Deaths in Afghanistan at 1,968

*By The Associated Press*

As of Tuesday, August 21, 2012, at least 1,968 members of the U.S. military had died in Afghanistan as a result of the U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan in late 2001, according to an Associated Press count.

At least 1,638 military service members have died in Afghanistan as a result of hostile action, according to the military’s numbers.

Outside of Afghanistan, the department reports at least 116 more members of the U.S. military died in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Of those, 12 were the result of hostile action.

The AP count of total OEF casualties outside of Afghanistan is the same as the department’s tally.

The Defense Department also counts three military civilian deaths.

Since the start of U.S. military operations in Afghanistan, 17,288 U.S. service members have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defense Department.

--Sgt. 1st Class Coater B. Debose, 55, of State Line, Miss., died Aug. 19 in Kandahar province, Afghanistan; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 351st Infantry Regiment, 158th Infantry Brigade, 1st Army Division East, Camp Shelby, Miss.

--Two service members died Aug. 17 while supporting combat operations in Farah province, Afghanistan; they were assigned to 3rd Marine Special Operations Battalion, Camp Lejeune, N.C.; killed were: Staff Sgt. Gregory T. Copes, 36, of Lynch Station, Va., and Hospital Corpsman Petty Officer 1st Class Darrel L. Enos, 36, of Colorado Springs, Colo.

--Spc. James A. Justice, 21, of Grover, N.C., died Aug. 17 at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany from injuries suffered on Aug. 14 from enemy small-arms fire in Wardak province, Afghanistan; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, Caserma Ederle in Vicenza, Italy.

--Seven service members died Aug. 16 in a helicopter crash northeast of Kandahar, Afghanistan; killed were: Chief Warrant Officer Brian D. Hornsby, 37, of Melbourne, Fla., assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Chief Warrant Officer Suresh N. A. Krause, 29, of Cathedral City, Calif., assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Explosive Ordnance Disposal Petty Officer Technician 1st Class Sean P. Carson, 32, of Des Moines, Wash., assigned to an explosive ordnance disposal mobile unit in San Diego; Special Warfare Operator Petty Officer 1st Class Patrick D. Feeks, 28, of Edgewater, Md., assigned to a West Coast-based naval special warfare unit; Sgt. Richard A. Essex, 23, of Kelseyville, Calif., assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Sgt. Luis A. Oliver Galbreath, 41, of San Juan, Puerto Rico, assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment, 25th Combat Aviation Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and Special Warfare Operator Petty Officer 2nd Class David J. Warsen, 27, of Kentwood, Mich., assigned to a West Coast-based naval Special warfare unit.

--Pfc. Michael R. Demarsico II, 20, of North Adams, Mass., died Aug. 16 in Panjwa'l, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when he encountered an enemy improvised device; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.

--Staff Sgt. Eric S. Holman, 39, of Evans City, Pa., died Aug. 15, in Ghazni province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when he encountered an enemy improvised explosive device; assigned to 192nd Ordnance Battalion, 52nd Ordnance Group, 20th Support Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.

-- Pfc. Andrew J. Keller, 22, of Tigard, Ore., died Aug. 15, in Charkh, Afghanistan when enemy forces attacked his unit with small arms fire; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, Caserma Ederle, Vicenza, Italy.





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# LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

## CAN YOU HELP THE GOLDEN RULE RESTORATION PROJECT ?

### VISITING BOATBUILDER SEEKING TEMPORARY HOUSING

A.J. Skip Oliver, VFP 39 Cleveland Chapter and wife Mary Jane hope to find housing during their Sept 22, 2012 to late March 2013 stay in Humboldt while they help restore the Golden Rule.

They donated \$10k for GR's new engine installed last month and just completed a very successful GR fundraiser on lake Erie. Skip is a sailing instructor, former Commodore of the Sandusky Sailing Club, and a retired professor from Heidelberg U in Ohio. They raised >\$800 in that fundraiser that included sailboat rides.

While here, Skips plan is to help plumb and wire the ketch and contribute wherever he can. He said, "I'm a neatnik who leaves the places I live better than I find them. I can and will do basic repair and maintenance, and will help with rent - as well as cooking & cleaning".

They seek a small apt or mother-in-law, or share a house and kitchen, and a room with 2 beds, if possible.

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