

**QUOTE:** “I’m not particularly interested in figures, but in Washington there is a memorial to the U.S. Deaths in the Vietnam War and it is 150 yards long. If the same memorial was built for the Vietnamese that were killed it would be **nine miles** long.”

~ Philip Jones Griffiths, Vietnam War photojournalist

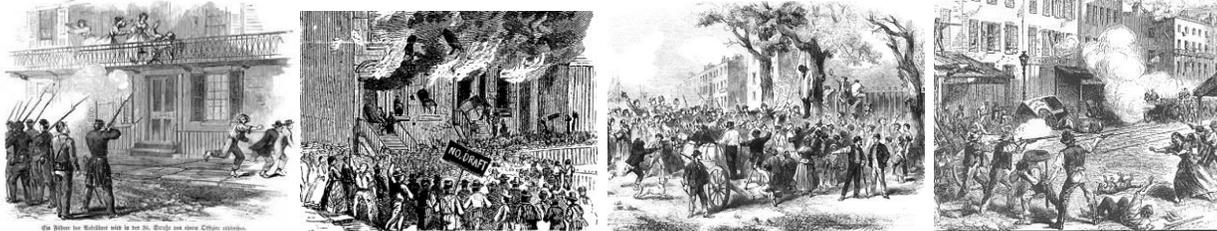
“When a well-packaged web of lies has been sold gradually to the masses over generations, the truth will seem utterly preposterous and its speaker a raving lunatic.” ~ Dresden James

### July 13th, 1863 NYC Draft Riots ~ “Draft Week”:

<http://www.press.uchicago.edu/Misc/Chicago/317749.html>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New\\_York\\_City\\_Draft\\_Riots](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_City_Draft_Riots)

<http://www.infoplease.com/encyclopedia/history/draft-riots.html>



## GENERAL Meeting Agenda

### Chapter 27 ~ July 13th, 2014 ~ 5:30pm

**Attending:** Chante Wolf, Dave Logsdon, Wayne Wittman, Dick Foley, Bruce Berry, Larry Johnson, Mary McNellis, Steve Gates, Ted John, Ryan Larson, James Brown, Barry Riesch, John Sherman, Craig Wood, Jon Schmed, Vern Hall, Ray DeVogel, Tim Longfellow.

**Call to Order and Statement of Purpose** - Read by: Ted John, USMC, Persian Gulf War.

**A Moment of Reflective Silence.**

**Check-in:** Short introduction, check-in - with comments of what is on our minds.

**Member Health Report:** Jim Steinhagen doing well, went to PeaceStock. Andy Berman still working on his cancer. Charlie Bloss having difficulties with his eye. Pat Downey & Jeanie at PeaceStock, as well as Steve McKeown still healing from his heart surgery. Doris Marquit died, May 29th, 2014, Erwin's

wife. She will be remembered Aug. 6th at the Hiroshima event when VFP rings the bells, for her lifetime involvement with WILPF.

### REPORTS:

**Secretary-Last Months Minutes:** Moved to accept - Second - Passed.

**Treasurer:** Moved to accept - second - passed.

**Fundraising:** Doing great with this. June was an excellent month for donations and raffle sales at our tabling events. Dave would like to have a committee to utilize better ways to use the money we have been receiving. Wayne suggested a Budget committee. Bruce believes that it is a good sign that our visibility is lifting and people are supporting that. John Sherman reminded us that the canoe is not going out for a while and that will cause a drop in income as well as visibility. Barry reminded everyone that the National Convention is coming up and he will be using money to buy products for sale. Dave mentioned about the letters going out to the churches is going out and that may increase as well. THANKS to everyone for the help with tabling, stuffing envelopes and other things. June 30th, 18th Annual Peace Day Event ~ Mary McNellis, Steve Gates were with others to represent VFP and felt it was a complete success, with one raffle ticket sold.

**Education Project:** Larry, talked about Duluth chapter being banned from their Memorial Day Parade and he donated money with a copy of the newsletter circled the article with the article that talked about Memorial Day President Coolidge speech at Arlington. West Point graduate, Capt. Paul Chappell will speak Monday, November 17th at 7pm, at the Landmark Center. It will be MAP's annual gathering. They will also kick off "Peace Essay" contest for local high school/colleges. VFP and others will begin tabling at 6pm. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ~ WE SHOULD FILL THE HOUSE! Landmark may also introduce peace writing/drawing effort for local elementary schools. Evening in conjunction with "Peace of My Mind" photo exhibit at Landmark November 14th through December. Wayne Wittman made a

**Motion:** "to endorse and promote Paul Chappell speaking at the Landmark Center on Nov. 17th." Second. Passed. Plymouth Church has made Capt. Chappell's "Art of Waging Peace" the "everyone reads" book for 2015. He will speak there Sunday before Landmark, in the morning congregation. Looking for places to get him: Friday night/Saturday workshop and speaking in college classes November 14th and 15th. Red Wing? Lanesboro? St. Olaf? Macalester? Any suggestions or help is welcome. Leading up to November 11th, Landmark is sponsoring a trial reenactment {as they do each year}, the first weekend in October. This year is about a MN woman persecuted for protesting WWI. Larry told the director Chapter 27 would promote it. Details coming forthwith. Larry got a meeting with Dave Thune's office concerning interest in getting added to Kellogg street signs, "Nobel Peace Prize". Looking for help with this. Next Education Meeting: July 31st, 2pm at the office. Questions, contact: 612-747-3904.

**Membership:** Barry reminded people about number 1 priority. Conducting a workshop at the National Convention. Even though we had three new people who attended the meeting, one who joined, the priority is to get membership.

**Art Projects:** MUST SEE TRAILER: <http://www.beyondthedividefilm.com/> Jen Selby documentarian, "Beyond the Divide", about the Vietnam war and the peace movement and the split of Americans around the issues. She is hoping to have the film shown during the month of November. Larry reported that National accepted the film to be shown at the Convention and that there is a possibility of getting it here, just may not work on Nov. 11th. Movie night, due to the lack of audience and the challenge of getting them picked/shown, it is postponed right now. Craig talked about finishing his bell and others to work on another one, Gita will open her studio up at the end of August.

**MAP:** Next meeting is Aug.12th, 11:30-1:30 at Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls., 55403, the Jackman room.

**SOA:** 30 seats for students which cover various colleges and remainder for VFP {13 for other}. November 21st~24th. Leave at Plymouth Congregational Church at 8am, then St. Catherine's at Randolph and Cleveland to pick up students and others. More information contact, Wayne Wittman.

**AWC & WAMM:** Not present to report.

**Direct Action:** Obama motorcade, just two VFP showed, but it was just a missed opportunity. Discussion followed.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**PeaceStock:** Mary McNellis read the email from Thomas R. Smith, poet who spoke at PeaceStock. Barry talked about who he liked, the Irish band was his favorite. Overall comments were about the total success of the event, entertainers, speakers and location.

**National Convention:** Wayne has scheduled a debrief meeting for Friday night, at MayDay Books, August 1st, 7pm. Barry needs to get product down, and talk was about getting a larger van with the chapter chipping into the cost. Wayne Wittman made a **Motion:** "That the National Veterans For Peace urge the continuing of the publication, The War Crimes Times." Second. Passed. Mary McNellis made a **Motion:** "for \$250 go towards van rental for taking products to the National Convention." Second. Passed.

**Harold Neilsen Report:** Dave will sit down with the people involved with the People's Village in Vietnam to see if they could use the money to build a peace building there. One of many ideas and by August there will be another sit down meeting to discuss the plan of implementation. Bruce talked about the possibility of getting a group of local VFP to go to Vietnam to help with the construction of the building. More to be discussed.

**Hiroshima/Nagasaki:** SEE BELOW

**Kellogg/Briand:** Aug. 27th, 1928 the act was signed into law. Kellogg was the only MN to get the Nobel Peace Prize, which is still on the books. Last year, Kellogg/Briand Act made a state event. The Wed. Vigils are now dedicated for the day. New event is in the planning stage and hopefully Larry will have something to hand out at the Hiroshima/Nagasaki event.

**PA System:** Barry Riesch made a **Motion:** "propose chapter purchase Roland BA-330, plus cords/microphone to make it completely functional that Tim Hansen recommended". Second. Tim did all the research based on his experience with them and his musical background. Portable PA system, battery or power = \$599. With a 15% discount but needs cords and microphone. Tim and Barry committed \$100 each towards the purchase. Second. Passed.

**Resignation of Secretary:** Chante Wolf resigned as Secretary as of 11 July, 2014. This is the last time of her taking notes. Discussion ensued concerning a search for secretary and other commentary. A huge 'Thank You' was given by all. {Thank you back. I am not leaving, just taking a much needed break}.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

**Minutes respectfully submitted, Chante Wolf.** [chantewolf7@gmail.com](mailto:chantewolf7@gmail.com) (Any corrections, please bring to next meeting and they will be addressed in the minutes).

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## **The Wall at the Wall**

Whenever the truth threatens one's belief system,  
There is a powerful instinct to deny its reality.  
That is why historical facts and evidence are burned  
At the stake.  
That is why the message and  
The messenger are assassinated.  
And... That is why history always repeats itself.

**~ Mike Hastie ~ Army Medic Vietnam, March 10, 2014**

## **President Calvin Coolidge Speech**

**<http://coolidgefoundation.org/resources/speeches-as-president-1923-1929-20/>**

“As is well known, we are also engaged in conversations with different powers for putting peace on a new basis and making it still more permanent. In June, 1927, M. Briand, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, made an historic proposal to this government. He suggested that France and the United States sign a treaty condemning recourse to war and renouncing it as an instrument of national policy in their mutual relations. During the 11 months that have since elapsed, this suggestion has been developed into one of the most impressive peace movements that the world has ever seen. The United States has accepted the principle underlying M. Briand's suggestion and has advocated its extension so as to include within the scope of the proposed treaty not only France and the United States, but also Great Britain, Germany, Italy, and Japan, and any other nations of the world that might care to join with these six powers in a common renunciation of war.

“In order to facilitate discussion and to demonstrate that a treaty such as that desired by the United States could be short, simple, and straightforward, Mr. Kellogg, Secretary of State submitted on April 13, 1928, for the consideration of the other interested powers, a preliminary draft of a treaty representing in a general way the form of treaty which he suggested we were prepared to conclude. This draft treaty has met with very favorable reception. Not only has the idea of a multilateral treaty for the renunciation of war been endorsed by public opinion here and abroad but the governments themselves have approached the matter with an interest and a sympathy which is most encouraging.

“We have gathered to pay tribute to our soldier dead. This day is consecrated to their memory. It seems to me that the greatest honor that we can do to those who have died on the field of battle that this Republic might live is soberly to pledge ourselves to bend our every effort to prevent any recurrence of war. The government of the people, by the people, for the people, which Lincoln described in his immortal address, is a government of peace, not of war, and our dead will not have died in vain if, inspired by their sacrifice, we endeavor by every means within our power to prevent the shedding of human blood in the attempted settlement of international controversies. It is my earnest hope that

success may crown the negotiations now in progress, and that the ideals which have inspired the French Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Secretary of State of the United States in their joint efforts to find a solution of the problem of peace may find a practical realization in the early making of a multilateral treaty limiting future resort to war.”

*United State Government Printing Office 1928*

### VFP - TREASURER'S REPORT 6/8/14 to 7/11/14

<b>OPENING BALANCE</b> - Checking, Savings & Petty cash accounts	<b>\$10,796.98</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>	
Shell oil - gas purchase - J Sherman	\$25.00
FedEx - office supplies, paper	\$5.38
Barry Riesch - reimbursement , Memorial day event	\$293.00
Sara Udvig - community peace celebration - tabling fee	\$50.00
EMC Insurance Company - umbrella payment, six months	\$588.46
Wayne Wittman - printing/postage, member letter, June.	\$202.81
NCLP - rent, July	\$625.00
Sharon Haller - literature mailing, postage	\$10.00
The War Crimes Times - 3 bundles - literature - not for sale	\$75.00
Century Link - phone and internet	\$109.36
Wallace/Carlson Printing - newsletter, 905, XVIII #2	\$930.00
Wallace/Carlson Printing - newsletter, postage	\$117.94
MAP - Minnesota alliance of peacemakers - dues 2014	\$50.00
Shell oil - gas purchase - J Sherman	\$25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,106.95</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Raffle tickets - 2014	\$876.83
Raffle tickets - 2014, Pride	\$1,135.00
Donations	\$1,121.00
Donations - From Erwin Marquit for wife Doris	\$1,000.00
Product sale	\$45.00
SOA - Reservations- 2014	\$260.00
Peacestock tickets - 2014	\$470.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,907.83</b>
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b> - Checking, Savings & Petty cash accounts	<b>\$12,597.86</b>

## Hiroshima Nagasaki Time of Remembrance 2014

**Action URL:** <http://mapm.pjep.org/actions/Hiroshima-Nagasaki-Time-of-Remembrance-2014>

**Action Mini URL:** <http://pjep.org/03642>

**Date:** 2014-08-05 - 2014-08-08

**Organization:** [Minnesota Alliance of Peacemakers]

**More Info:** <http://www.stpaulnagasaki.org>

**Description: Tuesday, August 5**, at 6 p.m. Commemorative Tea Ceremony at **Lyndale Park Peace Garden** preceded by music by Greg Herriges. This event takes place at the same time people in Japan are observing the anniversary.

**Wednesday, August 6**, at 7:30 a.m. Ceremony of the Cranes at **Lyndale Park Peace Garden**. Walk across the Peace Garden bridge and up to the Spirit of Peace where the main program will take place. Greetings from Japan by Kaho Yamashita, speech by Kristen Mastel, Kawase fellow 2013 who attended the commemoration event in Hiroshima last year, moment of silence at 8:15 (when the bomb dropped), followed by the story of Sadako and the 1000 cranes told by Renee Weeks-Wynne and Elaine Wynne. Special remembrance of Hiroyuki Kawase, Peace Garden supporter from Nagasaki, who passed away this spring.

**Same day, same place at 9 a.m.** Veterans for Peace will lead the **Ceremony of 11 Bells**, ringing handmade bells 11 times. Music by Joan Johnson, Tony Wentersdorf, and Gerald Ganaam. World War I and the Kellogg-Briand Pact. Special remembrance of Doris Marquit, WILPF leader for many years.

**Friday, August 8**, at 7:00 p.m. at the **Global Harmony Labyrinth in Como Park in Saint Paul**, Nagasaki Commemoration. Music by MUMIN Japanese Women's Chorus, greetings by Kaho Yamashita and Kristen Mastel will speak about her experience in Nagasaki last August 9. Walking the labyrinth.

Each event is a little different (or a lot different), but all are based on our theme: **Reflection on the Past. Action in the Present. Hope for the Future.**

[Downloadable FLYER for details and scheduled events.](#)

**Lyndale Park Peace (Rock) Garden:**

4124 Roseway Road  
Minneapolis, MN 55409

**Global Harmony Labyrinth in Como Park, St. Paul:**

Take Lexington Parkway to Nason Place.

Go West on Nason Place toward the Conservatory. (See the bottom map on this page).

Take the first right into the Butterfly Lot.

Park toward the far East end if possible. Walk across the cul-de-sac, and follow the path to the Labyrinth.

**[Download a printer-friendly PDF with these maps and directions.](#)**

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