

NO MORE BOMBS

SUMMER 2022 ANNIVERSARIES

COMMEMORATING HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI BOMBINGS TWO EVENTS



The United States dropped atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6 and 9, 1945, respectively. The two bombings immediately killed 120,000 people; many more died later from the radiation exposure. They remain the only use of nuclear weapons for warfare in history.



ANNUAL PEACE CEREMONY RETURNS TO GREEN LAKE

On Friday, August 6, candle-lit lanterns will again float across Green Lake at [From Hiroshima to Hope](#), Seattle's annual peace event honoring the victims of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and all victims of war and violence. This August marks the 77th anniversary of the atomic bombings and the 79th anniversary of Executive Order 9066, which led to the incarceration of all Japanese Americans living on the U.S. West Coast.

Hiroshima to Hope has been held every year since 1984, with the exception of 2020 during the pandemic when this ½ hour film was produced instead: [75 Years & Counting: From Hiroshima to Hope](#). Worth the watch.

www.facebook.com/FromHiroshimaToHope

HIROSHIMA, NAGASAKI WEEKEND OF REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION

from Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action, Pouslbo:

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting our annual Hiroshima, Nagasaki Weekend of Remembrance and Action Sunday, August 7th through Monday, August 8th. There will be a vigil and nonviolent direct action on the morning of August 8th. We will provide more details on this event as plans come together. Please save the dates and join us.

Learn more [HERE](#).



FLASH MOB BLOCKED NAVY BASE ENTRANCE

Watch this fun 2019 video of a Flash Mob dance blocking the entrance to the Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, put on by the Ground Zero Center located next to the Navy base: youtu.be/kviy0BrfEhg.

STILL BLESSING THE BOMBS: AN UNHOLY TRINITY

...on the 77th anniversary of the Trinity Test

Trinity, understood by most of Christianity as the union of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in one God, was co-opted on July 16, 1945 when the United States government exploded the first nuclear weapon over the desert sands of New Mexico in what scientists called the Trinity test. Thus (officially) began the atomic age, and this unholy Trinity was its ungodly offspring.

It was 5:29 AM at the Alamogordo Test Range, on the Jornada del Muerto (Journey of Death) desert, in the test named Trinity, in which the experimental device known as the "Gadget" was detonated, creating a light "brighter than a thousand suns."

Father George Zabelka, a Catholic chaplain with the U.S. Air Force, served as the priest for the airmen who dropped the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and gave them his blessing. Over the subsequent years, Father Zabelka came to a clear understanding of what he had done and how wrong he had been. *"As an Air Force chaplain I painted a machine gun in the loving hands of the nonviolent Jesus, and then handed this perverse picture to the world as truth."*

“Each one of us becomes responsible for the crime of war by cooperating in its preparation and in its execution. There’s no question about that. We’ve got to realize we all become responsible. Silence, doing nothing, can be one of the greatest sins.”

You can read Father Zabelka’s speech titled “Blessing the Bombs” given 40 years after the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki [HERE](#). – Leonard Eiger, Ground Zero Communications Coordinator

“Another anniversary: July 16, 1945, the world without nuclear weapons ended. An era we are all hoping to bring back.” – Tracy Powell, founder No More Bombs

NO MILITARY TRAINING IN PUBLIC PARKS



On April 1st, 2022, Thurston County Superior Court Judge, James Dixon ruled to reverse the four-to-three decision made by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission to permit military warfare training in 28 coastal Washington State Parks. He then issued an official order and 30-day appeal period.

The 30-day appeal period ended June 13th with no appeal filed! That means there will be no permits issued to allow covert military warfare training in Washington State Parks. The lawsuit was filed by Whidbey Environmental Action Network (WEAN), a small, frugal, and effective nonprofit governed by passionate environmental activists. Attorneys with Bricklin and Newman in Seattle represented the case and won!

Visit <https://notinourparks.org/>.

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