

## CLIMATE AND MILITARISM.

Our Seattle, Tacoma, and Olympia Fellowship of Reconciliation chapters just hosted a wonderful presentation by Veterans for Peace (VfP) members Jim Janko and Gary Butterfield, on Climate and Militarism. Zoom made it possible for these presenters based in Albuquerque and San Diego to speak and show us slides, as part of the VfP Climate Crisis and Militarism Project (See <https://www.veteransforpeace.org/take-action/climatecrisis> .)



They spoke about a number of aspects on the topic including

- Emissions by the US military contributing to carbon in the environment, as well as toxic residues of many kinds
- Diversion of funds from human needs
- Environmental justice –harm is to many vulnerable people in our country and around the world
- Working with allies for a peaceful, liveable world

Gary and Jim both talked about some of their local concerns. For example, Gary talked about opposing Blue Angels Airshows in San Diego, and Jim talked about New Mexico's many links to nuclear weapons. We in the Western Washington area can certainly relate!

RESOURCES mentioned include

VIDEO of a prior presentation: How US Militarism Worsens the Climate Crisis:

<https://youtu.be/mZTdhJ3F8BU>

BOOK RECOMMENDATION "The Pentagon, climate change, and war : charting the rise and fall of U.S. military emissions: by Neta Crawford, see <https://worldcat.org/title/1291873903>

SHORT VERSION SLIDESHOW

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/15ktdULGH9ji47mqcc3K7OBWIXUezAWq\\_PtuR\\_YNQUC/edit#slide=id.p](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/15ktdULGH9ji47mqcc3K7OBWIXUezAWq_PtuR_YNQUC/edit#slide=id.p)

INVITATION FOR MORE PRESENTATIONS. VfP is happy to present to organizations, congregations, etc. See <https://www.veteransforpeace.org/take-action/climatecrisis/ccmp-presentation>

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