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"...they shall beat their swords into plowshares..."

PEP joins other St. Louis groups to speak out against US drone program



St. Louis activists marched down Tucker from Soldier's Memorial to speak out against drones. The march ended at Busch Stadium, where leaflets were handed out to inform others.

This past Saturday, the St. Louis community met at Soldier's Memorial to

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Join us for Wine, Not War!

We'll be headed back to the Wine Press in May. Join us for an evening of food, drink, and great company. Owner, Greg Stevens will donate 25% of the evening's proceeds to PEP. So stop by any time after 5 p.m.

Wine Not War
Friday, May 3rd
5:00 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Salt of the Earth - 8 p.m.



rally against the use of drones abroad and at home. The event, "US Drones Out of Africa and Everywhere!" was held in conjunction with a national rally and march against drones in Washington DC. It also was part of the April Days of Action happening around the world to bring awareness to the US drone program.

The rally and march included an eight foot model of a Predator drone, which was built by the father of a US serviceman killed in a drone strike. The model was used again the following Sunday at a similar action at Whiteman Air Force Base.

Drones have been used by our country to devastating effect overseas, with new reports indicating that as few as 2 percent of those killed in strikes having been high-profile al-Qaeda leaders. They also are proving a drain on resources. As budgets are being cut to reduce the deficit, in 2012 we allocated \$3.9 billion in taxpayer dollars for drones by the Pentagon alone.

[Click here to read more about concerns with the drone program.](#)

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US must support strong Arms Trade Treaty



by Dr. Abbe Sudvarg, Board chair

The conflicts in Syria, Mali, the Congo, Ivory Coast and elsewhere underscore the importance of a strong international treaty that will reduce the sale of conventional weapons to governments that use them to terrorize their own citizens.

A strong international treaty to regulate the \$70 billion global

America in Africa and the Militarization of Peace

Lentz Peace Research Association will be holding their annual meeting and Lentz Fellow Talk on Sunday, April 21st at 2 p.m. It will feature Dr. Charlotte Walker-Said, speaking about the militarization of peace as relates to Africa.

Sunday, April 21

2 p.m.

Ethical Society

Hanke Room

9001 Clayton Rd.

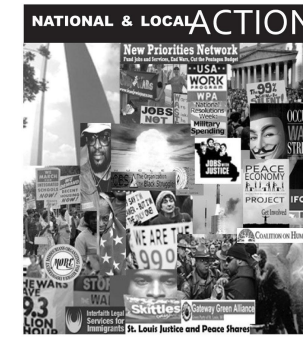
Share your vision of a Peace Economy

What would a "peace economy" look like? This is the question the Peace Economy Project posed to its board members and the public at large. [Check out the essays and reflections of those who imagine an America that's not fixated on war.](#)

Together we are stronger!

conventional arms trade is critical to saving innocent lives all over the globe. The contention by the NRA that such a treaty would infringe upon the Second Amendment rights of U.S. citizens is without basis. This treaty addresses the sale and transfer of weapons between nation states; it does not address the issues around the production and sale of domestic firearms to our own people. Gun control laws within our own borders will have to be addressed by Congress, not the U.N.

Thousands upon thousands of innocent lives are lost each year through the tyranny inflicted by conventional weapons. It is time for major arms traders, like the U.S., to put lives ahead of commerce and support a strong Arms Trade Treaty.



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