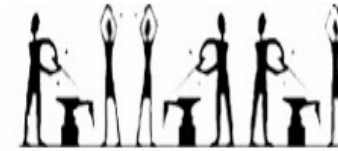




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Cut Military Spending. Fund Human Needs.



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

Dotson Moves STLPD in Wrong Direction by Working to Get Drone



Deaf to concerns raised by the community about privacy rights and safety, Police Chief Sam Dotson has begun the process of filing paperwork to fly a drone within the city of St. Louis. Last Wednesday, he

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Save the dates!

SOA Vigil Information Session

**Thursday, Oct. 17th
6:00 p.m.
Dorothy Day Room, St.
Louis University
Campus Ministry**

Join the Inter-Faith
Committee on Latin
America this Thursday to
learn more about
attending the SOA Vigil in
Fort Benning, GA
November 22-24.
Registration and release
forms at

fielded questions at Webster University's Holden Policy Forum, but the question of whether community input would be sought was left unanswered, as the conversation disregarded concerns raised and instead focused on the repeated mantra that he was acting to save money and keep St. Louis safe.

It's troubling that a man put in charge to ensure the safety of St. Louis residents seems unwilling to work with those residents on whether or not a drone truly is the right solution for fighting crime. The forum last week wasn't even a conversation, functioning more like a platform for the police department to announce the drone was in the works and would be here soon.

It's also concerning that Chief Dotson believe the drone would save the city money, but can offer no evidence to prove this. All evidence in other cities points in the other direction. The day before the forum, a news article detailed how millions have been wasted by city police buying drones. One of its examples was the Gasden Police Department in Alabama, who purchased a drone for \$150,000 using a federal grant. On its first surveillance mission, the drone crashed into a tree and hasn't been used since.

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Congress' Priorities Are Out of Whack

by Zach Chasnoff, Organizer at Missourians Organizing for Reform and Empowerment (MORE)

www.ifcla.net. Cost of travel and lodging is \$175 (4/room) - \$200 (2/room). For more information and to reserve a spot, please email ifcla@ifcla.net.

Harvest of Empire: The Untold Story of Latinos in America

**Wednesday, Oct 30th
7:00 pm
Webster University
Library Conference
Room**

This feature-length documentary reveals the direct link between the long history of U.S. military intervention in Latin America and the immigration crisis that we face today.

Panel discussion to follow film showing, featuring:
Erika Murcia, IPM's Regional Director for Latin American & the Caribbean
Dr. Joel Jennings, Associate Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, St. Louis University
J. S. Onesimo Sandoval, Associate professor of



The night before the shutdown, the Pentagon awarded \$5 billion for 90 contracts to military corporations. This isn't about Obamacare; this is about budget priorities that have been out of whack for decades.

Just as Congress will continue to be paid as they put 800,000 federal workers on furlough, contracts will continue to be awarded for weapons systems and parts manufacturers during the shutdown. They just won't be announced until after the government reopens.

In uncertain economic times for so many Americans, the shutdown will cost \$300 million a day. Vital social services on which people depend are being withheld. Other essential personnel are being required to work without pay.

People are hurting enough. Sequester cuts are hurting Missourians and our local economies. As the upper class consolidates its wealth, the attack on the middle and lower classes continues. People are essential. It's time we stopped looking at war as an essential item and started prioritizing people. This shutdown hides subsidies and tax forgiveness for large corporations and the super rich, as well as all the money being wasted on weapons systems and endless war.

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Anthropology

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Dirty Wars Book Discussion

Tuesday, Nov. 12th
7:00 pm
Hartford Coffee
Company, 3974
Hartford

Join Amnesty
International, Instead of
War, and PEP in reading
the book, then come out to
Hartford Coffee Company
for the Amnesty meeting
to start a dialogue around
the subject. No pressure to
get through the entire
book, come with as much
as you've been able to
read.

The movie version is also
now streaming on Netflix.

We want a government truly for the people. One that cannot be shut down.

[Take Action to End the Government Shutdown!](#)

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