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“Unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word”

By Leonard Eiger

The Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action honored Martin Luther King, Jr. with a peaceful vigil and nonviolent direct action at the main gate to Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor in on Saturday, January 18. Participants protested the government’s continued deployment of the Trident nuclear weapons system, and increasing military presence in Asia due to its Asia-Pacific Pivot. The continued reliance on nuclear weapons as an instrument of foreign policy by force projection is in contravention of both US and international laws.

On Saturday afternoon the group maintained a peaceful vigil on the roadside outside the base entrance. Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.’s strong stand against war and nuclear weapons, participants held a large banner with a quote from Dr. King: “When scientific power outruns spiritual power, we end up with guided missiles and misguided men.”

Two participants entered the roadway, symbolically closing the base, and were removed by Washington State Patrol officers. Cited for traffic violations (“Pedestrian on Roadway Illegally”) were Br. Gilberto Perez of Bainbridge Island and Michael Siptroth of Belfair (pictured above). Perez, a Buddhist monk who recently visited Jeju Island in South Korea, held a banner (in Korean) calling for “No Naval Base on Jeju.”

Another participant, Tom Krebsbach of Brier, walked onto the base in an attempt to deliver a message, in the form of a poem, to the base Commander. Naval security authorities arrested Krebsbach, and took him to a base facility for processing. He was released a short while later, after having been cited for Trespassing (18 USC 1382).

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After Krebsbach's arrest, one last resister entered the roadway carrying a sign reading, "Abolish Nuclear Weapons." MacKnight Johnson, Silverdale, WA was also escorted from the roadway by State Patrol officers and cited.

The day planned in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. began in the morning at Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action where participants screened "The Ghosts of Jeju," a shocking documentary about the people of Jeju Island who are resisting the military advance on their island today, just as their parents and relatives did in 1947. Participants included members of the Martin Luther King Jr. Peace Walk that had walked from Olympia to Ground Zero Center, beginning on January 13th. The walk was led by monks from the Bainbridge Island Nipponzan Myohoji Buddhist Temple.



Father Bix provides a Eucharist ceremony to participants outside the main gate of Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor. *Photo by Leonard Eiger.*

Ground Zero also hosted an ecumenical gathering organized by William "Bix" Bichsel, SJ, of the Tacoma Catholic Worker on January 15th (Dr. King's birthday). Fr. Bichsel led a shared Eucharist at the Bangor base Main Gate bringing people together in witness against nuclear weapons and in solidarity with the struggle of the people of Jeju Island. (See page 3 for an invitation by Bix to participate in the next Eucharist gathering.)

On Monday's legal holiday recognizing Dr. King, Ground Zero Center participated in the Seattle MLK rally and march, carrying a full-size (44 feet in length) Trident II D-5 missile, and handed out over 1,000 leaflets calling on people to join in efforts to build a nuclear weapons-free world.

Dr. King once said, "I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality." Ground Zero stands with Dr. King and carries on his nonviolent legacy so that one day (to quote Dr. King) "unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."

Leonard Eiger co-chairs the Communication Committee for the Stewardship Council. He took the photo of Br. Gilberto Perez and Michael Siptroth on the cover.

To the Presidents of Russia and the United States: Carpe Diem

By Tom Krebsbach

"I refuse to accept the cynical notion that nation after nation must spiral down a militaristic stairway into the hell of nuclear annihilation"
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

What is the destiny of man and earth?
What glories, what cataclysms with time unfold?
Will mankind's future celebrate his worth?
Will stories of accord, despair be told?

The path is perilous; danger is nigh;
The seeds of destruction now germinate.
Nuclear weapons stand ready and high
To render this earth a disastrous fate.

Draped gloriously vain in mushroom cloud,
The serpent spits his poisonous venom;
Delivering extinction far and loud,
As he unleashes true Armageddon.

Must earthly paradise be lost once more?
Where stride towering leaders bold and wise?
Who dare destroy the serpent to his core,
Bestowing to earth lasting peaceful skies?

Those who end the evil nuclear threat
Will win forever mankind's thankful praise,
And through their service of allaying fret,
Stand admired through all of history's gaze.

Oh, dear Princes of nations great and true
Summon heads of powers to table round,
And forever more the vile threat undo,
Through a global agreement most profound.

Vanquish now the serpent; his threat ablate;
Abolish weapons which goad our dismay.
Tarry not in foolishness; tempt not fate;
With urgency we call out: Seize the day!

*Ground Zero member **Tom Krebsbach** wrote this poem in January and sent it to both countries' presidents. Passionate about abolishing nuclear weapons, he risked arrest trying to deliver another of his poems to the commander of Sub-Base Kitsap-Bangor. Tom was arrested, cited for trespassing, and will be arraigned in US District Court, Tacoma at 8:30 AM on April 2nd. Details on Tom's arraignment are at the Upcoming Events Calendar at www.gzcenter.org.*

Trident in the 2015 Budget Proposal: UNACCEPTABLE!

By Leonard Eiger

The numbers are in for President Obama's fiscal year 2015 proposal, and it doesn't look good for nuclear weapons... unless you're one of the many "defense" contractors engaged in nuclear weapons production. The 2015 budget request slashes funding for nonproliferation programs while increasing funding for weapons programs. What's wrong with this picture? Everything!!

Trident features prominently in the budget request; here's the rundown. OHIO Class replacement submarine: \$1.28 billion, an increase of \$143.7 million from the 2014 request. Trident II D5 Modernization Program: \$1.5 billion, an increase of \$63.8 million from the 2014 request.

The government is spending more on nuclear weapons now than it did during the Cold War, and that is nothing to brag about. Trident continues to be a featured item in that spending. No matter what happens to the other legs of the nuclear triad, the backers of the Trident system are working hard to ensure that Trident continues to threaten the world with nuclear annihilation toward the end of this century.

Both the budget figures above demonstrate that resolve, but they don't even tell the full story. The Navy will likely (at some point) be looking for a successor to the current Trident II D-5 missile built by Lockheed-Martin, and we should not be surprised if a new warhead would also be part of that picture.

Continuing reliance on nuclear weapons as an instrument of foreign policy and worse, developing new, improved nuclear weapons systems, increases the risk of nuclear war, whether accidental or intentional.

As for ballistic missile submarines, thanks to the ballistic missile submarine example set by the US and Russia, other countries have been moving ahead with their own submarine programs. If this trend continues, it will be a recipe for disaster, a disaster humanity cannot afford!

Beyond existing treaties, President Obama and President Putin need to sit down together and work out an agreement to make good faith efforts towards nuclear disarmament. Without strong, defined leadership from these two nations, no other country will take disarmament seriously.

New Trident must be part of any disarmament agreement; the risks of another 70 years of Trident are simply unacceptable.

Leonard Eiger serves on the Stewardship Council and co-chairs the Communications Committee, and maintains several informative blogs. One, the Nuclear Abolitionist, can be read at <http://nuclearabolitionist.blogspot.com>.

Invitation to Eucharist

Strength to resist that reaches into dungeons and prison cells

By Father Bill "Bix" Bichsel, SJ

Martin Luther King is a light to people throughout the world. He believed that people should live out their individual faith to the fullest in the quest for a just and non violent world.

With that in mind some of us celebrated the Eucharist at the gates of Banger on MLK's birthday January 15th as a sign that life will bloom where death has reigned. The Eucharist is not a side-show but a belief in the presence of Christ in the bread and wine, the words of



Banishing fear: participants celebrate the Eucharist to honor Martin Luther King's birthday. *Photo by Leonard Eiger.*

scripture and the assembly that can lead us out of hopelessness to the beloved community. It does not proselytize. It banishes terrifying fear so that God's daughters and sons can live in freedom. When faithfully celebrated the Eucharist gives strength to resist that reaches into dungeons and prison cells. It can strengthen our efforts to set free the captives Megan, Michael, and Greg.

On Sunday, April 20th at 9:00am, those who wish to join us as we celebrate the Eucharist on Easter Sunday, are most welcome. Meet at 8:45 at Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action then walk or ride to the base.

Father Bill "Bix" Bichsel lives at the Tacoma Catholic Worker and works tirelessly for a peaceful, just, and nuclear-free world.

Join Us On Saturday, May 10!

Exciting things are in store for the next Ground Zero action on Saturday, May 10, in honor of the original meaning of Mother's Day. See the article on the following page for more information, and check out our web page for updates on the schedule details, at www.gzcenter.org.



Ground Zero Will Celebrate the True Meaning of Mother's Day

By Mona Lee

Mother's Day was originally started after the Civil War, as a protest to the carnage of that war, by women who had lost their sons. Here is the original Mother's Day Proclamation written by Julia Ward Howe in 1870:

Arise, then, women of this day!

*Arise all women who have hearts,
whether our baptism be that of water or
of fears!*

*Say firmly: "We will not have great
questions decided by irrelevant agen-
cies. Our husbands shall not come to us,
reeking with carnage, for caresses and
applause. Our sons shall not be taken
from us to unlearn all that we have been
able to teach them of charity, mercy and
patience. We women of one country will
be too tender of those of another coun-
try to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs.*

*From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with
our own. It says "Disarm, Disarm! The sword of murder is not
the balance of justice."*

*Blood does not wipe our dishonor nor violence indicate posses-
sion. As men have often forsaken the plow and the anvil at the
summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of
home for a great and earnest day of counsel.*

*Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the
dead. Let them then solemnly take counsel with each other as
to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace,
each bearing after their own time the sacred impress, not of
Caesar, but of God.*

*In the name of womanhood and of humanity, I earnestly ask
that a general congress of women without limit of nationality
may be appointed and held at some place deemed most conven-
ient and at the earliest period consistent with its objects, to
promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable
settlement of international questions,*

The great and general interests of peace.

This document proclaims the true meaning of Mother's Day as its founders intended. Peace activist Julia Ward Howe and other progressive women founded Mother's Day in 1872 as a day to campaign for women's rights as well as to protest war, injustice, and inequality. The founders of Mother's Day would be appalled that this special day of advocacy and protest has turned into a day of flowers, expensive gifts and platitudes.

That is why Ground Zero has long celebrated Mother's Day with a symbolic closure of Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor. Some participants pray, sing, hold up banners calling for nuclear disarmament and an end to war. In an act of civil disobedience many have risked arrest by standing in the roadway to prevent vehicles from entering.



The first Mother's Day for Peace. Photo courtesy of www.peacetour.org.

However, this year we plan to change the routine a little. Because, in the past while we have been off at Bangor celebrating Mother's Day in the spirit for which it was intended, the rest of American society continues to satisfy the commercial interest of the US military supported global capitalist system by taking a day off from progressive activism or whatever they were doing to buy gifts and flowers for mom. This year, in the true spirit of Mother's Day, Ground Zero will continue our activist

traditions but will also expand the weekend activities in an effort to wake others up to the real meaning of Mother's Day.

What we plan to do is to print many leaflets containing Julia Ward Howe's Proclamation along with an invitation to Ground Zero's action at the Gate. These leaflets will not only be handed out at Bangor during the previous week, but we also plan to distribute them in our local communities—Seattle, Bremerton, Olympia, Bellevue and beyond. Besides the Mothers' Day Proclamation, the leaflet will feature an invitation to a special Mother's Day tea party at the Bangor Gate on the Saturday before Mothers' Day.

That Mother's Day tea party will, in our own tradition, consist of actions to make powerful statement about the real meaning of Mother's Day. Ground Zero will place tables and chairs alongside the roadway approaching the Bangor main gate. We will set the tables with table cloths, cups, saucers, tea, and cookies. Flowers would be nice but hopefully from our own gardens, not expensively bought from a commercial florist. Every participant will be holding a copy of the Julia Ward Howe Mother's day Proclamation. After all participants are seated and enjoying their refreshments, someone will get up, introduce, and read the Proclamation.

After that will come the interesting part. Some of us will prepare trays with tea, cookies, Proclamations, etc. and deliver them to the large assortment of security police and guards that inevitably meet us at the Gate.

Join us on Saturday, May 10. See www.gzcenter.org for schedule details. Surely you want to bring your mom to this!

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Mona Lee is an author, cyclist and long-time activist who lives in Seattle.

Nuclear Resister Cites Nuremberg Principles in Court

By Mary Gleysteen

Michael Siptroth appeared in Kitsap County District Court March 7, before Judge Marilyn Paja at a mitigation hearing involving the ticket he received for blocking traffic at Bangor during Ground Zero's Martin Luther King Jr event in January.

Michael cited and explained to the court the Nuremberg Principles, stating that they have had an important impact on him both because he is Jewish and was as a youngster profoundly affected by the film *Judgment at Nuremberg*. He stated that the Principles oblige citizens to disobey government orders preparing for or engaging in wars of aggression or in violation of international treaties, causing wanton destruction of cities, towns and villages and that complicity in such crimes against humanity is a crime under international law. Thus we are compelled to act to prevent such crimes from taking place.

Judge Paja listened carefully, acknowledged Michael's deeply-held beliefs, said in effect that issues of public safety were before the court and since he had admitted the violation of the traffic charge, she found him guilty but would reduce his fine to \$20. This is the lowest the fines for the

charge of "Pedestrian in Roadway Illegally" have been reduced to in recent years.

Michael then informed the court "I respectfully decline that, because I didn't come for that purpose, but with the hope that the judiciary would finally uphold the higher international laws which prohibit the planning for production of, and use of nuclear weapons which would cause great loss of life and destruction of property, not just the small violation of being in the roadway." The judge said she had made the Nuremberg Principles a part of the record in this case.

After the hearing, but while court was still in session, Michael again addressed the judge asking what it would take to get the court accept the Nuremberg defense, explaining that if he had asked for a contested hearing, the court would not allow its discussion. Judge Paja told him that this was an issue he needed to discuss with legal counsel.

Thank you Michael, for keeping the issue of the crime of preparation for nuclear war before the court and the public.



During a quiet moment at the MLK day action, Michael Siptroth takes a break from leading the nonviolence training. *Photo by Leonard Eiger.*

Mary Gleysteen serves on the Stewardship Council and lives in Kingston.

Haikus Speak to the Soul of Resistance

By Tom Shea

A Trident Haiku
splits nuclear bombs and subs
from future Peace Garden

Our Center's sounds of
Pileated woodpeckers
competes with gun shots

Trident Base may sink
when people begin to see
the Park it's meant to be

"Ground Zeroes" a bomb
in multiple brands, but our
nonviolence stands

One fence and two clans
war mentors and peace workers
share same trees and birds

Trident trivia
in verbal verdant verse
Haikus for you....



....try some, you'll like it.

Haikus are a style of Japanese poem with 17 syllables, often focusing on nature. Tom Shea wrote these haikus after being inspired by Connie Mears and other Ground Zero visionaries. He was also inspired by climate change scientist Gregory Johnson, one of the authors of the 2,200-page UN Panel Report on Climate Change. Johnson reduced the report to two pages of haikus and cartoons while home sick one weekend. Tom shared the following example of Johnson's haikus:

*Forty years from now
children will live in a world
shaped by our choices.*

Tom Shea serves as co-chair for the Communications Committee and has integrated plays, poetry and creative improvisation into Ground Zero activities. In the photo above, Leonard Eiger leads a morning service in front of the stupa during the 2013 Hiroshima/Nagasaki action.

Tax Dollars for Tridents

By Tom Shea

Who pays for the \$100 billion plan for a new fleet of Trident nuclear submarines? We do! Toss in a couple dozen missile upgrades with new D-5 missiles at \$60 million each. Even if we are below minimum income tax, a field of other federal taxes to resist awaits us. There's a need to educate others and support war-tax resisters.

How can we become or support war-tax resisters? What happens when we withhold a token amount of income tax? Whether paying war-taxes or not, how can war-tax resistance enhance the work of Ground Zero?

These are some of the themes in the new book "99 Tactics of Successful Tax Resistance Campaigns," by David M. Gross. The book is a whole lot more than a list of tactics. This reviewer thinks the publisher chose a misleading title. The book is not a "cookie-cutter" shopping list of tactics alone. It is a book that digs deeply into every aspect of tax resistance and how that's related to a life of learning and practicing nonviolence.

For example, throughout the book Gross examines the "successful tactics" used by Gandhi, from his salt march to other campaigns. The salt march transformed his earlier passive resistance into his more famous *satyagraha* (truth force). He applied *satyagraha* to other tactics like workers' strikes, fasting, and spinning wool for Indian clothes versus British taxed imports. *Satyagraha* also demonstrated how to conduct oneself in prison. All the tactics Gandhi employed supported his strategy for India to become independent of England.

The American colonies show other examples of re-

sistance. The US colonial boycott of taxes on tea, sugar, and documents (the Stamp Act) led to, and were listed in, our Declaration of Independence, which resisted British rule "For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent." In the late 1780's, during a post-war economic depression, Shay's Rebellion was launched. The rebellion, made up mainly of Revolutionary War veterans, began by shutting down courts hearings for tax and debt problems. The book cites many of the British Women's Tax Resistance League tactics. These may have inspired the Wisconsin women's suffragist activists to create a tax resistance pledge. When 5,000 had signed the pledge they would withhold taxes. In the US, war tax resistance grew during the Vietnam War period. In 1967, over 500 prominent authors, from James Baldwin to Kurt Vonnegut, published their names in a full-page poster titled: "If a thousand men were not to pay their tax bills this year... Many of us will refuse to pay the 23% of our taxes to pay for the war in Vietnam."

This book's final chapter offers a path to personal conscientious objection to war taxes.

The 20-page chapter provides a workbook-like "campaign" to make war tax resistance personal.

Author David M. Gross quit paying war taxes and quit his job in 2003, when the US launched its "shock and awe" attack on Iraq. He launched his own life to live with a lower-than-taxable income. He spent two years on the administrative committee of the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating



Tax resistance has a storied history. A poster demanding women's suffrage in England. *Image courtesy of David M. Gross.*

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US vs. Apel at the Supreme Court

By Glen Milner

On February 26, 2014 the US Supreme Court ruled against Dennis Apel regarding his right to demonstrate in a designated free speech area at Vandenberg Air Force Base with a barment notice from the base from a previous demonstration.

While reviewing the Apel case and Air Force efforts to single out a demonstrator who has previously violated 18 U.S.C. Section 1382, we discovered the Bangor base has more similarities to Vandenberg than previously known.

On October 28, 2013, Ground Zero submitted a 36-page amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in support of Dennis Apel with attorneys Christine Salmi and Randy Tyler at the law offices of Perkins Coie. Our brief involving the Bangor base provided evidence that issues involving free speech, easements, and public areas around military installations are much more complex than presented by the Air Force.

The opinion, written by Chief Justice Roberts stated that military control does not "change when the commander invites the public to use a portion of the base for a road, a school, a bus stop, or a protest area, especially when the commander reserves authority to protect military property by, among other things, excluding vandals and trespassers."

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, in a separate opinion joined by Justice Sonia Sotomayor, stated that Apel could bring up his First Amendment claim regarding his right to demonstrate at Vandenberg when the case returns to lower courts. The case will return to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, in San Francisco, for further proceedings on the constitutional question.

Glen Milner serves on the Stewardship Council and leads legal and freedom of information efforts on behalf of Ground Zero.

Wool Against Weapons!

By Leonard Eiger

NO To NEW TRIDENT is on the move. Our first major project is a collaboration with the anti-Trident campaign in the United Kingdom.

Why? Although the UK's Trident subs are built there, they use the Trident II D-5 missile manufactured by Lockheed Martin in the US. And, the UK is planning to build its own replacement for its existing Trident fleet using a "common missile compartment" built in the US.

So, we say *No to New Trident*—everywhere! Wool against Weapons is the name of the collaboration, and was conceived by our friends in the



A creative, sustainable, eye-catching way to spread the word about the dangers of nukes. Photo courtesy of www.woolagainstaweapons.co.uk.

UK. It involves knitting a huge scarf that will ultimately be stretched between the two nuclear weapons facilities over there. Knitters and crocheters here in the US have already begun making pieces that will be assembled into a short section that we plan to use in some creative direct action before shipping it to the UK for the big August action there.

Wool against Weapons is an effort to generate awareness of the dangers of building a new generation of ballistic missile submarines. Beside the creative beauty of this project, it is also sustainable. After the August action, sections of the scarf will be repurposed into blankets for local hospices and refugees in war zones. Nothing wasted!

We invite knitters and crocheters everywhere to participate in this rewooluntary project. It's a great project for a knitting/crocheting circle. Full details, along with instructions on how to participate, are at the Wool against Weapons page at NO To NEW TRIDENT (www.notnt.org).

Following on Wool against Weapons will be a serious lobbying effort aimed at convincing lawmakers in DC to defund New Trident. The Navy's New Trident project is currently in the research and development stage, and we still have time to cut off funding for this wasteful and destabilizing project. It will, however, require a groundswell of citizen participation. Check out the NO To NEW TRIDENT website to keep up with news on New Trident, get updates on the campaign, and get involved!

Leonard Eiger authors the blog *The Subversive Peacemaker* at <http://subversivepeacemaking.blogspot.com>.

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Committee (NWTRCC), attended an international conference in Colombia on war tax resistance, wrote another book, and has authored several articles based on his extensive international research on war tax resistance. See "The Picket Line" for more about David M. Gross.

Tom Shea co-chairs the Communications Committee. "99 Tactics of Successful Tax Resistance Campaigns" can be ordered for just \$20 from your local independent bookstore.

Legal Update

Latest in the Struggle Against Second Explosives Handling Wharf

By Glen Milner

Ground Zero v. Navy: Judge Leighton ruled for the Navy in District Court—our case is now in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

On February 6, 2014, we filed an appeal in the 9th Circuit for our lawsuit. Our first brief is due on May 19. The Navy will respond by June 16 and we will have an opportunity to respond on June 30, 2014. We have excellent legal help from our attorneys, Kathy George and Jim Lobsenz.

Our appeal will be based upon a number of issues, primarily upon the fact that the Navy failed to address the substantial new explosive risk from the 2nd Explosives Handling Wharf in Hood Canal.

Work on the \$715 million wharf began in September 2012 and it is scheduled to be operational by October 2016. The two explosives handling wharves will only be about 300 feet apart, instead of the 2,789 feet required by Department of Defense Explosives Safety Board and Navy regulations.

On January 8, 2014, Judge Leighton backed the Navy and stated that information the Navy kept from the public during its environmental review was justifiably exempt because a more open discussion would have been "detrimental to national security."

After the decision was issued, the Navy asked Judge Leighton to rewrite his decision because it contained significant errors. This unusual motion by the prevailing party was because the Navy claimed it had not provided all the records Judge Leighton said he had read in secret. Of course, we have no idea what Judge Leighton read secretly. Judge Leighton later stated he did not remember what he secretly read, but he based his decision on whatever he read, and now is relying on the Navy to tell him what he read.

Judge Leighton, in his revised order dated February 3, stated, "While the prior Order misstates which documents were reviewed in camera, the Court stands by its reasoning. This technical correction has no impact on the outcome of the motions."

Errors at the District Court level do not mean the 9th Circuit will agree with us on our main issues. But this type of decision-making by the court only helps our case in the 9th Circuit.

Glen Milner leads legal efforts on behalf of *Ground Zero*. He lives in Lake Forest Park with his wife Karol.

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*“Nuclear weapons are an
obscenity. They are the very
antithesis of humanity, of goodness in
the world. What security do they help
establish?”*

— Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Leafletters Use Creative Messages (and Chocolate) to Get Out the Word

By Mary Gleysteen

On February 11, Cathy Palzkill, Sallie Shawl, Mary Gleysteen and Glen Milner handed out 40 Valentine's Day cards with heart-shaped boxes of chocolates at the Trigger Avenue gate. The Valentine's Day card was designed by Karol Milner and stated:

Roses are red
Violets are blue
We don't need nukes
Not even a few

No reason to set
Our world on fire
Better to live
Than for all to expire

This Valentine's Day
Greetings to you
May your life be joyful
Peaceful and true

Happy Valentine's Day!



The following month, on March 4, Cathy Palzkill and Mary Gleysteen handed out 40 leaflets at Trigger Avenue. The leaflet, designed by Connie Mears, asked the question, “What do Nazi war crimes have to do with Kitsap County District Court?”

The leaflet stated, “On Friday, March 7, 2014, at 3 pm, Michael Siptroth will use the Nuremberg Principles as a defense in a case arising from an action during which he attempted to symbolically close the Trident submarine base at Bangor by blocking traffic.” The leaflet ended, “As you go about your duties today, please ask yourself if you are responsible or complicit under the Nuremberg Principles.”

In an ongoing effort to engage in dialogue with the community and the people who work at Bangor base, Ground Zero members and supporters hand out leaflets on a regular basis at Bangor and downtown Seattle. We appreciate volunteers who wish to join us on these occasions.

Mary Gleysteen has leafleted on behalf of Ground Zero since becoming involved in the early days of the White Train resistance. She lives in Kingston.