

**VFP CONVENTION 2013  
WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS  
Friday, Aug 9, 2013**

**8:30AM – 10:00AM**

- **Veterans Health Crisis & the Costs of War: PTSD and TBI, Military Sexual Trauma and Suicides**

**Presenters: Ann Wright, David Dittmore, Eileen Ahearn, Elaine Wynne**

**Room: University A**

There is an expert panel at this workshop to guide us through PTSD, TBI, and more. There will be a focus on how VA care relates to the cost of war, as well as discussion of the use of all of the known evidence-based treatments in trying to contain the costs of these treatments. Note: there is a Caucus on this topic on Thursday evening, 5pm - for more information and discussion.

- **Broadening the political spectrum from Gandhian resistance to alternative voting systems**

**Presenters: Clark Rieke and David Slesinger**

**Room: Caucus Room**

Part 1: Gandhi, asserting he had no enemies, felt that suffering in jail to touch the heart of the adversary was where the power of nonviolent resistance lies. We will discuss why current US leadership of public arrest for a higher cause stand strongly against even discussing this option that Gandhi held so high. Part 2: An instant runoff voting system can be middle ground between a two-party only and a multiparty voting system, and this runoff voting system will empower voters to give their first choice vote to the candidate that represents their highest hopes and their second choice can go to the major party candidate that worries them the least.

- **Voices for Iraq: Resolution, Reconciliation, Reparation**

**Presenters: Luke Wilcox, Robert Rosser, Tamara Al-Sammarraie, Ziad Al-Shamsie, Fletcher Hinds, Joan Hinds and Joan Haan**

**Room: Conference Room I**

There will be an opportunity at this workshop to hear from many voices - of those who come from Iraq and from those who have traveled there from Minnesota and the Iraqi American Reconciliation Project (IARP). Tom Fasy will speak on the VFP's Iraq Water Project and IVAW's "Right to Heal"

- **Panel #1:Another Nineteen: Investigating Legitimate 9/11 Suspects, and Panel #2:Rationale for Impeachment of Obama, Bush & Cheney**

**Presenters: Part #1; Klayt Morfoot & Kevin Ryan; Part #2 : Buzz Davis & Don McKeating**  
**Room: Conference Room II**

The panelists of this 2-part workshop will discuss: 1)The incomplete investigations of the 9/11 attacks and what should be done now. 2) To save our Constitution and the Rule of Law, we must act to impeach and prosecute presidents who conduct illegal wars, illegal torture and illegal spying.

- **VFP Leadership Trainings**

**Presenters: Mike Reid and Virginia Druhe**  
**Room: Conference Room III**

VFP's two recent webinars, Building Member Involvement and Keeping the Fire Alive: Keys to Effective Action - presented live.

- **The Written Word For Peace and Reconciliation; Haiku & Cao Dao, in Story and Memoir**

- **Presenters: Don Blackburn and Paul Gessler**  
**Room: Conference Room IV**

There's some poetry and literature at this workshop you won't want to miss. Don Blackburn will speak on the Vietnam Chapter #160 project - and Paul will have us writing Haiku for Peace.

- **Chapter and region building**

**Presenter: Pat McCann and Scott Olsen**  
**Room: Conference Room V**

The President of VFP, Patrick McCann, will facilitate this workshop - on chapter and region building. He will be joined by Scott Olsen - to talk about growing VFP with IVAW members.