

Media Advisory

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VETERANS FOR PEACE TO HOLD NATIONAL CONVENTION IN ST. LOUIS Hundreds of veterans will gather in downtown to educate and organize

Veterans For Peace, a national organization comprised of over 6500 members, will hold its **National Convention in St. Louis August 15 – 19, 2007**. The theme of the Convention is “Veterans’ Truth – Gateway to Peace, Building Community to Achieve Justice and Abolish War”.

When: August 15 – 19, 2007

Who: Over 500 members of Veterans For Peace, Military Families Speak Out, Gold Star Families for Peace, and Iraq Veterans Against the War, as well as many recognized experts on foreign and domestic policy and veterans affairs.

What: Veterans For Peace will hold their Annual Convention and Business Meeting where strategies for abolishing war as an instrument of foreign policy will be discussed and developed. There will be two days of workshops examining everything from causes and costs of war to the care and treatment of veterans. **A SPEAK OUT**, to which the **PUBLIC IS INVITED**, will feature well known figures who will authoritatively address the burning issues of the day. There will also be a Riverboat Dinner Cruise and a banquet, again featuring highly qualified and effective speakers. The weekend will finish up with a MARCH TO THE ARCH led by Veterans For Peace.

Convention Location: The Holiday Inn Select, 811 N. 9th Street

Speak Out Location: Centenary Methodist Church, 55 Plaza Square (16th & Olive)

Schedule:

Wednesday, August 15	9am – 5pm 7pm – 9pm 10:30pm – 12am	Board Meeting Riverboat Cruise Hootenanny Jam Session
Thursday, August 16	9am – 12pm 1pm – 2:15pm 2:30pm – 5:15pm 7pm – 8:30pm 8:45pm – 10pm	Board Meeting Opening Ceremony Afternoon Workshops Evening Poetry Readings
Friday, August 17	All Day 7pm – 10pm	Workshops Public Speak Out
Saturday, August 18	9am – 5pm 6pm – 10pm	VFP Business Meeting Evening Banquet
Sunday, August 19	TBA	March to the Arch

Individuals are available for interviews: <http://www.vfpnationalconvention.org/interviews.htm>

For more information, please visit www.vfpnationalconvention.org

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Founded in 1985, Veterans For Peace is a national organization of men and women veterans of all eras and duty stations spanning the Spanish Civil War (1936-39), World War II, the Korean, Vietnam, Gulf and current Iraq wars as well as other conflicts cold or hot. It has chapters in nearly every state in the union and is headquartered in St. Louis.

