



## Fresno Center for Nonviolence June 2023

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 Richard Gomez

### Happy 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Fresno Center for Nonviolence!

*It's been over 30 years ago, that the folks gathered around to say, that we really need a place to stay, to finally put to an end to wars. Cause' it's been going in and out of style, destroying everything alive. So, let us re-introduce to you, the one's you've known all these years,*  
 The Fresno Center for Nonviolence.

Good morning, America, happy birthday to the Center for Nonviolence and let's stop all the killings now!



We will be celebrating the Fresno Center for Nonviolence's 31st birthday on Saturday July 1st at Community UCC, 5550 N. Fresno St., Fresno CA. The event will be in an air-conditioned room beginning at 2 until 4pm featuring a potluck meal and silent auction. Special Guest Speaker Susan Schnall. Free Parking.

Silent Auction



Contact Rita for donations or questions at  
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Our Special guest speaker,  
 Susan Schnall

#### About our Speaker...

Susan Schnall is a longtime New York-based public health advocate, antiwar activist, and community organizer, and currently serves as the president of Veterans For Peace. While serving as a nurse in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War, her work regularly brought her face to face with the horrors of the war. As a result, she began strenuously organizing against the war, helping to create an antiwar GI coffeehouse and writing for local GI underground newspapers. Susan's fierce activism during her military service, along with her subsequent military trial, may have garnered some of the most provocative news coverage during the early days of the movement against that war.

In 1969 Susan was tried and convicted by a court martial for "conduct unbecoming an officer" after dropping tens of thousands of antiwar leaflets from a plane over Bay Area military bases and the deck of an aircraft carrier in late 1968 (as mentioned in the 2005 documentary film, *Sir! No Sir!*). The court-martial of Susan Schnall, a lieutenant (junior grade) U.S.

Navy nurse stationed at the Oakland Naval Hospital in Oakland, California, took place in early 1969 during the Vietnam War. Her political activities, which led to the military trial, may have garnered some of the most provocative news coverage during the early days of the U.S. antiwar movement against that war. In October 1968, the San Francisco Chronicle called her the "Peace Leaflet Bomber" for raining tens of thousands of antiwar leaflets from a small airplane over several San Francisco Bay Area military installations and the deck of an aircraft carrier. The day after this "bombing" run, she marched in her officer's uniform at the front of a large antiwar demonstration, knowing it was against military regulations. While the Navy was court-martialing her for "conduct unbecoming an officer", she was publicly telling the press, "As far as I'm concerned. it's conduct unbecoming to officers to send men to die in Vietnam."


After leaving the Navy, Susan moved to New York City and pursued a career as a healthcare administrator in area hospitals as well as serving as an Adjunct Professor of Public Health at New York University for two decades.

Her activism over the years includes organizing with Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW), the American Public Health Association and the Medical Committee for Human Rights. Prior to being elected president of Veterans For Peace in 2021, Susan has served as the president of the NYC chapter of Veterans For Peace as well as being co-coordinator of the Vietnam Agent Orange Relief & Responsibility Campaign. Today, Susan Schnall continues her advocacy in her leadership of Veterans For Peace, an organization of military veterans and allies who use their experiences and collective voice to build a culture of peace and inform the public of the true cost and consequences of war and militarism.

- This article was written by Joshua Shurley and information regarding her trial from Wikipedia.

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Starting June 6th, 2023  
 on Tuesdays at 5pm to 6pm  
 at Fresno Center for Nonviolence  
 1584 N Van Ness Ave, Fresno

Guided meditation, time for sharing and discussion led by  
 Veena Kapoor MSW.Ed.D and  
 Kim Forbes Phd., practicing  
 Raja Yoga meditation

All classes are FREE. No prior experience required.

For more information on Fresno Center for Nonviolence, Please call (559) 237-3223 on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

For more information about the class, Please call (559) 435 2212

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**Stir it, UP!**



**Next show is Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.**

Our show in June will be host Joshua Shurley and his guest, Susan Schnall New York-based public health advocate, antiwar activist, and community organizer, and currently serves as the president of Veterans For Peace. For more information call on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at (559) 237-3223 or check our website at [www.centerfornonviolence.org](http://www.centerfornonviolence.org).

In May our show with Josh Shurley and his guest Leni Villagomez-Reeves about the Pastors For Peace Cuba Caravan and recent news surrounding ongoing US-Cuba relations. To hear again go to: <https://on.soundcloud.com/4wpTv>