

# Fresno Center for Nonviolence

September 2021:  
Thus falls a little wind  
cooler than before.



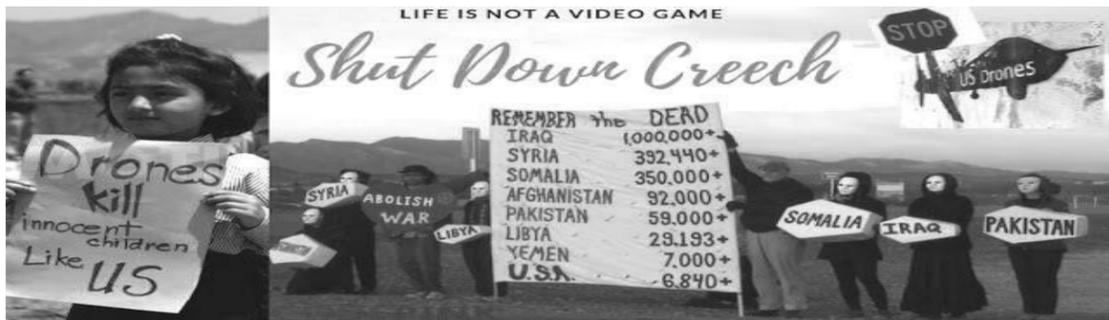
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## Shut Down Creech!



The Shut Down Creech week of actions is Sept 26-Oct 2nd. Sign up and get on the Creech list to get updates and connect with others who are going. We are organizing Veterans for Peace (VFP) caravans from across the country to come to the week of actions. Will you come? Even if you're not sure about coming, you can sign up to learn more: <https://forms.gle/1FuuXtpjkBp1C7oF6>. We will be in touch with more information.

Want to Learn More Now? Watch the video! [Resisting Drone Terror: Behind the Scenes of Shut Down Creech!](#) - YouTube.

Last month, we held a webinar where we heard from "Creechers" and supporters on what to expect when coming out to Creech.

### Community Building at Camp Justice

Each year, we camp outside Indian Springs on private property which we called "Camp Justice" for the week of actions. All participants are invited to camp here for free. We will have access to water, electric, and primitive kitchen on-site. You may also stay in a hotel in North Vegas, which will have group rates. This is an all-outdoor event, with a huge space for social distancing and open air. Please be prepared to practice COVID guidelines on-site.

- Josh Shurely, *Veterans for Peace of Fresno.*



## Congratulation



our newest Board member of the Fresno Center for Nonviolence – Hope Valdez. Currently attending Fresno State majoring in Economics. She is also assisting our Treasurer Ron Vineyard.

## Voting Recomendataions?

The Fresno Center for Nonviolence (FCNV) have been often asked whether we do or don't support certain political campaigns during an election year. For example, this month CA has a recall election for its Governor, along with other local offices in California. I thought that I would get the official word from the officials that should know the answer.

According to the law, a non-profit listed as a 501 (3) (c), like the Center is, may endorse a campaign for policies changes. Policies like Medicare for All, Stop Fracking, or for the Abolishment of nuclear weapons in space or anywhere else and more but not for actual candidates running for any political office.

Since local to state officialdom seemed to waffle on the issue, it was the IRS that said, "NO." and because our existence depends on the kindhearted tax-deductible donations people like you make; we respect the IRS decision.

So, you will hear us on issues of importance to people and our world but do not ask us who or what candidate the FCNV supports because we will not! So there. - RG.

## Stir it, UP!

## Wednesday, September 8th at 3 pm

## KFCF 88.1 FM

In September, Josh Shurley will be our host by with guest Will Hirst, professor of psychology from Washington University in St. Louis. 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 August, Gerry Bill hosted our show with his guest Mark Arax where they discussed early racism toward Armenians in Fresno. The Fresno city of today still reflects the racist Redlining policy of those days. Additional discussion included the racial legacy of J.C. Forkner and of Sun Maid Raisin's racist policies, which Arax wants acknowledgement and rectification. To hear it go to: <https://soundcloud.com/user-32180140/stir-it-up-08-11-21>

In July, Josh Shurley hosted our show with his guest Dr. Leni Reeves regarding Cuba and its problem due to the American Embargo. Dr. Reeves had been to Cuba about twenty times over the years and has made good personal friends over there. To hear it again go to: <https://soundcloud.com/user-32180140/stirit-up-07-14-21>

In June, Gerry Bill hosted our show with guest Christine Barker of Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries (FIRM). As well as discussed, the Fresno Center for Nonviolence then upcoming 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. FIRM had received our Organizational Way of Peace Award. To hear it again go to: <https://soundcloud.com/user-32180140/stir-it-up-06-09-21>