

# March For Peace



**August 25th**

10:30am Oakland,  
. Pittsburgh, PA .

Bring all your enthusiasm  
for a better world..also  
helpful water and snacks

## **Those Who Join Us in Peace:**

Anti-War Committee, Veterans For Peace, Women's  
International League for Peace and Freedom, Council  
on American Islamic Relations-Pittsburgh,  
International Socialist Organization, ANSWER  
Coalition, Students for A Democratic Society-CMU,  
Green Party of Allegheny County, Alliance For Police  
Accountability, Party for Socialism and Liberation,  
and Pittsburgh Anti-Imperialism League



### **Activists to Unite in Oakland for Pittsburgh March for Peace**

*August 25 march to spotlight excessive military spending and encourage community action*

**PITTSBURGH (Insert date when sending)** - A coalition of activists from the Thomas Merton Center and several different social and political advocacy groups in town are meeting in Oakland on **August 25, at 10:30 a.m.**, for a rally in Schenley Plaza, followed by a march through the streets ending at Carnegie Mellon University. Our march route includes several stops that represent local hubs of the military industrial complex.

Although we understand the U.S. is not “officially” at war with another country right now, a march such as ours is more necessary than ever. The US military budget now stands at \$700 billion, which amounts to 54% of all discretionary spending. It is at its highest since 1945 in constant dollars, exceeding military spending during the Cold War and the Korean and Vietnam wars.

The US spends more money on its military than the combined total of the next 10 biggest spending nations, including China, Russia, India, Saudi Arabia, Britain and France, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. Russia's military budget is about a tenth of America's, yet Russia is supposed to represent a top national security threat to the US. Cutbacks in healthcare, housing, education, roads, and bridges are necessary to feed the military machine. Other consequences are wage reduction and increasing poverty and inequality.

The US is involved in wars and violent conflicts in the Koreas, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria, Yemen, Somalia, Mali, and more. Increased money is being allocated for the modernization of nuclear weapons. The US is also violating international law on its border with Mexico in its inhumane treatment of refugees and has militarized law enforcement domestically. Our cities and schools have experienced record killings from gun violence. We believe that these causes, and the fight for a world beyond war, are NOT separate issues.

We hope you would be interested in covering our upcoming march. Should you have any questions in the meantime or wish to set up an interview with someone at the march, please feel free to reach out using the contact information provided above.

We hope you will be interested in participating in our upcoming march. If you have any questions beforehand, please use the contact information listed below:

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