

Nobel Peace Prize Watch

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NOMINATION OF ANN WRIGHT/VETERANS FOR PEACE

Mindful of the demilitarized peace order Nobel intended the committee to promote, I wish to nominate a US organization, Veterans for Peace (VFP), and a retired US colonel and diplomat, Ann Wright, who is a vocal proponent of a peace and disarmament agendas.

In her call for USA to take a leadership in nuclear disarmament Wright takes inspiration from the Nobel award to ICAN, and also from Martin Luther King who in his Nobel prize acceptance speech called for a transformative policy, shifting the dynamics from power struggle and nuclear arms race to instead “harness man’s creative genius to make peace and prosperity a reality for all of the nations of the world. In short, we must shift the arms race into a peace race.” (<https://consortiumnews.com/2021/01/29/treaty-offers-way-to-push-for-us-anti-nuclear-leadership/>) I also refer to my own book “Medaljens bakside”, pp. 349-355. She is a most dedicated proponent of peace by disarmament, with a personal experience that makes her a gifted spokesperson for Alfred Nobel’s original intention with his Peace Prize.

Veterans for Peace have adopted this slogan: “Exposing the true costs of militarism and war since 1985”. It is a constant critic of US use of force abroad and keeps demanding justice for the victims of war and for holding those guilty of illegal wars accountable. The VFP attitude is well illustrated by a warning to young people against joining the military, see <https://www.veteransforpeace.org/our-work/truth-in-recruiting/truth-recruiting-student-information>

Ann Wright, co-author of the book Dissent: Voices of Conscience, is a member of the Advisory Board, along with others who are nominated and/or qualified to win the Nobel Peace Prize: Medea Benjamin, Marjorie Cohn, Daniel Ellsberg, Jane Fonda, Chris Hedges, David Krieger, Ray McGovern, Ralph Nader, Yoko Ono, Oliver Stone, David Swanson and several others.

Sincerely yours,

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