

# Military and Social Wars: We Are All Veterans

Western Washington FOR's Annual Fall Retreat in Lacey  
Friday evening to Saturday mid-afternoon Nov 11-12, 2011

When we think about stopping wars, we think about Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere. But we also want to stop the wars against poor people, the working class, immigrants, Muslims, dissenters, gays and lesbians, the environment, public education, and other people and entities that are being systematically targeted.

The public and the peace movement recognize that military veterans have special credibility when they speak and act against war. The other wars listed above have made many more people into "veterans" – veterans of the wars against the poor, the working class, and so forth.

What can we learn from each other's struggles? How can we practice solidarity as allies with people who are being targeted? How can we work together for a peaceful foreign policy and a peaceful and just society? How can our new insights shape our strategies and actions?

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**This WWFOR Fall Retreat is for EVERYONE who supports peace or social justice. Come and bring a friend who wants to build a vibrant and inclusive peace and justice movement.**

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## Friday November 11:

**Potluck supper begins at 5:30 pm** Please arrive as soon as you can with item for potluck supper. Enjoy meeting old and new friends.

**At 7:00 sharp** we start the evening's program.

**When the evening's program ends at 9:00 pm** you may choose from an array of optional activities, including videos, singing, continued small group discussions, or even sleep.

## Saturday November 12:

**Breakfast starts at 7:30 am**

**The program runs from 8:30 am to 2:15 pm**

**Everyone is invited to stay for the WWFOR's Area Committee** (regional networking and decision-making body), which **will meet from 2:30 to 5:00** to keep our organization connected and to make a few decisions.



# YES! I/we will attend the Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation's Fall Retreat on FRI-SAT NOV 11-12, 2011.

Name(s):		
Address:	City:	Zip:
Phone(s):	E-mail:	
Please note any special dietary or physical needs:		

- The facility offers simple accommodations with single beds. Participants should bring sleeping bags.
- Will you use the overnight accommodations?  Yes  No
- We encourage carpooling. I need rides for \_\_\_\_\_ persons. I could provide rides for \_\_\_\_\_ persons.
- Registration, meals, facility use: \$35 per person if you stay overnight, or \$25 per person if you don't.
- Low income folks may pay less. Some people voluntarily contribute extra so low-income folks can attend.
- **Please make checks payable to WWFOR and earmark them "Fall Retreat."**
- Amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_  I will pay at the door.
- **Please fill out this form and mail it to WWFOR, 225 N 70<sup>th</sup> St., Seattle WA 98103-5003.**

**Pre-registration helps us better plan for the meals and the program.  
Please pre-register as soon as possible, preferably before Friday November 4.**

**Cut on this dotted line and send the top portion to the WWFOR office in Seattle.**

## Pre-Register:

Use the form above or print one out from our website, [www.wwfor.org](http://www.wwfor.org)

Questions? Contact WWFOR at (206) 789-5565 or [wwfor@wwfor.org](mailto:wwfor@wwfor.org)

Greater Olympia folks may get information from (360) 491-9093 [info@olympiafor.org](mailto:info@olympiafor.org).

## Location:

We hold all of our WWFOR Fall Retreats at the **Gwinwood Conference Center** in Lacey, near Olympia. Information about Gwinwood and driving directions are posted at [www.gwinwood.org](http://www.gwinwood.org)

**From the north**, take I-5 to Exit 109. Turn right onto Martin Way, left onto College Street, left onto Lacey Boulevard, south on Ruddell Road, left on 25th Ave SE, right on Hicks Lake Road SE, left on 30th Ave SE, right into Gwinwood, and right again onto the long gravel road leading to the Westwood. Parking is in front of the building.

**From the south**, take I-5 to Exit 108. Follow the long exit to College Street. Turn right onto College and follow the rest of the above directions.

## Cost:

\$35.00 for overnighters (simple accommodations), or \$25.00 for day-trippers.

We keep costs low and try to just barely break even. We give discounts to young and low-income people upon request. Persons who can afford to give more will help offset the cost for those who have less.

**THANK YOU!**