

Break the Silence YES TO PEACE! NO TO NATO!

Thursday, April 4

MN State Capitol

75 MLK Boulevard, St. Paul, MN

Join us to commemorate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

At 12:15 PM

Join us on the Capitol steps:

Veterans For Peace will ring bells in remembrance of Dr. King.

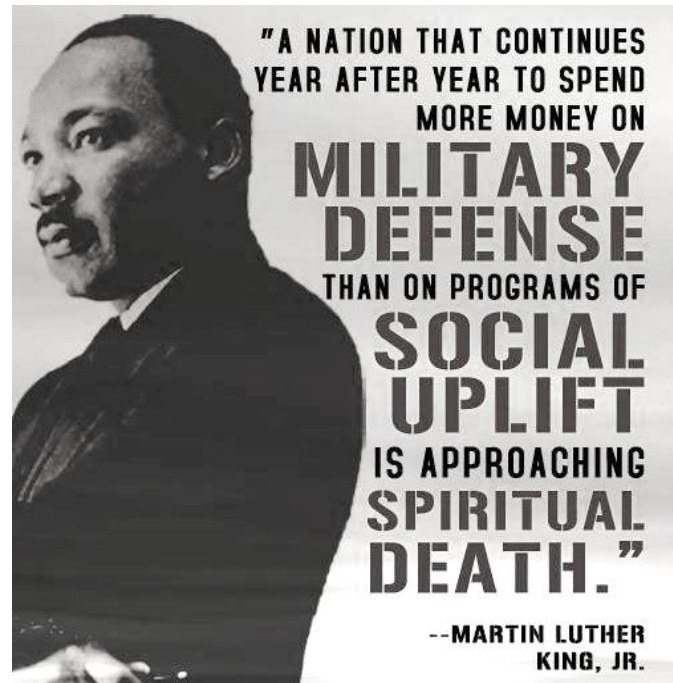
At 1:30 PM in the Rotunda for a program.

On **April 4, 1967**, Dr. King delivered his '**Beyond Vietnam**' antiwar speech. One year later he was tragically assassinated. On **April 4, 1949**, the **North Atlantic Treaty** was signed, marking the inception of the NATO military alliance. In light of **Dr. King's denunciation of militarism**, an **examination of the relevance of NATO is overdue.**

Dr. King's words linking the three evils of American society: Militarism, Racism and Poverty and his deeply profound remark that every bomb that falls on other countries is a bomb dropped on our inner cities, reveal the deep-rooted relationship between militarism and the social, racial, economic and environmental injustices that now impoverish cities and rural communities and **have plagued our society and the world for a long time.**

Featured speakers include **August Nimtze**, University of MN Professor of Political Science and African American Studies and Major **Todd E. Pierce**, retired Judge Advocate (JAG) officer. His last position in the military was as Defense Counsel before the Military Commissions at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He completed an M.A. in Politics at the New School in 2018 with a focus on the political thought of Hannah Arendt and on U.S. Imperial History.

Sponsored by the Minnesota Peace Action Coalition. Cosponsored by Women Against Military Madness and Veterans for Peace Chapter 27. Endorsed by Communities United Against Police Brutality. For info: 612-827-5364.



While NATO will be celebrating their 70th anniversary in Washington DC, actions and programs are planned to speak out against NATO and to carry on MLK's legacy. We gather at the capitol in solidarity with events planned in Washington DC, the nation and worldwide.