

**NONVIOLENCE PLEDGE
FOR CIVIL RESISTANCE AT HANCOCK REAPER BASE**

Since 2009 Upstate New York activists have been seeking to educate the public, the media, law enforcement, and base personnel about the ongoing war crimes originating at Hancock. This campaign, coordinated by Upstate Drone Action, involves a range of tactics – including some that have led to arrest, trial and incarceration. Our entire campaign has been scrupulously nonviolent in the spirit and tradition of Gandhi and Martin Luther King, Jr. – both victims of assassination.

Before each civil resistance action participants commit ourselves to a Pledge of Nonviolence. Today we ask that you read aloud with us this Pledge:

We are committed in the campaign to nonviolence in all of our words, symbols and actions. Our purpose is to publicize and hopefully deter the war crimes perpetrated from Hancock AFB by hunter/killer Reaper drones piloted by Hancock personnel over Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Accordingly, at today's event at Hancock our attitude will be one of respect toward all – including police, military personnel, the public, and each other.

We will not resist or evade arrest and if prosecuted, we will use the judicial process to continue our anti-drone campaign. Where possible we will put the Pentagon's and CIA's use of hunter/killer drones itself on trial.

Today's Action is part of an ongoing, protracted campaign. We will return to our communities and continue our work to end Reaper assassination, civilian killing and other such acts of state terrorism.

***-- Upstate Drone Action
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