

# Undrone Upstate!

## Disrupt the Death Squads

### An Anti-drone Peace Walk

Syracuse to Niagara Falls, October 7-21, 2015

#### PLEDGE SHEET

We have faith that Americans do not wish to live with endless war.

I will be participating in some portion or all of a 165-mile Walk Against Drones, from Hancock Air National Guard Base near Syracuse to the Niagara Falls Air Base. The walk is organized by the Upstate Coalition to Ground the Drones and End the Wars. Both Air Bases are sites of drone operations, including training and remote piloting of surveillance and killer drones over Afghanistan and possibly other sites, in criminal violation of international law.

This walk will heighten public awareness of the mindless murder and relentless terror perpetrated in our names by the criminal use of killer drones on alleged terror suspects. Outdoor markets, wedding parties, and village meetings have all been subjected to drone attacks. Not a way to make friends for America. Targeted drone assassination is Obama's favored weapon against "global terrorism", and the Department of Defense now plans to increase its use of drones by 50 percent over the next four years.

The Walk, scheduled for October 7-21, will start with a kickoff event in Syracuse and will include outreach programs at colleges and community centers along the route including Rochester, Brockport, and Niagara Falls.

\_\_\_\_\_, please pledge a donation for my walk.

I expect to walk \_\_\_\_\_ miles.

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## NONVIOLENCE AGREEMENT

As much as possible, we aim to foster, along the route, a community of walkers dedicated to goals of living simply and sharing resources equitably. We look forward to developing a welcoming and friendly project. We're fortunate to have been able to consult seasoned activists who've worked to develop interstate, cross-country and multinational walks. Their advice has been helpful in forming these guidelines.

Undrone Upstate is committed to nonviolence and nonviolent action. All participants are expected to adopt the same commitments while participating in the walk and all related events. We would like to adopt the following principles for this particular action.

- 1) Our attitude will be one of openness and respect toward all whom we encounter in our actions.
- 2) We will use no violence--verbal, physical, or otherwise--toward any person or property.
- 3) We will not destroy, damage or otherwise harm property.
- 4) We will carry no weapons.
- 5) We agree not to consume alcohol or use illicit drugs during the walk.
- 6) We will not retaliate if physically challenged or injured.
- 7) We will seek dialogue with those who may disagree with us and maintain a spirit of openness, friendliness and respect towards all with whom we engage.
- 8) There will be zero tolerance for discrimination or harassment based upon gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, physical appearance, ability, creed or political perspective. Harassment is defined as epithets, derogatory statements and slurs based on any of these qualities. We will respect everyone's right to express their identity.
- 9) We will honor one another's desire for personal space. There will be zero tolerance for any unwanted touching, sexual advances, or sexual assault.
- 10) Anyone feeling that they are experiencing discrimination, harassment or assault is asked to bring the issue as soon as possible to a member of the working team.

### **Dr. Martin Luther King enunciated the power of nonviolence, summarizing its essential components as:**

1. Nonviolence is resistance to evil and oppression. It is a human (and humane) way to struggle for justice.
2. Nonviolence does not seek to defeat or humiliate the opponent, but to win their friendship and understanding.
3. The nonviolent method is an attack on the forces of evil rather than against persons doing the evil. It seeks to defeat the evil and not the persons doing the evil and injustice.
4. Nonviolence means willingness to accept suffering without retaliation.
5. The nonviolent resister avoids both external physical and internal spiritual violence – not only refusing to shoot or strike, but also to hate, an opponent. The ethic of real love is at the center of nonviolence.
6. The nonviolent resister has a deep faith in the future, and believes that the forces in the universe are ultimately on the side of justice. To quote Dr. King, the moral arc of the universe is long, but it bends toward justice.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## LOGISTICS

### **Housing**

We will try to find housing for all participants in churches and private homes. The earlier we know when and for how long you can join us, the easier it will be to arrange housing spaces for all participants.

### **Transportation**

We will have a vehicle to transport walk participants from the housing site to the beginning of that day's walk segment and from the end of the day's walk to the next night housing site. It will also be used in sparse areas to transport people to bathroom facilities and to transport gear and provisions. Participants are responsible for their own transport from their home to the walk and back home again, although carpooling may be an option.

### **Food**

We will provide food for walk participants. This will be in the form of shared meals. We ask for voluntary contributions to defray food and transport costs. Expenses incurred while eating at restaurants during the walk will be at the participant's own expense.

### **Contingent Participation**

The Upstate Coalition to Ground the Drones and End the Wars, and the core walk group reserves the right and ability to ask a person to discontinue participation in the walk if we feel an individual's behavior is proving to be detrimental or counterproductive to the walk.

## **Waiver of Liability**

The volunteers who have organized this walk have made every effort to minimize risks and insure the safety and well being of all participants. Walkers should be aware that we are a lowbudget, non-profit organization that does not have general liability insurance, nor can we provide medical insurance coverage for participants in case of injury.

I take full responsibility for my personal actions during the Walk and will not hold Undrone Upstate or any of the organizers or organizing groups involved in this campaign liable for any damages or injuries. I am responsible for my own medical care coverage.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## WHAT TO BRING

### Packing Checklist (These are only suggestions)

Sturdy walking footwear

Suitable clothing including good socks (preferably not cotton)

**Prescription medicine in original container with your name**

Hat or Bandana

Sunblock

Rain poncho or garbage bag

Gallon-sized sealable plastic bags (to keep your belongings dry)

Water bottle

Pillow

Sleeping bag (pad or yoga mat if possible/desired)

Towel

Flashlight

Blister treatment supplies

Medicated plasters and pads -- best used preventatively

Vaseline for your ankles will reduce friction

Insect Repellent

Hand sanitizer/Moist towelettes

Gallon-sized sealable plastic bags

Camera/Notebook/ Journal

Contact information for your congressional representatives