

# Upstate Drone Action

## Daniel Hale Must be Pardoned!

*We raise our voice* in deep concern on the silencing and imprisonment of Daniel Hale. Daniel Hale did not commit a crime.



*Press conference outside the courthouse following Daniel Hale's sentencing.*

***It is outrageous*** that Daniel Hale was charged, prosecuted and sentenced to 45 months in Federal prison for exposing a criminal program. Daniel Hale should be pardoned!

Daniel Hale leaked documents that revealed extremely high civilian death rates in U.S. drone attacks. The 33-year-old Air Force veteran first spoke out publicly against drone warfare in 2013. Daniel Hale's whistleblowing also uncovered secret U.S. watch lists, Presidential drone kill lists, and other criminal and unethical aspects of the U.S. deployment of killer drones.

Since the Nuremberg Tribunal we have been taught that "just following orders" is not a defense. Soldiers, even in time of war, have a moral obligation to oppose illegal orders in every

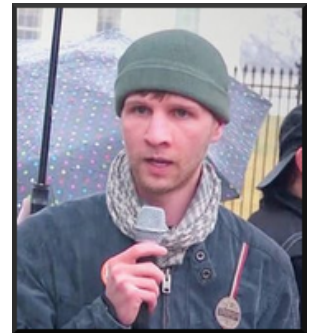
possible way, especially the killing, for any reason, of non-combatants. **Read More ...**

## **Video of the Press Conference for Daniel Hale**

Video by Wilton Vought

### **Press Conference and Sentencing Information for Daniel Hale**

There will be a press conference for Daniel in New York City, on July 17 @ 10:00 am with a number of speakers. Media Advisory. Program for Press Conference. The Press Conference will be held at 10th Avenue and West 30th Street.



Daniel's sentencing is July 27 @ 9:00 AM, in the Alexandria VA Courtroom. If you would like to attend, the details are here.

### **Ed Kinane: Trial For Drone Protest Hancock AFB**

Ed Kinane of Upstate Drone Action is one of several people whose criminal trials for protesting at Hancock Air Force Base outside of Syracuse have been delayed due to COVID. Kinane discusses how drones are used to kill people in Afghanistan and how the courts have handled previous protests. With Mark Dunlea for Hudson Mohawk Radio Network.

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**April 22, 2021: Earthday At Hancock! World on Fire!!**

**February 14, 2021: Valentines Day** A moment of light in the darkness. @ Hancock Base. **Our message.**

**October 29, 2020: Alice's Nightmare in Droneland Tableau**

@Hancock Air National Guard Base: Press Release, Video with Interviews, Blog Post

**June 20, 2020:** Weaponized drones are the knee on the throat of people of color all over the world. Dewitt Caravan and Vigil at Hancock Base See Video, Read **Statement:** Pandemic & Militarism

**September 24, 2019:** 6 Arrested at Hancock Base, **Drones Fly, Children Continue to Die** More Info

**June 20, 2019:** 8 Arrested at Hancock Base, **Drones Fly Children Die** Action, See Video.

\* \* \* **Ongoing** \* \* \*

Street Heat Vigils at Hancock Gate: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays

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## **Earth Day at Hancock Base: World on Fire!**

Please join us at the main gate of Hancock Field, 6001 E. Malloy Rd, Mattydale, NY (Syracuse). Thursday, April 22, 2021 – 11 AM. We will gather before-hand at 10:15 AM, at the May Memorial Church parking lot at 3800 E. Genessee St., E. Syracuse

We are gathering at Hancock Field as the 174th Attack Wing pilots drones, murdering people in Afghanistan, the Middle East and Africa. They are one component of the vast military mega machine which relentlessly consumes fossil fuels. The U.S. military is the single biggest institutional emitter of carbon dioxide in the world. It emits more CO2 than most nation-states

What we stand for is what we stand on, our lovely mother

planet Earth. Please help us defend her.

This event is sponsored by Upstate Drone Action. No arrests are planned. Masks are required and social distancing will be practiced. We will stand a least six feet apart. Bring friends. Park on the south shoulder of East Molloy.

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## **Valentines Day at Hancock Base:**

**Our Valentine's Day Celebration** on Sunday, Feb. 14, 2021.  
**Video by Heriberto Rodriguez.**

### **UDA statement:**

*Dear Hancock Field, Air National Guard:*

*"What if what you do to survive kills the things you love?" Bruce Springsteen asks this poignant question in a song (Devils and Dust) about a soldier fighting in Iraq. Our nation has been in a downward spiral. Beginning with the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, now in free fall with the COVID 19 pandemic, the collapsing economy and the January 6 Capitol Insurrection, we are impelled to ask this very question today. Have we killed the things we love?*

*Have we become Drone Nation? Are all of us, in one way or another, just following orders and remotely controlled (directly or indirectly), or do we still have the capacity for following our conscience and our freedom of choice?*

*Martin Luther King, Jr. taught us to know, "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend" – which points to a very real solution so sadly overlooked by our government. So little money spent on friendship and love and helping people and so much money on war.*

*Dr. Cornel West, a man who has stood with us in front of this very gate at Hancock Field, reminds us, "Never forget,*

*justice is what love looks like in public.” Have our seemingly endless wars and the use of force brought justice to this nation today?*

*We are here because of the 174th’s drone assassination program, and we are here because of love. We know you are our brothers and sisters and are part of our collective family. Paul Connett, new to our group, spoke eloquently at the last vigil. He said, “to kill people anonymously, from thousands of miles away, from an office, it is a different kind of warfare.” This is bringing us all low.*

*We ask you to look deeply within. Is what you are doing to survive destroying your conscience and destroying the things you love?*

**Charley Bowman’s video** below captures Sherri Bauer reading our Valentines Message.

**The event is endorsed by:**

*Broome County Peace Action; Know Drones.com; Saratoga Peace Alliance; St. Joseph’s House of Hospitality, Rochester, NY; Syracuse Peace Council; Veterans For Peace, Chapter 10 Albany, NY; Veterans for Peace, Chapter 90 Broome County, NY; Veterans for Peace, Chapter 147 Adirondack, NY; Western New York Peace Center; World Beyond War*

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**Alice In Droneland:**

Video by Heriberto Rodriguez

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**Knee on the Throat of the World**

Video by John Amidon

## **Was Hancock Drone Base Responsible?**

30 Afghans on Pine Nut farm killed by US Drone Strike. 6 Arrested at Hancock Field holding a banner which stated ***"Drones Fly, Children Die – Our Hearts Are Breaking"***

*Video by John Amidon*

Syracuse, NY. Tuesday, September 24, 2019. At approximately 10:30 am, six members of Upstate Drone Action (UDA) were arrested while expressing deep anguish and grief over the recent US drone attack in Afghanistan responsible for killing at least 30 pine nut workers and for the numerous other civilians slaughtered by the USAF and US government. Holding a banner which stated "Drones Fly, Children Die, Our Hearts Are Breaking", the six members of UDA requested the Sheriff's department enforce the law and stop the killings by the drone assassination program conducted at Hancock field (and other USAF bases across the nation.) With the veil of secrecy and lack of full disclosure, which drone attack center is responsible for this latest slaughter presently remains unknown to the American public. Will anyone ever be held responsible for these wrongful deaths? The six arrested were Ed Kinane, Ann Tiffany, Julienne Oldfield, Rae Kramer and Les Billips, of Syracuse, NY and Mark Scibilia-Carver of Trumansburg, NY, while standing at the main gate entrance of Hancock Field, East Molloy Road, Syracuse, NY. Press Release and Statement.

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## **8 Arrested Protesting Killer Drone Assassinations at Hancock Air National Guard Base**

DeWitt, NY – This morning, eight longtime members of the Upstate Drone Action Coalition were arrested for blocking the entrance to Hancock Airbase, home of the 174th Attack Wing. The blockade was composed of a tableau representing the aftermath of a drone strike with mothers grieving their slain

children. Protesters used two large banners stating, "Drones Fly, Children Die: Our Hearts are Breaking!" and "Children are not collateral damage!" A grim reaper wheeled an 8' high, 6' long scale model of an MQ-9 Reaper drone through the tableau.

Video by Heriberto Rodriguez