



"Justice For Our Desert" CELEBRATE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY ON THE LAND OF THE PAIUTE AND WESTERN SHOSHONE

Last April, Donald Trump promised to bring Columbus Day "back from the ashes," reversing a popular trend of recent years to change the name and focus of the holiday celebrated on the second Monday of October to Indigenous Peoples Day.

Leaving "Columbus Day" in the ashes, NDE is once again convening its autumn event, Justice for our Desert, over the Indigenous Peoples holiday weekend.

After gathering at NDE's home base in Las Vegas, we expect to begin our time together with a vigil for peace over the evening shift change, 3-5 pm on Friday, October 10, at Creech Air Force Base in Indian Springs and finish it on Monday morning with nonviolent resistance at the Nevada National Security Site, NNSS, in Mercury. Creech is the center for US global drone warfare by remote control. The NNSS, on land stolen from the Western Shoshone nation, was the primary testing location of American nuclear devices, most bombed place on earth, and is currently a key facility in the production of new generations of nuclear bombs.

We will be celebrating the desert and learning of the threats to its people and its creatures. Meals and simple accommodations will be provided. We will have time to sing, share food and stories, attend a powwow, create art, participate in traditional sweat lodge, reflect, pray and to conspire for survival.

Contact us at info@nevadadesertexperience.org for more information or to register.



NEVADA DESERT EXPERIENCE

OCTOBER 10-13, 2025

Celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day
on Paiute and Western Shoshone land
with a sacred desert retreat
focused on nonviolence, community,
and spiritual renewal

- Desert exploration
Vigils at Creech AFB and
the Nevada Test Site

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**"Learning from the Past, Building the Future: 80 Years of Remembrance, 50 Years of Reflection, 40 Years of Action."
Veterans For Peace had their National Convention in Las Vegas,
July 24-27**



NDE staff member Karen Pettit joined veterans and allies from around the world to hear testimonies —from Hibakusha who survived the U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima, to a descendant of a Holocaust survivor, to a Palestinian standing in solidarity with Gaza today. Their stories were calls to take action and make this world a safer place by standing against war.

Friday morning VFP, CODEPINK LV, and NDE protested outside Clark County Detention Center to show support for immigrants and to object to the 287G program which has recently been restarted in Clark County, NV. ICE will train and employ Metro police sheriffs. Over 400 people are currently being held in 3 detention centers in Clark County. As anti-war activists we have to turn our attention to a battle being waged within our borders, against our families, friends, and neighbors. **The event was covered by local FoxNews5**

On Sunday, the NDE headquarters at Bartlett hosted a lunch with CODEPINK co-founder Jodie Evans. We enjoyed the cozy space together and exchanged stories of resistance.



Finally on Sunday evening, VFP, CODEPINK, and NDE hosted a panel at the Pearson Center where speakers talked about the environmental damage of military bases, especially from radiation, PFAS (forever chemicals), and Agent Orange.



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