1985 APHA Closing General Session
Prevention of Nuclear War As A Public Health Priority

Victor W. Sidel, Outgoing President APHA, Presider
The Peace Caucus in affiliation with the American Public Health Association (APHA) was founded in 1985 to educate and engage the influential voice of public health professionals in efforts to promote peace.

Through outreach and educational activities, we strive to illuminate that peace and social justice are key determinants of the health of individuals and communities across the globe.
Acknowledgements
116 founding members

• Gail Gordon
• Lawrence Egbert
• Larry Kushi
• Patrick Johnson
• Rosalind (Bobbie) Singer
• Victor W. Sidel
• Kathy Fagan
• Robert Gould
• Patrice Sutton

And so many, many others over the years who have contributed to nurturing and sustaining the Peace Caucus

Lawrence Egbert, MD
PEACE CAUCUS TEAM MEMBERS 2020

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Amy Hagopian, PhD, MHA Collaborator
WHAT WE DO

Peace Caucus members organize scientific programs at APHA’s annual meeting, develop policies, disseminate information and conduct other activities that highlight the public health impacts of war, conflict and other forms of violence and the essential role of health professionals in prevention.

Our activities illustrate the need for peaceful and just environments so that populations can thrive.
• 1951-1992 – NTS 928 announced nuclear tests, 828 underground

• Between 1986 and 1994 there were 536 demonstrations held at the NTS involving 37,488 participants and 15,740 arrests
1986

APHA’S 1986 ANNUAL MEETING LAS VEGAS, NV

PROTEST AT THE US NUCLEAR WEAPONS TEST SITE
(NEVADA TEST SITE)

Victor W. Sidel, MD addressing Nevada Test Site Protestors

Front row left to right  Carl Sagan, APHA-Immediate Past President
Victor W. Sidel, and PSR Co-Founder H. Jack Geiger

APHA non-violent protesters transported after arrests
> 500 APHA members marched & 139 were arrested
Protest a social phenomenon
Faded blue jeans mixed with business suits, uptown dresses

Sagan among 139 arrested in NTS protest

139 protesters arrested at test site

APHA Meeting Includes Major Action
At Nuclear Test Site; Over 500 March
Enclosed is $10 to renew my membership in the Peace Caucus. Much of benefit and enrichment was achieved this past week in New Orleans. The Caucus' vitality is a tribute to your efforts and achievements, as well as those of other members. In a short period of time the Peace Caucus has shown a viability and comraderie, producing a strong foundation on which to develop.

Fraternally,
Bill White

**PC Honored by Soviet Medical Workers**

An extraordinary honor was bestowed on the PC at the Annual Meeting. The honor came in the form of the presentation of a replica of the "Let Us Beat Swords Into Ploughshares" statue. The arrangements for the presentation were made by APHA Past President and PC member, Dr. Victor Sidel. The statue was presented to Larry Kushl by Dr. Lydia Novak, President of the seven million member Soviet Medical Workers Union. The statue is a model of the sculpture located on the grounds of the United Nations in New York City.
1988

- Economic Conversion
- Public Health Costs of War

1989

- Health Effects of Nuclear Weapons
- R&D and Production / Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

1990

- Peace Caucus members cycle with 25 Russian cyclists from Moscow to Leningrad with “Cycle Paths for Peace”

1991

- Persian Gulf War / Low-Intensity Conflict / Central America
1990 New York City

DEMONSTRATE FOR A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1990
DAG HAMMARSKJOLD PLAZA
47TH AND FIRST AVENUE
NOON TO 2PM

SPONSORED BY
AMERICAN PEACE COUNCIL
PEOPLE FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

An opportunity to ban nuclear weapons testing will come when the 118 countries that have signed the Partial Test Ban Treaty (PTBT) meet in New York City, January 7-18, 1991. The PTBT limited tests in the atmosphere, over space and underwater.

At the conference, these nations will vote to amend the PTBT to end all nuclear testing. Three nations have vast power: the U.S., Britain and the USSR, which has been willing to sign a comprehensive test ban for some time. Currently, the U.S. and USSR are opposed. To pass the amendment, a majority of the PTBT signers must vote in favor of it. And this majority must include the U.S., USSR and UK. If ratified, the amendment is binding on all 118 nations.

Please contact President Bush and your legislator and insist that the U.S. support the Test Ban Amendment.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
PSR/NYC (212) 879-2980

TO DATE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OPPOSES THE AMENDMENT!

END TESTING! Forever
• Persian Gulf War
  Doctor Who Opposed Gulf War Faces Loss of License To Practice Medicine

  Dr. Yolanda Huet-Vaughn

• Chemical Biological Weapons of Mass Destruction

• Militarism/National Health Insurance and the Peace Dividend


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Palestine: seeking truth amid turmoil

8 PC sessions 1989-1995 on health impacts of nuclear weapons R&D

Peace Dividend

ABOLITION 2000
GLOBAL NETWORK TO ELIMINATE NUCLEAR WEAPONS
NO NUKES, NO WAR
1997 War & Public Health

Women & War, Sanctions

LAND MINES
A Worldwide Public Health Menace

Worldwide, land mines have become a weapon of choice. Governments and guerrilla armies alike are attracted to the use of land mines because they are inexpensive to buy, easy to obtain, simple to deploy and hard to detect. Costing on average $3 to $30, about 10 million land mines are produced each year by almost 100 companies and government agencies in at least 48 countries. Minefields placed in a couple of hours can take weeks to clear with average costs to clear one land mine ranging from $300 to $1,000.

Central America/ Liberation Medicine
American Public Health Association

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American Public Health Association and Physicians for Social Responsibility
Call for Justice and Security, Not Revenge

In response to the September 11 attacks on the United States, Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) initiated a statement urging restraint and respect for law for the widest possible sign-on by individuals and organizations in the medical and health community. The American Public Health Association and its Executive Director Mohammad N. Akhter, M.D., M.P.H. agreed to be initial signers.

• 2000 War & Public Health (updated)

2001 1st session on bioterrorism

• 2003 Terrorism & Public Health
Veterans health

2004  2005  2006  2007

**Violence: A Public Health Approach to Prevention**

J. Marshall, MD, President

Jewish-American Medical Project: An effort to humanize the Middle East conflict through collaboration in medicine, mental health, and public health. A. F. Meyers, MD, MPH; A. Rothchild, MD; J. G. Shaw; R. Torgovitsky; M. Seligman, PsyD


B. H. Howard, BA; L. J. Benjamin, MD; D. Steltzig, BS; A. L. McAlister, PhD; J. Grussendorf, PhD; R. Shegog, PhD

A university peace project can lead to a dialogue about peace in the community. J. M. Murdock, PhD

Violence: An epidemic requiring public health solutions TBA

Discussion.

Co-Sponsors: AH, PHEHP, ICEHS, SC   CE credits: CH, RN, MD

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**Opposition to the Initiation and Continuation of the War on Iraq by the United States**

As public health workers and as members of the American Public Health Association, we wish to state our strong opposition to the initiation and continuation of the war on Iraq by the United States. We support the policy statements approved by the APA Executive Council regarding the war (DV).

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**Social Injustice & Public Health**

- 2006 Social Injustice & Public Health

**Social Injustice & Public Health**

Barry S. Levy, Victor W. Sidel

**Health Impacts of War in the Middle East**

N. R. E. Wardani, MPH, MPhil, President

Water and the Environment in Palestine. R. Abu Middain, MPH

Politics of Deteriorating Health: The Case of Palestine. D. Qato, PharmD, MPH

Effects of Israeli military occupation on an American NGO addressing children's health issues in Palestine. S. J. Sosebee

Veteran and military health and the war in Iraq. A. G. Hirschman, RN-C, FNP

Discussion.

Co-Sponsors: PHEHP, SC   CE credits: CH, RN
Collaboration with APHA, Labor Caucus & Peace Caucus

2007 UNEMBEDDED

APHA and the Peace and Labor Caucuses are uniting to bring Unembedded to the APHA Annual Meeting

APHAs Opening Reception for the Unembedded Exhibit
Monday, November 5, 2007, 6-8:30PM
AFL-CIO Building, 815 16th St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Unembedded is a national touring exhibit of 60 images that tell the story of the war's impact on the lives of the most people: "the good" where the real is being waged. The APHA exhibit will include interactive panels about the war's effect on human health and the environment in Iraq, as well as its impact on returning American soldiers, their families, and communities.

This exhibit is made possible if we collectively raise $12,000 to cover printing, shipping and security. Please contribute if you can! With checks made payable to APHA Inc., Unembedded, and mailed to: Pamela Wilson, c/o Department for Professional Employees, AFL-CIO, 1001 Vermont Ave, NW, Suite 1002, Washington, DC 20005

HOURS:
Sun., Nov 4th, 2 PM-6 PM
Mon., Nov 5th, 7 AM-10 PM
Tues., Nov 6th, 7 AM-7 PM
Wed., Nov 7th, 7 AM-7 PM
Thurs., Nov 8th, 7 AM-7 PM
Harms of war and conflict on women, children, veterans, families, communities

• 2008 2nd Edition WPH

• Iran

Dr. Trita Parsi, President of the National Iranian American Council, will speak at APHA on Finding Peaceful Resolution to the US-Iran Standoff, Tuesday at 12:30 PM (see p. 5)
2009 Winter Soldier Film Screening

Winter Soldier

Winter Soldier: Iraq and Afghanistan featured testimony from U.S. veterans who served in those occupations, giving an accurate account of what is really happening day in and day out, on the ground.

This four-day event brought together veterans from across the country to testify about their experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan - and present video and photographic evidence. In addition, panels of scholars, veterans, journalists, and other specialists gave context to the testimony. These panels covered everything from the history of the GI resistance movement to the fight for veterans' health benefits and support.
Public Health Working Group of Primary Prevention of War

• Grew out of 2011 Peace Caucus session

• Shelley White, PhD, MPH, Founder and Chair

Publications and Press:


(5) The Nation’s Health. 2014, August. “Member Groups in Brief.” Available online at: http://thenationshealth.aphapublications.org/content/64/b/17.1.full


2012 2013 2014 2015

• 2012 Terrorism & Public Health 2nd Edition

• Military Recruiting in Schools

Amy Hagopian

• Noam Chomsky

• 2013 Social Injustice & Public Health 2nd Edition
2016 2017 2018 2019

Climate Change, conflict, refugees

War in Syria

Dan Ellsberg tribute to Dr. Victor W. Sidel

• 2019 Social Injustice & Public Health 3rd Edition

War in Yemen
2020

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APHA Annual Meeting  October 24-28, 2020  ONLINE

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PEACE, JUSTICE, & PUBLIC HEALTH: YOUR GUIDE TO APHA SESSIONS & EVENTS

PEACE: A PREREQUISITE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Leveraging the opportunities of an online meeting to lift up voices on the front lines of global militarization and domestic policing

For the past 35 years, the Peace Caucus has served to make visible, as expressed in APHA’s 2009 policy statement, that war has profound public health consequences, and it is an entirely preventable source of some of the world’s worst public health catastrophes.

This year’s online meeting provided us with the unique opportunity to lift up voices from around the globe whose work is at the intersection of war, conflict, violence, and public health, and who otherwise would have been unable to attend the meeting. We urge you to take advantage of our extraordinary program, which brings to the forefront of the annual meeting the connections between violence and public health in Africa, Yemen, Syria, and in the U.S., exploring the health consequences of structural violence, and its relationship to racism, social injustice, and war.

Please make the most of this unprecedented opportunity by attending the Peace Caucus sessions.

While violence prevention is the theme of this year’s annual meeting, it is the theme of every annual meeting for the Peace Caucus. Please learn more about the work of the Peace Caucus by attending our business meeting, and support the work of the Peace Caucus by joining at https://www.aphapeacecaucus.org.

DON’T MISS THESE PEACE CAUCUS & APHA COLLABORATIVE SESSIONS

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<td>Proposed policies on nuclear weapons abolition and the war in Yemen to be discussed, please attend to speak in support of these important policy statements.</td>
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APHA Policy Statements On War, Conflict, Militarism, Nuclear Weapons

APHA resolutions on this topic include:

- Prioritizing Cleanup of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation to protect the Public’s Health 20105 (2010) [Contamination; Civilian health]
- The Role of Public Health Practitioners, Academics, and Advocates in Relation to Armed Conflict and War 20095 (2009) [War as a public health problem; Prevention; Promote Peace]
- Opposition to US Attack on Iran 200718 (2007) [Prevent pre-emptive attack; reduce nuclear weapons proliferation]
- Opposition to the United States Plans for New Nuclear Weapons Development and Pre-emptive War 200324 (2003) [Conflict resolution through negotiation; Re-establish commitment to respecting international treaties]
- Opposition to National Missile Defense and the Militarization of Space 200119 (2001) [Reduce nuclear arsenal; Reinvest funds for the people]
- Nuclear Weapon Free World 9932 (1999) [Engage in Anti-Nuclear resolutions]*
- Taking Nuclear Weapons Off Alert 9931 (1999) [Hair trigger alert]*
- Cessation of Continued Development of Nuclear Weapons 9804 (1998) [Opposing nuclear weapons modernization]*
- Cessation of Nuclear Testing and Abolition of Nuclear Weapons 9605 (1998) [Opposing nuclear weapons modernization]*
- Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention 9712 (1997) [Ban use of chemical weapons]*
- Public Health Hazards at Nuclear Weapons Facilities 8917 (1989) [Right of American people to know all information in order to exercise political right; health risks]*
- The Health Effect of Militarism Date 8531(P) (1985) [Prevention of a Nuclear War; Public Health Budgetary Impacts]*
- Nuclear Testing and Dumping of Nuclear Waste Materials in the Pacific Ocean 8307 (1983) [Destruction of environment and the jeopardization of human life]*
- Nuclear War and Nuclear Weapons 8117 (1981) [Pursuing verifiable agreement to eliminate nuclear arsenals among nuclear weapons states]*
- Nuclear Power 7909 (1979) [Significant lack of preventative health policy]*
- World Peace and the Military Budget 7913 (1979) [Military budget as a threat to world peace]*

* Denotes statement has been or will be archived this year.
The Role of Public Health Practitioners, Academics, and Advocates in Relation to Armed Conflict and War

Date: Nov 10 2009  |  Policy Number: 20095

Key Words: International Health, Conflict, War

This position paper addresses the role of public health practitioners, academics, and advocates in response to war and armed conflict. This paper provides the scientific basis and justification for an acknowledgment that war has been among the most important public health problems of the last 100 years, and there is little evidence its importance is waning.
“If we somehow suspended the arms race and expenditures on it for a year, we could, I am confident pay for every proposal made at every session at this meeting of APHA, the last meeting of APHA, and the meeting of APHA next year still to come, and have money left over for further efforts to prevent death, ease suffering and save lives throughout the world.

H. Jack Geiger, MD
Closing Session APHA 1985
"Remembering Victor W. Sidel"
(click on box to begin video)

created by Victor and Ruth Sidel’s Grandson, Andrew Sidel
WE WELCOME YOUR COLLABORATION!

- Program planning
- Policy statements
- Newsletter
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- Website
- Communications
- Publications
- Curriculum development
- Demonstrations
- Film festivals
- Photography exhibitions
- Cycling for peace

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