

Pacific Peace Network Webinar Speaker Bio's Saturday 20th June 2020



Kawena Kapahua is a Native Hawaiian activist based in Hawai'i working to protect Hawaiian land and human rights on Maunakea as well as in a plethora of other Hawaiian issues. He is a co-organizer of the Cancel Rimpac Coalition in Hawai'i that has been working to end the Rimpac war games and is also pushing for the demilitarization of Hawai'i in order to further the welfare of the people of Hawai'i, its land, and waters.



Ann Wright is a retired US Army colonel and a former US diplomat who resigned in 2003 in opposition to the US war on Iraq. Since her resignation, she has been working with Peace groups around the world including Hawaii Peace And Justice. She is the co-author of "Dissent: Voices Of Conscience."



Maria Hernandez is a daughter of Guåhan and environmental and cultural rights advocate with a B.A. in Literature and M.S. in Business Administration. She is a member of direct-action environmental and cultural advocacy organization Prutehi Litekyan: Save Ritidian. PLSR aligns with organizations throughout the Mariånas to end the desecration and militarization of indigenous lands. She is also a member of indigenous women-led non-profit I Hagan Famalão'an Guåhan

(daughters of the women of Guam), which advocates for the social, economic, cultural, spiritual and political well-being of CHamoru women, girls and gender-diverse people of Guåhan.



Virginia "Virgie" Suarez is currently a Co-Convenor of SCRAP VFA! Movement (broad campaign network of coalitions, organizations and individuals united in the pursuit of genuine sovereignty.) She is a labor rights lawyer and Chairperson of the Filipino women's rights group Kaisa Ka and Secretary General of the political organization KILUSAN (Movement for National Democracy) whose mission is to create "genuine freedom and democracy" for the Filipino people.



Margaret Beavis is a Melbourne GP who joined the Medical Association for Prevention of War after recognising the huge (often preventable) loss of life and environmental devastation caused by warfare. Her interests include the creeping militarisation of Australia, nuclear issues, climate change

and the undue influences affecting political decision making. She is vice president of MAPW, co-chair of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (Australia) and a director of Quit Nukes, campaigning for nuclear weapons free finance.



Valerie Morse is a member of Peace Action Wellington, and an author of several books about war and terrorism including *Against Freedom: the war on terrorism in everyday NZ life*, and *The day the raids came: stories of survival and resistance to the state terror raids*.