

## Purpose

Join us for the Global Network's 25th anniversary Space Organizing Conference and Protest at the home of Redstone Arsenal and the Space & Missile Defense Command, also known as the 'Pentagon of the South'.

The effort by the Trump administration to develop and deploy the next generation of Star Wars weapons will increase global instability and cost hundreds of billions of taxpayer dollars. The US Space Command has long maintained its mission is to create the technologies to 'control and dominate' space and the Earth below—ultimately on behalf of corporate interests.

This conference will allow citizens to learn more about these important issues and become involved in the growing international movement to keep space for peace.

Huntsville is the headquarters of the Space Command's directorate for 'missile defense'. Huntsville is also the manufacturing site for the PAC-3, SM-3 missile defense (MD) systems while the controversial THAAD is built in a nearby community.

The US is currently encircling Russia and China with MD systems based on Navy Aegis warships (SM-3 interceptor missiles) and with ground-based launchers (PAC-3 and THAAD). These systems are the 'shield' that would be used to pick-off Russian or Chinese retaliatory strikes after a Pentagon first-strike attack. MD systems were previously banned by the US-Russian Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) Treaty because they are destabilizing and give one side an advantage. George W. Bush pulled the US out of the ABM Treaty in 2001 and since that time the US MD program has been on steroids.

## Speakers (List in formation)

- Bruce Gagnon (Global Network Coordinator, Maine)
- Subrata Ghoshroy (Program in Science, Technology, and Society, MIT)
- William Griffin (Veterans For Peace, Georgia)
- Joy Johnson (Green Party of Madison County, Alabama)
- Tarak Kauff (Veterans For Peace, New York)
- Tiara Rose Naputi (Chamorro diaspora from Guam, Assistant Professor, Dept of Communication, University of Colorado)
- Koohan Paik (Int'l Forum on Globalization-Director for Asia-Pacific Program, Hawaii)
- Mary Beth Sullivan (PeaceWorks, Maine)
- Dave Webb (Global Network Board Convener & Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, UK)
- Lynda Williams (Physics faculty, Santa Rosa Junior College, California)
- Loring Wirble (Citizens for Peace in Space, Colorado)
- Col. Ann Wright (US Army retired, diplomat) **Keynote speaker**



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# Pivot Toward War: US Missile Defense and the Weaponization of Space



25th Annual  
Space Organizing  
Conference & Protest  
April 7-9, 2017  
Huntsville, Alabama

## Friday, April 7

2:00 PM **News Conference**

4:00 – 5:30 PM **Vigil**

Redstone Arsenal/Marshall Space Flight Center  
Gate 9 (Rideout Road, Exit 14 off Hwy 565)

6:00 PM **Dinner**

Las Parrillas Grill Mexican Restaurant  
(2713 Patton Rd SW, Exit 17 off Hwy 565)

## Saturday, April 8

8:30 – 9:00 AM **Registration**

Flying Monkey Theatre (Lowe Mill, 2211 Seminole Drive, 2nd floor)

9:00 – 9:30 AM **Welcome & Purpose of Conference**

9:30 – 10:00 AM **Presentation**

The US Space Global Warfighting System &  
Global Network Responses

10:15 – 11:45 AM **Plenary Panel I**

A New Arms Race: Military Satellites, Drones,  
Prompt Global Strike, Military Space Plane,  
NSA Surveillance, & Mining the Sky

12:00 – 1:00 PM **Lunch**

1:15 – 2:30 PM **Plenary Panel II**

Asia-Pacific Pivot: Resistance to Missile Offense  
Radars & Interceptors

2:45 – 4:00 PM **Plenary Panel III**

Alternative Vision: Transforming a War Economy  
to a Peace Economy

4:15 – 5:45 PM **Plenary Panel IV**

Organizing Strategies & Movement Building  
during the Trump Administration

6:00 – 8:00 PM **Supper Program**

Speakers & Music

## Sunday, April 9

10:00 AM – Noon

**Visit Space & Rocket Center Museum**  
(Exit 15 off Hwy 565)



### Fees

Registration for the conference will be on a sliding scale between \$25-\$75 (pay what you can best afford). Lunch and supper on April 8 are included in your registration fee.

### Housing

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Springhill Suites Hotel (745 Constellation Place Dr) in downtown Huntsville for \$99 per night (up to 6 persons per room). The hotel has an airport shuttle from the Huntsville airport. The Lowe Mill meeting location is five minutes from the hotel. Limited home hospitality will also be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

### Sponsorship

We invite peace groups to become co-sponsors of the conference and to send representatives to join the events on April 7-9. Organizations interested in being listed as event Co-Sponsors are asked to pay \$100 – \$500 (whatever you can best afford).

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Enclosed is my conference registration in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_person(s)

I/we will be there for Lunch\_\_\_\_ and/or Supper \_\_\_\_ on April 8

Please send me  Hotel or  Home Hospitality information (Check one)

Sign our group up as a conference Co-Sponsor. Enclosed is a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Sorry, I can't attend, but here is a donation toward conference expenses. \$\_\_\_\_\_.

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