



**22 JULY TO 5 AUGUST 2013**

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**MIDDLE EARTH, CASTLE ROCK ROAD, BYFIELD  
STOP THE TALISMAN SABRE WAR REHEARSALS!**

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**As Buddha, Jesus, Gandhi, Martin Luther King and all the great advocates for peace attest, non violent direct action works!**

Come join us a Camp Peace Pilgrim and help us cultivate non violent direct action aimed at disrupting the Talisman Sabre war rehearsals in the Shoalwater Bay military exercise area.

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There have been inspiring precedents for this.

In 2009 three different groups walked on calling themselves the Bonheffer 4 (Margaret Pestorius, Simon Moyle, Jarrod McKenna and Jessica Morrison), Jaegerstaetter 3 (Culley Palmer, Jim Dowling, Bryan Law) and the Grana 4 (Yulangi Bardon, Emily Nielsen, Mark Palmer, Jake Bolton).

In 2011 a group calling themselves the Jaegerstaeter Amigos (Margaret Pestorius, Andy Paine and Robert Jones) walked on and, during the night and again the next day, blockaded tanks and trucks and effectively halting military manoeuvres for the day.

Margaret, Andy and Robert introduced a new theme to the resistance tactic by carrying with them a 10kg plaster angel and setting up a shrine to Blessed Franz Jaegerstaetter, the Austrian peasant who peacefully resisted the Nazi military and was executed by them in 1945.

We have the GPS location and the challenge they have set for others is to go find the Jaegerstaetter shrine and offer a prayer there.

Or maybe go built your own shrine to your exemplar of non violent direct action.

Let's populate the Shoalwater Exercise Area with generations of shrines dedicated to peace making saints and martyrs and make it our biennial exercise to go honour them.

For this I know, if we build resistance this way, honouring the peace makers past and calling on new generations of peace makers to have the courage and faith to resist the war rehearsals at Shoalwater Bay, it will only be a matter time before the military will have to shut up shop and leave.

Indeed non violent direct action such as this is the only way that the Shoalwater Bay, an area of pristine coast rainforest the size of Denmark, will ever be returned to the people as a sacred wilderness park.

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