Armed Conflict and War: What’s A Health Professional to Do?

APHA’s Governing Council adopted a policy last year to guide our organization on the role of public health practitioners, academics and advocates in response to war and armed conflict, and further, to lay a platform for the adoption of future APHA policy statements and advocacy work on specific wars as they arise. The APHA policy paper provides the scientific basis and justification for an acknowledgment that war is one of the most significant threats to health, and articulates the roles that public health professionals can play in preventing war itself, as well as mitigating the public health consequences of war.

“War has profound public health consequences, and is an entirely preventable source of some of the world’s worst public health catastrophes.”

APHA Policy Statement (2009)

All are welcome and encouraged to lend your perspective at a roundtable discussion on Tuesday, November 9th at 4:30 - 6:00 CCC 303 to explore interdisciplinary opportunities to implement APHA’s Policy Statement to advance public health overall. The policy statement can be found at: http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/policysearch/default.htm?id=1391

Our conversations will initiate organization-wide discussion of implementation of the goals advanced in the 2009 APHA position paper. Learn the views of a wide range of APHA’s constituents about how war and the prevention of war does or could impact their work.

Join the discussion with APHA leaders on the policy statement’s action items:

1. Recognize the prevention of war as a global health priority and highlight the role of public health practitioners in the prevention of war. Victor W. Sidel, MD
2. Educate public health professionals, policy makers, and the public about the consequences of war. Robert Gould, MD
3. Encourage research and advocacy relating to the structural causes of conflict. Barry Levy, MD, MPH
4. Foster dialogue on the issue of war and build partnerships with international public health stakeholders. Amy Hagopian, PhD
5. Improve the competency of the global public health workforce to prevent and mitigate the impacts of war. Rebecca Bartlein, MPH
Peace Caucus Program
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MONDAY (3235.0)
12:30 - 2:00 PM • CCC 506

WAR, TERRORISM AND PUBLIC HEALTH
V.W. Sidel, MD and B. S. Levy, MD, MPH, Presiders

12:30  Injury and Pain Among a War-Affected Population in Mitrovicë District of Kosovo (I): Prevalence and Risk Factors
       S. J. Wang, MPH, PhD; M. Salihu, MS; F. Rushiti, MD; L. Bala; J. Modvig, MD, PhD
12:48  Nuclear Weapons, Terrorism, and the Imperative of Nuclear Abolition--R. Gould, MD; P. Sutton, MPH
1:06  New developments in U.S. Policy Concerning Torture: The Legacy of Complicity--Leonard Rubenstein, JD
1:24  Advocacy of Boulder, Colorado, for Abolishing Nuclear Weapons: Implications for Nuclear Power
       W. M. Marine, MD, MPH; L. Ackland, University of Colorado Assoc Professor

Co-Sponsors: Socialist Caucus, Vietnam Caucus

MONDAY (3413.0)
4:30 -6:00 PM • CCC 506

WAR AND SOCIAL INJUSTICE
B. S. Levy, MD, MPH and V. W. Sidel, MD, Presiders

4:30  Responding to Terrorism: Civil Liberties and Human Rights H. J. Geiger, MD, MSciHyg
4:48  Use of Drones in Afghanistan and Pakistan V. W. Sidel, MD
5:06  Adverse Health Consequences of War on Civilians B. S. Levy, MD, MPH
5:24  Community Responses to Conflict in Eastern DRC: Comparing Men and Women’s Perspectives J. Kelly, MS
5:42  Population-based survey of health and human rights: Documenting crimes against humanity in Burma
       R. Soliom, MA, MPH; A. Richards, MD, MPH

Co-Sponsors: Vietnam Caucus, Socialist Caucus, HIV/AIDS; International Health

Monday 7:00-8:30 PM

MEDICAL CONSEQUENCES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS
Robert Gould, MD

A RECEPTION, PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

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**Kathleen Fagan, MD, MPH, and Patrice Sutton, MPH, Program Planners**

**TUESDAY (4209.0)**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE, THE US MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES**

12:30 PM-2:00 PM • CCC 507

**ANN HIRCHMAN, RN-C, FNP, MPH Presider**

12:30 Lengthy Enlistments in “The Long War”: What are the Costs for Servicemembers and their Families? **S. K. Trynosky, JD, MPH**

12:50 Who Gets Left Behind: Adolescent Quality of Life in Military Families **S. Reed, MSW; J. Bell, PhD, MPH; T. Edwards, PhD**

1:10 Violence Against Women in the Military **M. Donohoe, MD, FACP**

1:30 Honoring Heros - Barriers to Veterans Health Care **A. Hirschman, RN-C, FNP, MPH**

1:50 Discussion

Co-Sponsors: APHA-Committee on Women’s Rights; Socialist Caucus; Vietnam Caucus; Women’s Caucus

CE Credits: Medical (CME), Health Education (CHES), Nursing (CNE)

**TUESDAY (4377.1)**

**THE ROLE OF PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTITIONERS IN RELATION TO ARMED CONFLICT AND WAR**

4:30 PM-6:00 PM • CCC 303

**K. FAGAN, MD, MPH, Presider**

Roundtable discussions will provide an opportunity to learn the views of a wide range of APHA’s constituents about how war and the prevention of war does or could impact their work. Session leaders will facilitate conversations with the goal of exploring opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration to broadly leverage the benefits of war prevention across a wide range of public health issues and priorities.

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Co-Sponsors: Socialist Caucus; Vietnam Caucus

CE Credits: Medical (CME), Health Education (CHES), Nursing (CNE)

**TUESDAY (425.0)**

**PEACE CAUCUS BUSINESS MEETING**

6:30 PM-8:00 PM • CCC 303

**WEDNESDAY (5179.0)**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE, WOMEN, AND HEALTH: NO HEALTH WITHOUT JUSTICE**

12:30 PM-2:00 PM • CCC 507

**J. MARSHALL, MD, Presider**

12:30 Women’s Health in Sierra Leone and Liberia: The Impact of War and the Opportunities of Recovery **P. Delargy**

12:50 School Age Girls in Pakistan are hungry and uneducated, where is the justice in that?: **G. Pappas, MD PhD**

1:10 Women in Government in Afghanistan: Taliban in suits **Z. Rasesh**

1:30 Discussion

Co-Sponsors: HIV/AIDS; Labor Caucus; Social Work; Socialist Caucus; Vietnam Caucus; Women’s Caucus

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**Get Inspired!**

See You At the APHA Health Activist Dinner

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7  6:00 - 9:00 PM**

Maggiano’s Little Italy 16th St., Denver
(3 blocks from the Convention Center)
Tickets $50'

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Cornely Award · Margaret Flowers, L. Toni Lewis, Ellen R. Shaffer
Wellsstone Award · Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT)
Activist Student Recognition · Cole Zanetti
Special Recognition for Contributions to the Public’s Health· Gerardo Hernandez, Ramon Laranino, Fernando Gonzalez, Antonio Guerrero, Rene Gonzalez · “The Cuban 5”

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8pm - midnight

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