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Missile Launches from Vandenberg: Do They Make the World Safer?

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On Wednesday, November 17 at 7:00 pm the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation will host a panel discussion entitled “Missile Launches from Vandenberg: Do They Make the World Safer?” The panel, chaired by NAPF President David Krieger, will feature Father Louis Vitale and Sister Megan Rice, who were arrested last year at a protest of a nuclear-capable missile launch at Vandenberg Air Force Base. A representative from Vandenberg has also been invited to speak, but the base has so far not replied to the invitation.

Wednesday’s event will take place at the Santa Barbara Friends Meeting, 2012 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

Much attention was given last week to the “**mystery missile**” launch off the coast of Los Angeles. What most news reports failed to mention, however, is that the United States regularly launches Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs) from Vandenberg to bases in the Marshall Islands or Guam. The United States keeps hundreds of these ICBMs on hair-trigger alert, ready to be fired at a moment’s notice. The U.S. also has hundreds of hair-trigger nuclear weapons available on submarines and bombers.

Fr. Vitale and Sr. Rice will face trial in federal court in Santa Barbara on Thursday, November 18 at 1:30 pm for their act of nonviolent civil disobedience around a 2009 missile launch.

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