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## **Retired British Royal Navy Commander to Give “Breaking Free from Nuclear Deterrence” Talk in Santa Barbara**

**Santa Barbara, February 17** – Commander Robert Green (Royal Navy, Ret.), a former operator of nuclear weapons in the British Royal Navy, will deliver the 10th Annual Frank K. Kelly Lecture on Humanity’s Future on Thursday, February 17th, at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free and the public is welcome.

The lecture, sponsored by the Nuclear Peace Age Foundation and titled “Breaking Free from Nuclear Deterrence,” will take place at the Fé Bland Forum at Santa Barbara City College, 721 Cliff Drive.

Commander Green served for 20 years in the British Royal Navy. As a bombardier-navigator, he flew in nuclear strike aircraft and anti-submarine helicopters. On promotion to Commander in 1978, he worked in the UK Ministry of Defence before being appointed to Staff Officer (Intelligence) to the Commander-in-Chief during the Falklands War.

Since leaving the British Royal Navy in 1982, Commander Green has worked for the abolition of nuclear weapons. He chaired the UK affiliate of the World Court Project (1991-2004), an international citizen campaign, which led to the International Court of Justice judgment in 1996 that the threat or use of nuclear weapons would be generally illegal. He currently serves as the Co-Director of the Disarmament & Security Centre in New Zealand. His most recent book, published in 2010, is Security without Nuclear Deterrence.

“The myths spun around nuclear deterrence amount to a massive swindle,” Commander Green has written. “Nuclear deterrence [the theory that the threat of nuclear retaliation will prevent an attack] is impractical, politically unsound and counterproductive to our real security needs, as well as immoral and illegal.”

Nuclear Age Peace Foundation President David Krieger stated, “Commander Green is an ardent advocate of abolishing nuclear weapons. His military experience with nuclear weapons makes him particularly well qualified to critique deterrence theory, a theory on which the future of civilization balances precariously.”

In conjunction with the Kelly Lecture and Commander Green’s visit, the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation will be hosting a two-day conference on February 16 and 17, focused on “The Dangers of Nuclear Deterrence.” Fifteen experts from across the world, including Commander Green, will attend and present papers, which will be published by the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation.

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### **Available for interviews:**

Commander Robert Green (Royal Navy, Ret.)

David Krieger, President of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation.

Please contact Debra Roets at 805-965-3443 or 805-252-6602, to arrange.

**The Frank K. Kelly Lecture on Humanity's Future** was established by the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation in 2002. The lecture series honors the late Frank K. Kelly, a founder and senior vice president of the Foundation. Each annual lecture is presented by a distinguished individual to explore humanity's present circumstances and ways by which we can shape a more promising future for our planet and its inhabitants.

**The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation** -- The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation's mission is to empower peace leaders and to educate and advocate for peace and a world free of nuclear weapons. Founded in 1982, the Foundation is comprised of individuals and organizations worldwide who realize the imperative for peace in the Nuclear Age. The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation is a non-profit, non-partisan organization with consultative status to the United Nations. For more information, visit [www.wagingpeace.org](http://www.wagingpeace.org).