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***Speaking of Peace: Quotations to Inspire Action***

**Santa Barbara, CA (November 23, 2011)**—David Krieger has spent the last 40 years speaking of peace. As a founder and the President of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, he has traveled the globe lecturing on peace, security, foreign policy and the abolition of nuclear weapons. His work has strengthened international law, empowered peace leaders and focused public attention on a topic most people prefer to avoid: the insanity of war in an age of nuclear weapons.

Despite his eloquence on the topic of peace, in this slim volume, Krieger employs the words of others. Through some 400 thoughtfully-collected statements from diplomats, generals, economists, poets, theologians, scientists, peace leaders and war survivors, *Speaking of Peace* sobers, awakens and inspires action. That is the point. As Dr. Krieger says in the book's introduction, "War does not happen in a vacuum. It is highly organized and requires societal support. To stop war, individuals must be willing to stand up to the war machine and those who profit from it. They must have the strength and courage to stand against the tide."

*Speaking of Peace* includes enough insight and encouragement to inspire even the most apathetic or cynical. The truth behind war is laid bare; its consequences are made plain; strategies for achieving peace are articulated; and examples to inspire hope are shared. What follows is a sampling:

**On peace**

"Peace may sound simple—one beautiful world—but it requires everything we have, every quality, every strength, every dream, every high ideal." – Yehudi Menuhin (1916-1999), British violinist and conductor.

"If everyone demanded peace instead of another television set, then there'd be peace." – John Lennon (1940-1980), British singer and songwriter.

"If you want peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies." – Moshe Dayan (1915-1981), Israeli military leader.

“Peace is the marriage of the people and the planet, with all attendant vows.” – Anonymous.

### **On individual responsibility**

“Responsibility is a unique concept. You may share it with others, but your position is not diminished. You may disclaim it, but you cannot divest yourself of it. If responsibility is yours, no evasion or ignorance or passing the blame can shift the burden on someone else.” -- Admiral Hyman Rickover (1900-1986), American military leader.

“If I have to recapitulate in a few words what I feel is the most important commandment for our generation, it is to fight indifference. Whatever happened, happened not only because the killer killed, but because the world was indifferent.” – Elie Wiesel, Holocaust survivor and 1986 Nobel Peace Laureate.

### **On hope**

“Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out.” – Vaclav Havel, first president of the Czech Republic.

“When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers and for a time they seemed invincible, but in the end they always fall—think of it, always.” – Mohandas K. Gandhi (1869-1948), Indian independence leader.

“Once you choose hope, anything’s possible.” – Christopher Reeve (1952-2004), American actor.

*Speaking of Peace* makes the case for peace. It is available from the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation at [www.wagingpeace.org/menu/store/](http://www.wagingpeace.org/menu/store/), or by contacting Sharon Rossol or Carol Warner at 805.965.3443, or from Amazon.

The Nuclear Age Peace Foundation was founded in 1982. Its mission is to educate and advocate for peace and a world free of nuclear weapons and to empower peace leaders. The Foundation is a non-partisan, non-profit organization with consultative status to the United Nations and is comprised of individuals and groups worldwide who realize the imperative for peace in the Nuclear Age.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: A photo of David Krieger is attached.