

# Nevada Desert Experience

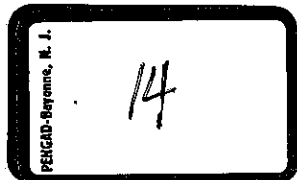
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## - Rally & Action at the Nevada Test Site -

### We Won't Be Fooled

April 1, 2007

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#### Press Coverage

[Las Vegas Review-Journal \(AP\) article](#)  
[The American Spectator 4/16](#)

#### Press Release

### 39 peace activists arrested at the Nevada Test Site with "West Wing President" Sheen

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WHEN: Sunday, April 1, 2007

WHO: Nevada Desert Experience (NDE), along with the Western Shoshone National Council and others

WHERE: Nevada Test Site

WHAT:

150 people gathered to welcome 25 Peace Walkers in a rally just outside of the Nevada Test Site (NTS) to protest the proposed "Complex 2030" plan, the "Reliable Replacement Warhead" and the occupation of Iraq. The Western Shoshone National Council welcomed the gathering. Speakers included Carrie Dann, activist and Shoshone elder, Fr. Louis Vitale, NDE, Colonel Ann Wright, SEIU local leader Jane McAlevey, and Catholic activist and actor Martin Sheen. After the rally a procession led by the Western Shoshone National Council representatives walked to the entrance of the Nevada Test Site. Carrie Dann crossed the line first and was soon joined by Fr. Louis Vitale, Martin Sheen, Ann Wright and 35 other men and women in this important nonviolent civil resistance. The Nye county sheriffs detained the "trespassers" in holding pens just inside the site.

The Peace Walkers, a diverse inter-faith group from around the country hosted by NDE, had started walking on Tuesday from the Atomic Testing Museum in Las Vegas, and walked throughout the week to the NTS as a statement of peace, a protest of nuclear weapons, Complex

2030, and as a spiritual pilgrimage. Peace Walker Shaina Meiners said, "the Peace Walk was an amazing experience in opposites. In the shadow of the nuclear devastation at the Test Site and the bombings of the Nellis Air Force range an awesome interfaith group came together for a nonviolent experience in enjoying the desert, sharing our traditions, and working for peace." The Peace Walkers started the morning with a sunrise ceremony led by revered elder and spiritual leader of the Western Shoshone Corbin Harney, a couple of miles from the NTS, before walking to the rally. Franciscan Friar Louis Vitale, O.F.M and Priestess Dr. Anne Key also offered blessings to the gathering.

After people finished crossing the line, the rally was asked to move back. The detainees were all processed within an hour. Carrie Dann was the last woman released. Complex 2030 is the name given to the administration's ambitious plan to rebuild and reorganize the Nuclear Weapons Complex by the year 2030, including construction of a new nuclear weapons productions facility that may be situated at the Nevada Test Site.

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**Nuclear Weapons Destroy Life!**  
 Join with  
**Western Shoshone National Council**  
 Martin Sheen  
 Colonel Ann Wright  
 Joanne Sheehan  
 Emma's Revolution  
 & others

**April 1, 2007**  
**at the Nevada Test Site**  
**10 am - 2 pm**

To End the Occupation of Iraq  
 To Stop "Complex 2030"  
 and new nuclear weapons.

For Complete Information  
[www.NevadaDesertExperience.org](http://www.NevadaDesertExperience.org)  
 or call 702.646.4814

**Speakers & Musicians:**

Western Shoshone National Council Representative

Martin Sheen - activist, peacemaker, actor - [wikipedia](#)

Diana Smith, a representative of Rep. Dennis Kucinich - [Ohio Congressman](#)

Ret. Colonel Ann Wright - [wikipedia](#)

Joanne Sheehan - [War Resisters League](#) New England - [article](#)

Loulena Miles - staff attorney for [Tri-Valley Cares](#)

Neal Christie - United Methodist Church Board representative

[Emma's Revolution](#) - musicians

Sr. Rosemary Lynch, OSF - [bio](#)

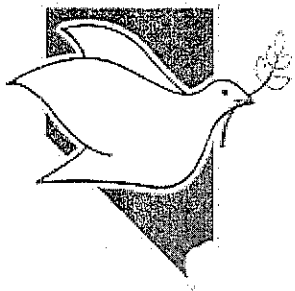
LV RJ column on Sr. Rosemary

Fr. Louis Vitale, OFM - [bio](#)

[Sacred Peace Walk Walkers](#)

Elliot Adams - [Veterans for Peace](#)

Jane McAlevey - Executive Director of [Service Employees International Union Local 1107](#) - Nevada



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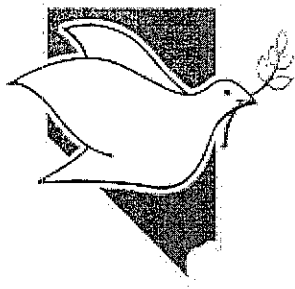


Peace walkers and friends form a circle around Corbin Harney.



Priestess Dr. Anne Key led us in a call and respond peace blessing and Fr. Louis Vitale, OFM prayed in thanksgiving of St. Francis' life and the continuation of our work here to transform the Nevada Test Site.





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Fr. Louis Vitale, OFM, Martin Sheen, and others kneel at the line and lead the group in praying the Lord's Prayer.



Sr. Klaryta tries coaxing one of the Sheriff's deputies across the line.



Fr. Louie Vitale, OFM & Martin Sheen walk with others to the holding cell.