



Pax Christi Call: Please join us to vigil and rally on Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 1:00 -2:00, to mark the 22nd year anniversary of the Guantanamo Bay prison. We will vigil in front of the Augusta National Guard Armory, at the intersection of Route 202 and Armory Street, and then rally with speakers , singers and more.

Our message is simple: Shut Down Guantanamo. According to the ACLU, since the prison opened in 2002, 780 prisoners have been held there, including 21 children. More than 86% of those prisoners were sold as prisoners to the U.S. for a bounty. Currently, 30 remain imprisoned, 19 of which have never been charged with any crime or offense. 16 of these 19 were cleared for release more than 2 years ago but remain imprisoned.

We join in Commemorating Jan. 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Group photo planned

FMI on Guantanamo, please go to <https://www.closeguantanamo.org>

CLOSE GUANTANAMO

Vigil & Rally to close Guantánamo after 22 years of detention and torture

**Sun January 14, 2024 – 1:00 - 2:00 in
Augusta**

Bring your own signs!

PROGRAM SCHEDULE, Emcee- Mary Ellen Quinn

1:00 - Augusta Armory Vigil at 179 Western Ave. (parking surrounds Armory)

1:15 - Rally begins with a song

- Frank Panopoulos, *Witness Against Torture*, Detainee Attorney
- Mary Kate Small, *Pax Christi Maine*
- Josh Kauppila, *Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine*
- Dud Hendrick, *ME Veterans For Peace*
- Maureen Ostensen, *Smilin' Trees Disarmament Farm*
- Witness ends, song and prayer in closing

Host: Pax Christi Maine, Witness Against Torture **Co-sponsors:** Peace Action Maine, Maine Veterans For Peace, Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine, PeaceWorks of Greater Brunswick, ME Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

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Snow date: Sunday Jan 14 , same time and place. Check here for updates!

We will post any decisions at ONE PLACE: <https://peaceactionme.org>

**We encourage those who are able: donate to the Guantánamo Survivors Fund:
<https://www.nogitmos.org/guantanamo-survivors-fund~>**

We stand in solidarity with the National March on Washington on this date and time for a #CeaseFireNow

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