



Pax Christi Call: Please join us to vigil and rally on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 1:00 , to mark the 21st year anniversary of the Guantánamo 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 and closing prayer.

Our message is simple: Shutdown Guantánamo. According to the ACLU, since the prison opened in 2002, 779 prisoners have been held there, including 21 children. More than 85% of those prisoners were sold as prisoners to the U.S. for a bounty. Currently, 35 remain imprisoned, 23 of which have never been charged with any crime or offense and are held indefinitely, in violation of international laws.

We join in commemorating Jan. 16, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Group Photo planned

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

CLOSE GUANTÁNAMO

Vigil & Rally to close Guantánamo after 21 years of detention and torture

January 14, 2023 – 1:00 - 2:00 in Augusta

Masks and social distancing advised, Bring your signs from last year!

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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

1:15 -Rally and Speakers, begins with a song

- Frank Panopoulos, *Witness Against Torture*, Detainee Attorney
- Mary Kate Small, *Pax Christi Maine*
- Dud Hendrick, *ME Veterans For Peace*
- Maureen Ostensen, *Smilin' Trees Disarmament Farm*
- John Raby, *Peace Action Maine*
- Open mic for those who have lived experience, similar or related
- Witness ends, prayer in closing

Sponsors: Pax Christi Maine, Peace Action Maine, Maine Veterans for Peace, PeaceWorks of Greater Brunswick Maine, ME Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Smilin' Trees Disarmament Farm, Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space, and others

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Snow date: Sunday, January 15th Same Time

FMI: <https://peaceactionme.org/events/mainers-join-call-to-close-guantanamo.html>

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

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