

## **Peaceful Skies Coalition**

*Uniting communities fighting military expansion across the United States -*

### Shared Values and Vision Statement

We come together as a coalition of organizations from across the United States, committed to values that unite us as we work together to stand up to military expansion within the United States. Each of our communities is unique and special, none more important than the other. The combined efforts of our previously isolated, often widely scattered communities, have linked us together as friends and allies in the international movement against expanded militarism and war.

A key foundational basis for democracy in the United States is civilian control of the military. Therefore, it is through a profound sense of patriotic duty that we come together to further the health and security of our communities, states, and the nation. We stand strong on the Constitutionally protected "right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."<sup>1</sup> Together we are building a movement towards peace and away from both endless war and the endless practice of war.

- US military spending must shrink. Placing war funding above all other needs is eroding national security as well as community, family and individual security.
- Military must follow the spirit and intent of all laws and regulations.
- Public lands, oceans and waterways are national treasures and need to be protected and honored as such.
- The US military has left a legacy of environmental destruction that must be immediately cleaned up. If cleanup is not possible, sites must be remediated to reduce further harm to the environment and health.
- Encroachment: The military is encroaching on the public, not the public on the military. Joint Land Use Studies must not be manipulated by the military as a way to dictate future uses of public and private land.
- Negative impacts to local economies must be prohibited. Whenever economic impacts are likely to arise, proposed activities must be moved to existing military lands.

Based on these values, we believe that our work creates a path for reducing militarism and leading the way to a more peaceful future.