



# Happy Valentine Days



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Next show is



**Wednesday February 14th at 3 pm.**

Our host Joshua Shurley with a guest to be announced. For more information call on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at (559) 237-3223 or check our website at

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In January, Joshua Shurley engaged with advocate and organizer Marc Woodruff, the director of the Community Justice Network and program strategist for Advance Peace in Fresno. Discussion on alternatives to traditional models of "criminal justice," the importance of "decolonizing" currently favored by the status quo, as well as how we bring about narratives that increase mutual trust and build community. To hear again go to:



<https://on.soundcloud.com/NRxRn>.

### Wars is the Root of all Money

As the late George Carlin pointed out that:

*"Face it, we can't make TV's, stereos, or cars; but we can make wars. And why not, we are very good at it."*

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If only more leaders felt the travesty, the destruction and death they unleash when going to war, maybe they would realize that the cost of war in human lives was too great. After one huge battle of the Civil War, President Lincoln quiet but filled with dread as an officer reported the casualty from that battle. Lincoln's mind, spinning in sorrow, the multitude of men dead and severely injured, the room, slowly filling with their blood that he himself felt drowning with them. The officer stopped, noticed the president gripped in anguish and unmovable, until his wife, Mary came, the only one who could lead him to his bed. *War is good for the wealthy but bad for its victims, us.*

*Who cares who we kill because at least half of every gun, rocket, bomb, or weapon that kills anywhere in the whole world is made here in the good old USA. All because of the profit margins; money, money, money, the cost is inhumane. Why the American military budget is and has been for decades, larger than the next ten countries combined. I wonder how much of that money goes to military personal, military armaments and payments to the big CEO? Profits whether heavenly sent or devilish destructive are big, bigger, and the biggest. "*

Then President Harry Truman was worried that he would be known as the World's Worst Mass Murderer after he looked at the pictures of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombing. The same man, but a Lieutenant, wrote in his diary on the final day of the first Worl War, that the Allied Forces should sweep into Germany and kill every man, woman, and child, because all Germans are monsters or will become monsters. Many still believe that by eliminating the enemy, wars would be ended. For a moment he discovered the true monster, he ordered no more bombings and accepted the Japanese "unconditional" surrender which the Japanese government agreed to if only the emperor was spared any criminality. A condition not shared by Americans. Then he called the State Department and ordered that shipment of food, medicine and clothing headed to Moscow, be diverted, and now sent to Greece to help the British occupy that country. And so it goes, the business of war.  
*with inspiration by George Carlin, - Editor.*