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**Black Alliance for Peace Founding Organizer Ajamu Baraka  
Awarded National Peace Prize**

September 30, 2019 – The Black Alliance for Peace (BAP) Coordinating Committee is proud to announce that Ajamu Baraka, BAP National Organizer, has been named the recipient of the 2019 US Peace Prize by the US Peace Memorial Foundation.

The award, presented on September 23 at an international peace forum in New York, honors Ajamu for his many years of service working to advance the causes of social justice and human rights around the world, calling him “an inspiring voice against militarism.” In his remarks, Foundation chair Michael Knox noted that BAP “could be the most important new antiwar organization established this century.”

Mr. Baraka, whose leadership was instrumental in the formation of BAP following the 2016 elections in which he was the Green Party nominee for Vice President, says the award is really a shared achievement. “I accept this award with great honor and humility,” he says, “not as an individual but as a member of a collective of peace and antiwar activists who paved the way with their sacrifice, courage and unwavering dedication to the idea that we can live in a world without war.”

Mr. Baraka joins a distinguished group of prominent peace activists who have previously won the US Peace Prize including Ann Wright, Veterans for Peace, Kathy Kelly, Noam Chomsky and Medea Benjamin. “In the spirit of those who have come before me,” he says, “the Black Alliance for Peace will continue to build momentum in our efforts to oppose the U.S. war agenda globally as well as the war and repression being waged on Black and Brown communities domestically.”

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