

# DEPARTMENT OF PEACEBUILDING: PART OF AMERICA'S DNA SINCE DAY 1

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1. **2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2011**: Rep. Dennis Kucinich (OH) & in 2005 Sen. Mark Dayton (MN) introduce **bills for Department of Peace**, with a Peace Academy & **2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023**: Rep. Barbara Lee (CA) introduces **Department of Peacebuilding**, with a Peace Academy
  2. **1984**: U.S. Institute of Peace created based on Matsunaga Commission findings and recommendations
  3. **1978-1979**: Sen. Spark Matsunaga of HI introduces bill for "national academy of peace" and is named chair of Commission on Proposals for National Academy of Peace and Conflict Resolution
  4. **1970s**: Nationwide grassroots campaign for national peace academy; morphed into National Peace Foundation in 1985
  5. **1969**: Sen. Vance Hartke of IN and Rep. Seymour Halpern of NY introduce bills for Dept. of Peace, with a Peace Academy
  6. **1943-1968**: Eighty-eight bills for Dept. of Peace in House or Senate
  7. **1950s**:  
President Dwight Eisenhower appoints Harold Stassen to act as Sectary for Peace  
  
Dr. Kettner gives 3 lectures on the Need for Peace Education (The Fellowship of Reconciliation, San Francisco, 1955); writes articles ("A Secretary of Peace in the Government," The Berkeley Daily Gazette, 1955) ("Establishing the First Peace University in America," Denver Post, 1955) ("Need for a Peace University" in Biosophical Review, 1956-57); corresponds with State Department re: establishment of the First Peace University in America, 1958
  9. **1936**: Dr. Frederick Kettner publishes essay "The Need for a Secretary of Peace" including a peace academy and list of practical duties of a cabinet-level Secretary of Peace and presents Secretary of Peace Plan at the First Inter-American Peace conference in Buenos Aires, with endorsement petition signed by 41,000 Americans
  10. **1935, 1937, 1939**: Sen. Matthew Neely of WVA introduces bills for Dept. of Peace
  11. **1920s**: Carrie Chapman Catt, League of Women Voters founder, publicly suggests a cabinet-level Dept. of Peace
  8. **1939**: The Biosophical Institute sponsored a peace film shown at the New York World's Fair and featuring Dr. Kettner with several Nobel Prize winners
  12. **1790s**: Benjamin Banneker & Benjamin Rush call for Office of Peace, with peace education in all schools and George Washington calls for Academy of Peace