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Salon duc Tape – Rethinking U.S. Foreign Policy – April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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## **How would U.S. foreign policy need to change to address threats like pandemics, climate chaos, and nuclear war?**

At the salon on April 9<sup>th</sup>, **Ron Forthofer** of the **Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center** will give a presentation on US foreign policy since the end of WWII, focusing particularly on the period following the demise of the Soviet Union and the events of 9/11/01. He will point out that since the early 1990s, the US has increasingly turned to the 'War' Department as well as to the CIA and similar groups instead of relying on the State Department when dealing with other countries. Ron will argue that the effects of this militaristic approach to achieve US imperial and corporate interests have been devastating to much of the world and incredibly costly to the US public as well. The major worldwide threats facing us now, such as pandemics, climate chaos and nuclear war, require an immediate and dramatic change in US foreign policy. He will offer ideas on policy changes and some suggested lobbying ideas. **Sue Ellen Klein** of **Partners for Peace** will conclude the presentation with some foreign policy perspectives offered by current civil society initiatives.

Ron is a retired professor of biostatistics, having taught at the University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston. After retiring, he became an activist for peace and social justice. Ron also ran for Congress and for Governor of Colorado as a Green Party candidate.

Salon duc Tape, a public forum sponsored by the Northern Colorado Alliance for a Livable Future (NCALF), meets on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month from **7:00 — 9:00 p.m.** We have moved to an online format (Zoom) for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic. **You will need to register in advance for the salon [here](#).** After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information – including a new link – about joining the salon.