Plenary and Workshop Topics

- Nuclear Weapons On Hair-Trigger Alert
- National Missile Defense Program
- Design and Development of New Nuclear Weapons
- Nuclear Legacy: Radioactive and Toxic Wastes
- National Budget Priorities: Are They in Proper Order?
- Corporate Influence in U.S. Military Policy Decisionmaking
- Taxpayers' Military Expenditures By City and State
- Re-defining the Concept of Security
- The International Perspective
- Community and Constituency-Based Organizing
- Public Speaking on the Issues
- Getting your Message Out Through the Media
- Effective Communication with Congressional Representatives

Conference program agenda outline:

Friday, June 22nd:
7 PM Dinner and Program

Saturday, June 23rd:
8:30 AM-6 PM - Plenaries, workshops, and lunch with speaker
7:30 PM-9:00 - Dinner with speaker

Sunday, June 24th
9:00 AM-3:30 PM - Plenaries before and after lunch with speaker; adjournment

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The Atlantic Seaboard/Southeast Regional Conference of Women for Responsible National Security is part of a two-year nationwide public education campaign launched at a Washington, D.C. event in December 2000. Our united purpose will be to become more informed and mobilized to boldly challenge national security policy that is based on mutually assured destruction (MAD) through the immoral threat of using nuclear weapons.

“Every issue is a woman’s issue.”
— Senator Barbara Mikulski

As 53% of the nation’s population, we women must assume a share of the responsibility to take an active role in the decision-making process of our democratic nation. We must make full use of our combined power to guarantee true national security for our families and future generations to come.

We will be a diverse array of women—of all ages and ethnicity, women from all walks of life who share an increasing concern about our national priorities and the direction in which our government is taking us. We will be leaders of major women’s organizations, religious and professional institutions, teachers, corporate workers, community leaders from the PTA to elective offices and women nurturing our children at home.

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We, the women of the United States of America will be convening to address the most critical issues of our time.
Be there for this historic event!

Concerns to be addressed include:

- Are our tax dollars being spent wisely in the name of national security?
- Are our national priorities in order? Are other basic needs of our country being sacrificed?
- How can we have peace and security and also ensure socioeconomic justice for all our people?
- Are we safe with nuclear weapons on hair-trigger alert? How much does it cost annually to maintain them?
- Should we continue to design and develop new nuclear weapons?
- Is it morally acceptable to consider using nuclear weapons?
- Will the missile defense system really protect us from nuclear attack? Why are our European allies all opposed to the system?
- What are we to do with all the nuclear and toxic waste that has been stockpiled?

Plenary sessions will feature speakers with expertise in economic, military and foreign policies. Workshops will feature national and regional activists who have courageously spoken out on these issues that impact so many other aspects of our lives. Through skills-building workshops, we will learn what we can do to make our voices heard at the national level, how to use the right language to reach out and engage others, and how to organize in our own communities for an ever-growing rippling effect.

Try to convince at least two women in your community to come with you—one who is already active in clubs and/or organizations and a young woman who demonstrates leadership potential. It could even be your own mother, sister, daughter, and/or close friend! The coalesced strength of our women’s public power can steer our nation toward a more secure and prosperous future for generations to come.