

# OCEAN Ripple Effect Newsletter

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## The 1st Amendment of the United States Constitution

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

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# **GET YOUR PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE MOVEMENT!**

## **1st OCEAN Event: “Why Civil Commitment for Sex Crimes is a Bad Idea” hosted by Professor Eric Janus**

On June 24, 2021, from 7 - 8:30 PM (Central time), OCEAN Advisory Board member, Professor Eric Janus, will host his online seminar: “Why Civil Commitment for Sex Crimes is a Bad Idea”. To participate, have your family and friends log into <https://umn.zoom.us/j/93124678565>. They can then use the **Meeting ID: 93124678565** to log in. If they cannot participate via the internet, they can call: **(651) 372-8299**

## **2nd OCEAN Event: The OCEAN Community Conference and Rally**

OCEAN is hosting their Community Conference in front of the state capital in St. Paul, Sunday, July 18, 2021. At this gathering, a lineup of speakers will educate the public on the terrors of preventive detention in the state of Minnesota. The first speaker will be introduced at 1:00 PM. Your family and friends may want to bring their own chairs. At 3:30 PM on the same day, they will walk/drive to the Governor’s Mansion, where they will demand an Executive Order from Governor Tim Walz to shutdown preventive detention in Minnesota.

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# YOU'RE EITHER WITH US OR YOU'RE AGAINST US.

Wearing the badge on this page (the badge is not visible on the online version of this newsletter. The badge stated: "I'll do what it takes to make a Clear Path Home. Send your family & friends to the State Capital, July 18, 2021, @ 1:00 pm.") does not mean that you agree with any particular strategy OCEAN is using, but only that you are personally and actively, searching for a Clear Path Home. The OCEAN Community Conference and Rally at the state capital on July 18, 2021 is a place where our supporters can meet up to send a simple message: These men need a Clear Path Home.

We want to give some attention to those that have put a significant amount of effort into creating a Clear Path Home: Besides the co-founders, Russell Hatton and Daniel Wilson, other members include OCEAN Chief Consultants like Mark Wallace, Michael Whipple, Steven Hogy, Joshua Brooks, and Peter Allan. Our OCEAN Event Coordinators include, Jeremy Bilder, Jacob Flom, and Jeremiah Johnson. Our legal Advisors include, Brad Stevens, Peter Lonergan, and Michael Benson. Kenny Brazell, AKA Soldier, has taken on the crucial role of Theology Director and is the head writer of our new OCEAN Waves Newsletter – a Christ based publication for the multiple churches concerned with our plight. Matt Feeney has used his great writing skills to act as our Copy Editor. Shane Garry has volunteered to be a point person at St. Peter. Almost every unit has more than one OCEAN Commissioner willing to share information to other men on their units. There is a total of 17 OCEAN Commissioners throughout the Moose Lake facility. In addition to the leaders of OCEAN, there are 173 subscribers to the OCEAN publications within the facility. We have about 300 Facebook followers and countless amount of supporters in other states. We are in regular communication with men in other "civil commitment" facilities across the country. Men in this facility that have gone above and beyond to support OCEAN, include, Cyrus Gladden, Mark Prather, Gary Scott, Ashten Nelson, Ray Irwin, Chris Ivey, Dale Williams, Guy Greene, James Moos, Rodger Robb, Mike Perseke, Adam Meyer, Allyn Shlompberger, Tim Crosby, John Cermak, Terry Branson, Thomas Webber, Melvin Allen, Anthony Garnett, Patrick Otten, David Hamilton, Terrance Cannon, Ray Semler, Randy Nelson, Danny Stone, Danny Patten, Robert "Smitty" Smith, Larry Cooper, Terrance Pettis, Joshua Mertz, Jacquard Montece Larkin, Jason Rhoades, Russell Norton, Tony Difronzo, and the list goes on. Our deepest gratitude goes to them. Statements like the one that Larkin gave fuels us when the haters try to bring us down. He said, "OCEAN is going deep, like seeds to soil growing healthy roots, pushing trees through the roof to freedom!"

One of our taglines is, "You either are or you are not Overcoming Corruption Empowering All Nations." Membership requirement for OCEAN works differently than an "organization" because OCEAN is not an organization at all – it is a movement. In a movement, it is action and intention that qualifies a person. We provide opportunities for men to act and they either take it or leave it. Those who take it, are the men who will get the recognition for shutting this down. So we say, "You either are or you are not Overcoming Corruption Empowering All Nations." The requirement for OCEAN "membership" is a desire to GO HOME and a willingness to act on that desire. Those who are OCEAN—want to go home and are doing whatever they can to make that happen. Those who are not OCEAN—do not want to go home. OCEAN is for all of us. Like Black Lives Matter, or the LGBTQ movement, there is no "sign up list." You are either for the values of the movement, or you're not. It is the same with OCEAN.

You are either for going home, or you are against it.

A quick word about the hunger strike: We learned a lot from doing this. We learned that this is a numbers game. We already have the moral high ground, that's not the problem. It was not that no one cares about us. It was that too few knew about us. The hunger strike exposed MSOP to a larger number of people outside of this building. We agreed to end the hunger strike only if the public would meet with DHS. Those public figures learned what we already knew: that MSOP and DHS officials are deceptive and do not care about us. Those people in the public became our allies. This energized our base and now literally thousands more are educated on the issue. Now we have people from different parts of the country coming to Minnesota to our OCEAN Community Conference and Rally on July 18.

A quick word about our achievements: So what have we done to help? Here is a short list: 1) On May 13, 2020 a Memo came out that said we could not receive Stimulus checks. OCEAN had one of their contacts email Jessica Geil from the legal department at MSOP. On November 2, 2020, MSOP administration allowed us to receive the stimulus checks again. The Memo states, in relevant part, "MSOP was just made aware of a decision by a federal court in California..." OCEAN supporters outside of MSOP are the ones that "made them aware". In fact, the Memo posted by MSOP administration is almost word for word the email sent to Jessica Geil by our contact. 2) We set up a Website and a Facebook page for family and friends of those detained so they could network with others. Networking is crucial to the process of shutting down this system. On the website, men can post their personal testimonies from inside the facility. 3) Like it or not, we forced MSOP to make it mandatory for staff to wear masks at the beginning of the pandemic. We had made a detailed list of all the COVID related violations at the facility. We then called Homeland Security Emergency Management and had one of the co-founders of another civil rights organization call them as well. The very next day an investigator came to the facility, saw that no staff were wearing masks, and *wala*, they had to wear masks. 4) During the hunger strike, we proposed 17 issues, none of which we actually thought MSOP/DHS would consider. We simply wanted the public attention and we got it. However, they are currently considering 5 of our suggestions: Changing the name of the program (by far the least popular idea we have had), allow family to come to the facility to participate in RAFC and require that administration come on a monthly basis (more public exposure), allowing Restorative Justice to set up a program here, create a policy for celebrating program progression (it will be easier to shed light on the lack of progression when there is a policy that requires them to acknowledge it), and reform or abolish the SRB process. MSOP administration has already created working groups to establish these changes. 5) OCEAN received an acknowledgment from the UCLA in Los Angeles when we asked them to correct the mistakes in their 2020 report, "Civil Commitment of People Convicted of Sex Offenses in the United States." They had made the claim that to get committed in MN, a person had to be convicted of a sex offense and had to be close to release from jail, or prison in order to be committed. They had also claimed that we were entitled to a "jury trial." This kind of misinformation is detrimental to our cause. The UCLA fixed these mistakes after we pointed them out. 6) In the summer of 2019, we encouraged Tim Coon to sign up for the SRB because he is a juvenile offender. He had never signed up for the SRB before. He did, and now he will be fully discharged likely before 2022. 7) We helped trigger an investigation by the Department of Justice into all civil commitment facilities in the nation. 8) We got one reporter to do 4 news stories about MSOP and we also landed stories with *Reason Magazine*, *The Duluth New Tribune*, *Florida Action Committee*, *The Dobbs Wire* (New York), and others. 9) We triggered the

DHS to “investigate” the death of William Meech. 10) We helped expose a sex scandal. 11) We retrieved the 6th amended ADA complaint filed by the civilly detained men in North Dakota. The case resulted in a settlement that was so damaging to ND that they depleted their population of detained men by two thirds. We recently filed an identical suit here in MN based on the ND case. (thank you “Paper Terrorists,” Guy Greene and Terry Branson for filing this case). 12) We conducted an online seminar on May 22, 2021 for family and friends to learn about civil commitment in MN. 13) On June 24, 2021 Eric Janus will hold a seminar called, “Why Civil Commitment for Sex Crimes is a Bad Idea.” 14) Now we are organizing our OCEAN Community Conference & Rally for July 18, 2021 at 1:00 pm. 15) Recently, the OCEAN officials on 1E have been conducting seminars about the importance of understanding diagnosis. We believe that this will continue to be a concern, even after Frank’s order. If you need help understanding your diagnosis, greenmail OCEAN Legal Advisor, Michael Benson.

It’s one thing to go into a “treatment” room each week to avoid going to prison. But many men are actively “participating” in a system that they know is rigged. They “Fake it to make it” or they “Play the system.” Not only is this deceptive – it is ineffective. Almost 90 dead and only 14 released. Of those 14, how many were a result of participating in “treatment”? Pacifying the captors while they watch you die slow is a horrible way to live. No one here deserves it. Some men claim that they are in treatment because it is “The right thing to do?” They’re wrong. It’s not the right thing to do. They are enabling the murder machine. Some men are doing nothing to go home – no lawsuits, no protesting, no hunger strike, no boycotts... nothing... Some of those same men have the nerve to criticize those who are trying. How a man can find it in his soul to spend absolutely none of his own energy trying to go home, but then find just enough energy to criticize those who are, is mind blowing.

We are not all going to agree on how to fight back. But can we at least agree on one thing: we want to go home and we are willing to do just about anything to get home. OCEAN is the solution—not the problem. If you want to go home, you will fight to go home. If you don't, you won't. OCEAN cannot be to blame for the fact that we are still detained. Only those who refuse to participate can be to blame. It is time to send a clear message to our readers: You either want to go home, or you don't and **you are either with us or against us.**

## What is OCEAN?

OCEAN is an acronym for, “Overcoming Corruption Empowering All Nations.” OCEAN is not an “organization”. Corruption exists in and around all of us. Overcoming that corruption by exposing it, and then replacing it with something better, empowers all people – despite race, culture, creed or gender – to also overcome corruption. This is OCEAN. If we are forced to call OCEAN anything, we will call it a **MOVEMENT** and the qualification for “membership” is this: you either are or you are not, Overcoming Corruption Empowering All Nations.

## Attention

**We don't want *more* readers. We want the *right* readers.**

Please understand, the OCEAN reading materials are NOT meant to be “positive.” They are not easy reading materials for your “pleasure.” In fact, they are meant to stir your heart and mind to motivate you to fight corruption in your own life, especially if you or someone you love is being held hostage in a so-called, “civil commitment” center. If you do not want to receive the OCEAN Ripple Effect Newsletter, please let us know and we will take you off of our mailing list.

## We want your story!

It takes many drops to make the OCEAN. That means YOU MATTER. Send us your story about how you or someone you know has been affected by the civil commitment madness where you are. We are also interested in poetry, art and stories from your family about how knowing a civil detainee has affected you. Please adhere the following rules for submission:

1. Let us know what facility you, or your loved one is in.
2. State, in writing, that you give OCEAN permission to publish your story.
3. Let us know if you, or others in your story, would like to remain anonymous. If you do not clarify this, we will NOT use real names. Many of our publications are posted onto the internet at **thevoicesofocean.net**. If this is a concern for you, you may want to remain anonymous.

It is important that your story is heard. If you are not comfortable telling your story for any reason, please write to us and we'll address your concerns. OCEAN materials are written by men who are also civilly detained in preventive detention. We understand.

## Thank You!

OCEAN would like to thank first and foremost, God for blessing us with a spirit of discernment to know right from wrong and the ability to shed light on evil! We would like to thank the End MSOP Coalition and Professor Eric Janus for consistently speaking out against this scheme. Additionally, we would like to thank all the vendors who will make the OCEAN Community Conference and Rally possible: Hejny Rental, Event Sound and Lighting, Little Caesars Pizza, FedEx, On-Sight, Capital Complex Reservation, the City of St. Paul, TY Video Productions. Finally, thank you David at IWOC, Eliseo P., Duncan B., Jose G., Sara B., Ruby B., Father Harry, Merry S., Tiffany M., Bill D., Jen M., Lucas D., Eldon D., Janet M., Ben O., Jim K., Michelle M, Vicky H., Derek L., and Todd F. for the encouragement. We need it! We could not do this

without all of you!

## OCEAN Mission

Alongside likeminded groups and free world activists, OCEAN is abolishing preventive detention from the front lines of the most egregious preventive detention facility in America. To replace the current system, OCEAN is allocating funds and resources toward effective, evidence based, solutions to address mental illness and crime in Minnesota. As we accomplish these goals locally, OCEAN will gradually focus on accomplishing them nationally.

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## Support Us

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