

CN Radio: Australian Ambassador Tony Kevin's Plan to Free Assange

Tony Kevin, a former Australian ambassador, defends Julian Assange & WikiLeaks & reveals a plan to get him safely from Ecuador's London embassy back to Australia. He is interviewed by CN Editor Joe Lauria for Unity4J.

INTRODUCING: Consortium News on Flashpoints, Our Second Radio Show

This month Consortium News launched [Consortium News Radio](#). Today we begin a second radio show in collaboration with Pacifica Radio's Flashpoints, a biweekly interview program with Consortium News writers.

In collaboration with Dennis Bernstein, host of Pacifica Radio's syndicated show Flashpoints, Consortium News is today launching its second radio program, **Consortium News on Flashpoints**. Recorded and produced in the Berkeley, California studios of KPFA radio, Bernstein will interview three Consortium News writers about their recent articles published on this site. Each program will open with Consortium News Editor-in-Chief Joe Lauria discussing with Bernstein his picks of the three CN articles to be featured. The show will air twice a month on every other Friday. (We are about to launch a podcast of all our radio programming).

On the first show, Bernstein interviews Sam Hussein on his piece [The Limits of Elizabeth Warren](#); Patrick Lawrence about his article, ['Too Big to Fail': Russia-gate One Year After VIPS Showed a Leak, Not a Hack](#); and Joe Lauria, on his [retrospective](#) of Kofi Annan, who died last Saturday.

Now the first episode of **Consortium News on Flashpoints**.

Dennis J. Bernstein is a host of "Flashpoints" on the Pacifica radio network and the author of [Special Ed: Voices from a Hidden Classroom](#). You can access the audio archives at www.flashpoints.net. You can get in touch with the author at dennisjbernstein@gmail.com .

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Consortium News Radio— Episode 2: Joe Meadors

A USS *Liberty* survivor who was arrested by Israel this month trying to break the Gaza blockade joins Episode 2 of Consortium News Radio.

Joe Meadors was a signalman on the USS *Liberty* surveillance ship on June 8, 1967 when Israel attacked, killing 34 U.S. sailors and injuring 173 more.

This month Meadors was arrested by Israeli soldiers onboard a boat taking part in a flotilla to break the Gaza blockade.

Meadors tells Consortium News Radio in this episode how he first became sympathetic to the Palestinians while growing up in Saudi Arabia; how he was told by his superiors not to discuss what happened on the *Liberty*; why he broke his silence 12 years later; who he thought was attacking the *Liberty*; why the U.S. covered it up; what he believes was Israel's motive in trying to sink his ship; what it was like in Israeli custody this month and much more.

Consortium News Radio— Episode 1: Peter Van Buren

INTRODUCING Consortium News Radio, an ongoing series of radio interviews with newsmakers and Consortium News writers intended to delve deeper into stories published on Consortium News.

On the premiere edition of Consortium News Radio we speak with Peter Van Buren, a former State Department official, whistleblower and victim of Twitter

censorship. Van Buren speaks about his experiences in Iraq, the critical book he wrote about those experiences and how the Obama State Department eventually attempted to have him tried under the Espionage Act. This week Van Buren had his Twitter account permanently shut down and seven years of his Tweets wiped from the record. Why? Because he challenged mainstream journalists who contested a Tweet from journalist Glenn Greenwald that mainstream reporters support America's wars and help bring them about. One corporate journalist decided to silence Van Buren by complaining to Twitter, which, within two days, and with no due process, obliged. Joe Lauria, editor-in-chief of Consortium News, interviewed Van Buren on Wednesday, August 8 for 40 minutes.

Here is the first episode of Consortium News Radio:

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