

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

2/23/10

(Standup Week 250)

Tuesday, 6pm–7pm

Why are we in Iraq?

Not because of weapons of mass destruction. **Not** because Iraq was involved in 9/11. **Not** because Iraq was a threat to our national security.

What have we gotten?

In Iraq

US military dead: **4,376**
US military wounded: **31,648**
Iraqi civilians killed: **104,103***
Money spent on war: **\$729 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **999**
US military wounded: **9,522**
Afghani civilians killed: **15,159**
Money spent on war: **\$242 billion**

Who are we?

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War has pledged to “Stand Up” until the war ends and the troops come home safely.

Every Tuesday evening at 6 pm (rain or shine), **Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War** assembles on the northwest corner of 8th Avenue and 24th Street to facilitate “**Chelsea Stands Up Against the War,**” a community protest against the war in Iraq.

We carry banners, signs, and candles as we gather for one hour each week to protest the war in Iraq. We distribute this newsletter, peace buttons, collect signatures on petitions and speak with our neighbors about the need to end war in Iraq. The **Stand Up** make a dramatic statement to passing vehicular traffic on 8th avenue.

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War is an all-volunteer organization that wants to build the broadest possible neighborhood consensus. With that goal in mind, the organization is open to all and functions by consensus.

Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War is not formally affiliated with any other organization but is willing to work with all groups and individuals who are committed to ending this illegal and immoral war fought by our fellow citizens, paid for with our tax dollars, and prosecuted in our name.

*The recent Johns Hopkins/Lancet report places the figure at 655,000+



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Cindy Sheehan's Peace of the Action Plans Camp OUT NOW

By Chuck Zlatkin

With the 7th anniversary of the Iraq War approaching and 1,000 dead American troops in Afghanistan (more than 1/3 in the last year under President Obama) it is time for all of us to consider doing more to end the war. Please consider joining Chelsea Stands Up Against The War. There are also other actions that you can consider joining or supporting.

One of the more ambitious is on March 13th when Cindy Sheehan's “Peace of the Action” will begin Camp OUT NOW on the mall in Washington, D.C. The demands call for, “Troops of out the Middle East, which includes drones, permanent bases, contractors and torture/detention facilities. Reparations for the peoples of these war torn regions and a fully funded VA system to reintegrate our soldiers healthfully into our society.” Peace of the Action has a legal permit for the Washington Mall from March 13 to March 22.

The organizers bill Camp OUT NOW as the “boldest and bravest action ever envisioned by and for peace.” Camp OUT NOW's stated tobjective is to “Clog Washington, DC every week day through diffuse Civil Resistance (CR) actions to have the effect of tampering with ‘business as usual’ in the Capital of the United States of America.”

The organizers are committed to non-violent actions and non-violent speech. People who are willing to participate can get information at <http://peaceoftheaction.org/> You can also assist the actions by giving a donation or going down to Washington D.C. to show support for the participants.



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