

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

## 3/8/11

(Standup Week 304)

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: **4,439**  
US military wounded: **32,987**  
Iraqi civilians killed: **108,940\***  
Money spent on war: **\$777 billion**

#### In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,488**  
US military wounded: **10,468**  
Afghani civilians killed: **16,439**  
Money spent on war: **\$384 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 wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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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## Another week in the war

By Chuck Zlatkin

Nine Afghan boys were killed while they gathered firewood in eastern Kunar province in Afghanistan. Two U. S. attack helicopters gunned them down. Hundreds marched through the streets of Kabul, the capital, to protest the continued killing of civilians. The protestors chanted, “Death to America.”

Following the violently brutal response to protests by Libyan civilians, President Obama ordered U.S. warships carrying 1200 marines to Libya while he deployed jet fighters to the same region.

The U. S. Army filed 22 new charges against accused whistleblower PFC Bradley Manning. The most serious of the new charges is “aiding the enemy,” a capital offense which carries a potential death sentence. In Iraq, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki ordered a crackdown on protestors against his regime. People were protesting against corruption and high unemployment. 29 people were killed.

Another 27 Iraqi civilians were killed and 97 were wounded in the past few days in the war that President Obama declared was over.

The Brig has stripped Bradley Manning of his clothing for the past three nights, and intends to force Manning to relinquish his clothing until the morning when he stands naked for roll call. The military claims this is for his own protection, but they did not put him on a Suicide Risk Watch because that would have required a mental health provider’s recommendation that the Brig Commander did not have.

Join Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War at a protest on Saturday, March 19th on the anniversary of the invasion of Iraq in Times Square from 5 until 6 pm. For further info please call 212-726-1385.



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