

# Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 148)

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?*

**US military dead: 3,975 US military wounded: 29,320**

**Iraqi civilians killed: 89,110\* Money spent on war: \$512 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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## BONNIE PRINCE HARRY

By Randy Petsche

The newest gimmick in war marketing is also the oldest. The old story is that a member of the British hereditary monarchy was secretly facing death in combat. The new one is that threats of terrorism caused by irresponsible reporting have pulled him away from the front line and brought him back to the safety of England.

Until last week Prince Harry, son of the late Lady Diana and third in succession to the throne of the House of Windsor, was stationed briefly in Afghanistan where official sources say he “called in air strikes” against the Taliban.

Supposedly, his cover was blown by the recent aggressive reporting of reckless journalists. This may be a bit difficult to digest as an AP story issued last June showed him training in Canada for probable deployment in Afghanistan. Now, depending on the press handout, either Al Qaeda or the Taliban placed the youth in such grave danger that he had to flee the country.

Still, Harry’s two and a half months of wartime service have been an unqualified success. They played well with the American media, so obsessed with the comings and goings of English royalty. Barack Obama has been unstinting in his praise, recommending Harry’s good example to NATO nations reluctant to increase their Afghan deployments.

All the war merchandising in the world cannot rehabilitate the American and British occupation of Afghanistan. It has already lasted longer than the American Revolutionary War. It has led to the killing of thousands of Afghans, the extensive use of napalm, land mines, and the bombing of civilian populations. It has promoted international drug dealing and stimulated acts of terrorism. It is not a “good war” and the American and British governments should end it immediately.



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