

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

5/25/10

(Standup Week 263)

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: **4,399**
US military wounded: **31,822**
Iraqi civilians killed: **105,117***
Money spent on war: **\$752 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,081**
US military wounded: **5,916**
Afghani civilians killed: **15,490**
Money spent on war: **\$256 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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Stop the funding for permanent war

By Chuck Zlatkin

On May 12 it appears that the White House will likely postpone the withdrawal of combat troops from Iraq for at least a month because of increased fighting and the instability of the government there. On May 13 the bill to provide \$33.45 billion in new discretionary spending authority for the Department of Defense was marked up in the Senate. It's now almost sixteen months since Obama promised that all American combat troops would be out of Iraq within sixteen months. Obama refined that promise to include a residual force of 50,000 troops that would be out by the end of 2011. There are still over 100,00 American troops remaining in Iraq. This figure does not include the 180,000 private contractors (mercenaries) still in Iraq. The bill before Congress fully funds the 30,000 additional troops in Afghanistan.

We also learned that \$924.5 million is planned to acquire and sustain high priority intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance initiatives. The bill also redirects funds to initiate solutions for Very Low Collateral Damage Weapon Mk 82, SOCCENT ISR Payloads, Marine Corps Unmanned Aerial Systems Resupply, and Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team equipment. And the bill budgets \$656.8 million for Military Construction (\$127.5 million more than requested) and for Military Operation and Maintenance: \$24.6 billion.

We need for members of Congress to vote against the appropriations bill. Will they vote in favor of it because Obama is president? Call Congressman Nadler tomorrow morning and make sure that he stands firm to vote against war funding.

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