

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 324)

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: **4,474**
US military wounded: **33,105**
Iraqi civilians killed: **111,371***
Money spent on war: **\$792 billion**

In Afghanistan

US military dead: **1,680**
US military wounded: **12,765**
Afghani civilians killed: **16,728**
Money spent on war: **\$436 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+

The War Hits Home, Again

By Jay Stockman

The wars continue. Each week Chelsea Neighbors United to End the War publishes the facts and figures of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. We record the numbers of casualties among American troops and Iraqi and Afghan civilians and the cumulative cost of the war nationally.

We sometimes forget to focus on the cost of the war to New York City and the communities in which we live. We live in Chelsea, the lower west side of Manhattan. In this time of cutbacks and forced austerity it is helpful to see how the numbers hit home. The cost of the wars for Manhattan in Afghanistan and Iraq for Manhattan since 2001 is \$9,648,000,000! Can you imagine what those billions would mean to Manhattan in hospitals, schools, and mass transit? It would mean a better life for all our residents and it would mean jobs, jobs, and more jobs!

But the cost of these horrific wars to this city is not just in dollars.

If you wondered why flags were flown at half-staff last Friday, it was ordered by Governor Cuomo to honor a Brooklyn Marine who died from wounds he suffered when he was hit with an IED (improvised explosive device) in Afghanistan.

Jabari Thompson enlisted in the Marines shortly after graduating from South Shore High School and was engaged to his high school sweetheart. He had served in Haiti in 2010 and this past February was sent to Afghanistan. Lance Corporal Jabari Thompson was mortally wounded on July 13th while on routine patrol in Helmand Province. Thompson was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, II Marine Expeditionary Force at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Jabari Thompson was 22.



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