

Chelsea Stands Up Against the War!

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(Standup Week 220)

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: 4,330 US military wounded: 31,446

Iraqi civilians killed: 101,006* Money spent on war: \$644 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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Commander: Reservist deployments won't slow down any time soon

By Jason Ditz

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For those hoping that promises by the Obama Administration of an eventual Iraq drawdown and this week's announcement that active duty personnel in the Army would increase by 22,000 would improve the deployment schedule of reservists, Army Reserve Commander Lieutenant General Jack Stultz has a message: don't get your hopes up.

“I want to be more realistic with them. I don't predict a drop in our op-tempo,” Lt. Gen. Stultz said in an interview published in Stars and Stripes. He said the goal was for the average reservist to spend four years home for each year deployed overseas, but reaching that goal “could take five years.”

—Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz

The comments were a follow-up on comments in March, in which Lt. Gen. Stultz said that as “enablers,” the requirements for reservists in Iraq wouldn't necessarily come down even when combat troops started to decrease.

It should hardly come as a surprise following last week's announcement by the Pentagon that its active duty troop rotations for Iraq War would maintain the current level of 131,000 troops through at least early 2010. Even if a drawdown would eventually ease the burden on the reserve, one simply isn't forthcoming.

Indeed, with the number of troops in Iraq staying largely flat through the rest of the year, the reservists are expected to bear an even heavier burden as the Obama Administration continues its escalation in Afghanistan. What was intended to be a part-time military auxiliary is, in an era of permanent war, forced into growing amounts of service in dangerous war zones.



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