

Press Release

Cape Codders for Peace and Justice join March in Washington, D.C. Saturday, September 24

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Cape Codders for Peace and Justice along with people from Martha's Vineyard and Southeastern MA join United for Peace and Justice in a massive mobilization in Washington, D.C. to call for an end to the war on Iraq and to bring the troops home now.

Two bus loads of concerned citizens will be leaving on Friday evening and travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in the peace march with others traveling by train, plane, and car. Organizers expect up to a million people. Most will participate in the march and rally and some will stay for the full three day event with a lobbying group to meet with Rep. Delahunt on Monday and a nonviolent civil disobedience action at the White House. We call for the government to stop the war on Iraq and bring the troops home now.

For folks who are unable to make the Washington march, a peace vigil will take place on Saturday from noon to 2:00 pm on Main Street, Hyannis by the town green. Bring signs!

END THE WAR ON IRAQ BRING THE TROOPS HOME NOW!

Leave no military bases behind

End the looting of Iraq

Stop the torture

Stop bankrupting our communities

No military recruitment in our schools

More than two years after the illegal and immoral U.S. invasion of Iraq, the nightmare continues. More than 1900 U.S. soldiers have died, at least another 15,000 have been wounded; even the most conservative estimates of Iraqi deaths number in the tens of thousands. Iraq, a once sovereign nation, now lies in ruins under the military and corporate occupation of the United States; U.S. promises to rebuild have not been kept and Iraqis still lack food, water, electricity, and other basic needs.

A majority of Americans believe that this war never should have happened, but our elected representatives in Washington continue to rubber-stamp the Bush Administration's disastrous Iraq policies. They have given military recruiters nearly unrestricted access to our schools -- and the Pentagon nearly unrestricted access to our tax dollars. At a time when our vital social programs are eroding or completely decimated, an overwhelming majority in Congress recently approved Bush's request for an additional \$82 billion in war funding, and there's already talk of another \$50 billion appropriation this fall.

It's time to hold all pro-war politicians accountable for the deaths, the destruction, the lies, and the toll on our communities! Join United for Peace and Justice in Washington, D.C. for three massive days of action against the war: a major march, rally, and festival on Saturday, September 24; an interfaith religious service and day of grassroots trainings on Sunday, September 25; and a large-scale grassroots lobbying day and mass nonviolent direct action and civil disobedience on Monday, September 26.

From every corner of this country, people will travel to Washington to bring our demands directly to the policymakers responsible for this unjust war. These three days of actions will send a clear message to the White House and Congress: The Iraq war must end. It's time to bring all the troops home, leaving no U.S. military bases behind, and to stop the corporate theft of Iraq's resources. Instead of draining our national treasury for endless war, we demand that our tax dollars be used to repair the damage done to Iraq and to fund services in our communities. We call for an immediate end to our government's assault on immigrants, the unethical pressures on our young people to join the military, and the undermining of democracy through relentless attacks on everyone's basic rights.

Our mobilization will coincide with the meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, whose economic policies place corporate profits ahead of basic human needs worldwide. We will speak out against the corporate theft of Iraq's resources and the decimation of the Iraqi economy through privatization and "free trade."

Join our weekend of action to stop this war, and help prevent any new wars!

See www.unitedforpeaceandjustice.org or www.capecodpeaceandjustice.org for additional information.