

# HONOR THE FALLEN WITH PEACE

Every year, on the last Monday in May, we pause to remember the men and women who have died while serving in our armed forces. It's also a good time to consider under what circumstances it's appropriate to ask Americans to make the ultimate sacrifice.

**One by one, the justifications for the war in Iraq are disappearing:**

**NO IMMINENT THREAT.** Saddam Hussein did not have a stockpile of nuclear, chemical, or biological weapons poised to attack the U.S. or neighbors in the region.

**NO TERRORIST CONNECTION.** We are not fighting terrorism in Iraq, but creating more of it. Iraqis were not involved in the 9/11 attacks and there is no evidence that Al Qaeda was operating in Iraq before the U.S. occupation. Now they are.

**NO DEMOCRACY.** We are not setting up a sovereign and friendly Iraqi state. We are maintaining an occupying army and control over oil resources. Iraqis know this and want us out.

**NO HUMAN RIGHTS.** Abuse of prisoners, lengthy imprisonment of innocents, stealing personal property during house raids, bombing neighborhoods, killing and maiming civilians... We are turning the Iraqi people into enemies rather than friends.

**This occupation is not sustainable.** It has become extremely costly, is causing more problems than it is solving and will drive the U.S. into unsustainable debt over the long term.

**This is a critical time.** The U.S. can develop an exit strategy, or it can continue to escalate the war and perpetuate the bloodshed. American and Iraqi casualties—serious injuries as well as deaths—continue to mount, and there is no end in sight.

**What can you do?**

***Join Mountain View Voices for Peace on the "Peace Train"***

**to the Mass March in San Francisco, Saturday.**

**June 5, 2004. 10 am. Mountain View CalTrain Station**

On the first day of CalTrain's renewed week-end service, we will take the train to San Francisco, march to U.N. Plaza (Market St. between 7th & Hyde), and participate in the regional mobilization against the war.

**For more ideas on what to do, go to our web site at <http://www.mvvp.org>.**

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