

Another Mother for Peace

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Another Mother for Peace has received a letter from one of our supporters. Here are her words:

"End the war now, bring all our troops home, take care of them when they get here, and let's provide reparations for the Iraqi people.

"I've been saying this for five years now! I didn't want my son to go. He really believed he was on a mission to 'win the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people' — on and on the lies continue! My son is forever changed.

"We have elected our officials with the hopes and dreams that they would do the right thing. Many of us thought that it was actually possible that we would be re-deploying our troops by now. They haven't listened!

"In August, my son and I went to one of our senator's office and as usual, met with the veteran's liaison. He's a really good man and does whatever he can to help our guys with personal issues. He also wants all of our troops home now, etc, etc. I ask him over and over again what we need to do to motivate our Senator to stop voting to fund this war since FUNDING THE WAR IS KILLING OUR TROOPS — his message the same — when hundreds of thousands of people take to the streets, our representatives will listen. 'Well, I can't seem to motivate anyone to get off their behind to do that,' I respond, 'what else?' He said that we all need to call, email and fax with only one message — FUNDING THE WAR IS KILLING OUR TROOPS! — non-stop. Do it every day! The messages are compiled and presented by category.



Arlington West

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"If we can stop complaining about how they just aren't listening and focus on them hearing us call, email and fax your message 'FUNDING THE WAR IS KILLING OUR TROOPS!' they will hear us. We must persist.

"There is evidence that several members of Congress and Senate have changed their minds since some of the occupations of their offices. We cannot give up hope that we can and will

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"make a difference. We **MUST** make a difference — our kids' lives depend on it. The Iraqis' lives depend upon it. My son doesn't want to lose any more of his friends. My friends, the Iraqi doctor and the Iraqi man who owns a little shop in my neighborhood, don't want to lose any more of their family members.

"Unite and mobilize today! Join up with some of your local peace groups. Not knowing what to do is no longer an excuse! Get out there — there's power in numbers! **ACT AS IF YOUR LIFE DEPENDS UPON IT ... IT DOES!**

"When you're falling off to sleep at night, think of our kids who have served, who can no longer drift off to sleep while visions of horrific images dance through their heads. Think also, of the Iraqi people whom, while sleeping will be awakened, again, to another American kicking in their door. Then think again of your choices."

Peace,
Vrnda Noel

Peace Homework

✓ Attack Iran? No! Contact your members of Congress and urge them to support S. 759/HR 3119. Introduced by Senator James Webb and Representative Mark Udall, these bills reassert that only Congress can declare war. Specifically, they prohibit the use of funds for military operations in Iran without congressional authorization.

✓ Vote for Presidential candidates who will bring the troops home from Iraq. The Presidential primaries begin in early January and extend into June, 2008. *Make sure your vote counts.* We want strong peace candidates in November. A chronological listing of primaries is available at: <http://www.vote-smart.org>.

✓ Continue to work towards peace in Iraq — BRING THE TROOPS HOME NOW! Participation in vigils, rallies and marches, together with our phone calls and letters (by email and fax), have helped lead to the lowest approval rating ever for the invasion of Iraq. Legislators really do keep track of our opinions, especially from phone calls. *Let's keep up the momentum!*

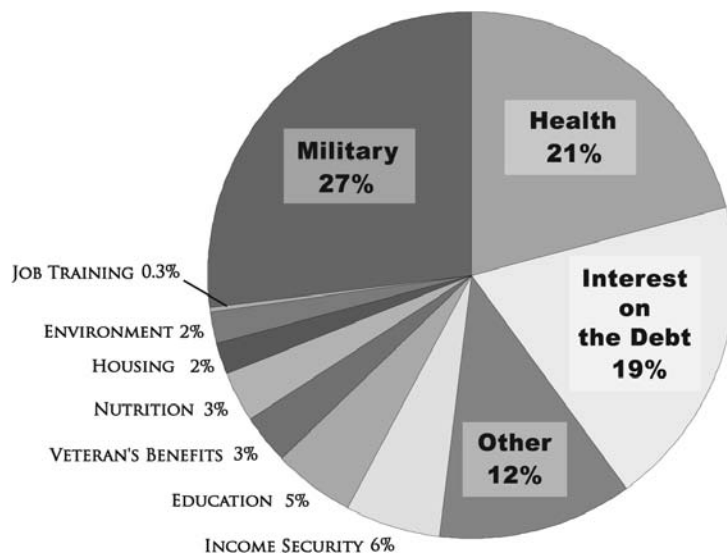
Remember that all Senators and Representatives can be reached through the Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

DID YOU KNOW ?

By September 30 of this year, Congress had appropriated \$456 billion for the war in Iraq. The Bush administration has asked Congress for an additional \$193 billion to fund the Department of Defense and other security agencies for fiscal year 2008. Approximately 80 to 85 percent of that money — \$154.7 billion — would be used for the war in Iraq. This means that by next fall, our government would have spent nearly \$611 billion pursuing this illegal, immoral war.

With all the money spent thus far:

- We could have built 4,146,636 additional housing units OR
- We could have hired 7,981,039 additional public school teachers for one year OR
- We could have paid for 60,997,352 children to attend a year of Head Start OR
- We could have insured 275,766,972 children for one year OR
- We could have provided 22,325,526 students four-year scholarships at public universities.



Source: nationalpriorities.org
Interactive Income Tax Chart.
Breakdown based on Budget
of the United States Government
for outlays in fiscal year 2006.

The \$611 billion does not even include potential future costs such as medical care for the wounded, interest payments on the debt undertaken to finance the war, or accelerated replacement of equipment. Nor does it include funds the Department of Defense may have diverted to the Iraq war from other operations.

You can find out exactly what your community has paid to fund the war and what that money could have bought by going to the website of the National Priorities Project (www.nationalpriorities.org), which supplied the figures used in this report.

PLACARDS FOR PEACE MARCHES AND VIGILS

Another Mother for Peace is offering — free of charge — 14" x 22" cardboard placards with our "War is not healthy for children and other living things" logo, to carry at peace marches and vigils. The placards can be held up with one (or both) hands, or they can be mounted on small wooden sticks.

We have been shipping placards to AMP supporters who want to distribute them at peace events in their communities. Our logo is now visible at demonstrations throughout the country.

If you are interested in receiving a shipment of 25 – 50 placards to use at upcoming peace events, we would like to talk to you. AMP will ship the placards at our expense. Since they cannot be rolled like posters, we cannot ship individual placards. Either send an email <411@anothermother.org> or call our toll-free number, 800-763-4670, giving us your contact information — we'll be in touch to discuss the details. You must agree not to sell the placards.

Let's continue to spread our message of peace!

Another Mother for Peace is a non-profit, non-partisan association dedicated to eliminating the use of war as a means of solving disputes among nations, people and ideologies.

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Peace Materials

Pax Materna Poster \$15.00
Original AMP purple poster (4¾" x 34") from 1985.
"No mother is enemy to another mother" and our "War is not healthy..." logo in 18 languages. On the back is our Pax Materna.

THE PAX MATERNA

I JOIN WITH MY SISTERS IN EVERY LAND
IN THE PAX MATERNA —
A PERMANENT DECLARATION OF PEACE
THAT TRANSCENDS OUR IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES
IN THE NUCLEAR SHADOW, WAR IS OBSOLETE.
I WILL NO LONGER SUFFER IT IN SILENCE
NOR SUSTAIN IT BY COMPLICITY.
THEY SHALL NOT SEND MY SON
TO FIGHT ANOTHER MOTHER'S SON.
FOR NOW, FOREVER, THERE IS NO MOTHER
WHO IS ENEMY TO ANOTHER MOTHER.

Medallion \$15.00
"War is not healthy for children and other living things" logo, approximately 1" x 1¼". Available in gold or silver metallic finish.

Note Cards \$15.00
Boxed set of 10 cards with matching envelopes. Our "War is not healthy..." logo in color on the front. Inside is blank.

Embroidered Patch \$5.00
Our beautiful "War is not healthy..." sunflower logo on a 3" x 3½" patch to sew or iron onto clothing, backpacks, etc.

Letter Seals \$2.00
40 self-adhesive seals per sheet. Stamp-size seals with "War is not healthy..." logo. Put these on your mail (and everything else!).

Bumper Stickers \$2.00 each or 3/\$5.00
Another Mother for Peace
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Another Voter for Peace

Large Poster \$20.00
Reproduction of the original 1966 AMP large poster (22" x 26") with our "War is not healthy..." logo on a bright yellow background.

Prices do not include tax or shipping.

Please visit www.anothermother.org for a complete list of our Peace Materials and to order online — or use the enclosed order form.