

Another Mother for Peace

Spring 2009



Another Mother's Day, another chance for us to reach out to our new administration in Washington to say STOP the violence, STOP the bloodshed.

We who have given life must be dedicated to preserving it.

Finally, we all feel, our voice has been heard and the pendulum has swung in our favor. We have elected a brilliant, eloquent man with an olive branch to lead us out of the despair of the last eight years. We finally have a president who not only speaks, but listens. But if we do not continue to raise our voice in our struggle for peace, the nightmare will go on- for our troops, their families and the Iraqi people.

Now is the chance to make a difference.

Along with the groups who have also spoken out so strongly against the U.S. occupation of Iraq- Iraq Veterans Against the War, Military Families Speak Out, and Veterans for Peace- we join in the plea that this is no time to become complacent or reduce our efforts to end this war- one based on a tangle of lies which has been passed onto us by the Bush years. The flag draped coffins, now publicized in the media, are still coming home...and the untold suffering continues as the government bleeds ten billion dollars a month into the war that has proven to be the war to nowhere. Billions of dollars during the economic crisis unparalleled since the Great Depression, which should be spent on rebuilding and saving lives, rather than destroying them. Funds that should provide decent housing and health care, including mental health care, for our returning troops as well as all of us and our children.

President Obama has put gradual troop withdrawal by 2010 on his overwhelming agenda- and by then, many more of our troops will not be coming home, or will return with devastating physical and emotional wounds. And more innocent Iraqi civilians will not see the olive branch extended to them as they take control of their land and their future.

Julia Ward Howe, the author of the words to "The Battle Hymn of the Republic", and the mother of the original Mother's Day for Peace (after witnessing the horrors of the Civil War), gave the world her Mother's Day Peace Proclamation in 1870. Among it's moving words of truth are these:

"The sword of murder is not the balance of justice"

This Mother's Day we want the pendulum to swing even further in our favor- and to continue until no more war victims' mothers know the grief of placing flowers on her son's or daughter's grave, until we finally have the Mother's Day gift we want-

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Toddler T-shirts Are Coming

Back by popular demand, toddler t-shirts will be available soon on the AMP website in sizes 2, 4, and 6. They are on order and will be shipped to AMP in the coming days. Check the Peace Materials page on the website in a few weeks.

Mother's Day Postcards Were a Great Success

Thanks to the many AMP supporters, thousands of Mother's Day postcards were sent to President Obama. Our message to the President: *Honor your campaign commitment and bring the troops home from Iraq!*

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Peace Materials

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| <p>Medallion
 <i>"War is not healthy for children and other living things" logo, approximately 1" x 1 1/4". Available in gold or silver metallic finish.</i></p> | <p>\$15.00</p> |  | <p>Embroidered Patch
 <i>Our beautiful "War is not healthy..." sunflower logo on a 3" x 3 1/2" patch to sew or iron onto clothing, backpacks, etc.</i></p> | <p>\$5.00</p> |
| <p>Note Cards
 <i>Boxed set of 10 cards with matching envelopes. Our "War is not healthy..." logo in color on the front. Inside is blank.</i></p> | <p>\$15.00</p> | | <p>Letter Seals
 <i>40 self-adhesive seals per sheet. Stamp-size seals with "War is not healthy..." logo. Put these on your mail (and everything else!).</i></p> | <p>\$2.00</p> |
| <p>Pax Materna Poster
 <i>Original AMP purple poster (4 3/4" 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.</i></p> | <p>\$15.00</p> | | | |

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