



# Call to a Moratorium

**On Wednesday, March 19**  
**Fifth Anniversary of the War in Iraq**  
*No Business as Usual!*

The United for Peace and Justice-Delaware Valley Network calls on peace supporters throughout the region to observe a moratorium on Wednesday, March 19, the fifth anniversary of the US initiated War and Occupation in Iraq.

We urge peace supporters to refrain from all, or at least a portion of (e.g. take a half day off) their usual weekday activities: work, school, regular meetings, etc., and to instead engage in one or more of the following activities to convey the message:



**Five Years Too Many**  
**Not One More Death, Not One More Dollar**

Each day the war and occupation are funded and allowed to continue is another day that:

- The disastrous policy of pre-emptive war and occupation continues;
- Terrorism and insurgency are strengthened;
- More Iraqis and Americans die or are seriously wounded needlessly.

To date, nearly 4,000 US soldiers and over 500,000 Iraqi civilians have been killed; and another 50,000 American soldiers and untold numbers of Iraqis—many of them children—have been wounded or disabled.

Due, at least in part, to the huge financial costs of the war, the US is falling into an Iraq Recession. The War is costing about \$8,300 per second, an average of \$1,500 per US household per year. This not only skews our federal budget toward war and occupation, it drains our economy of billions of dollars that are desperately needed to fund health care, education, job creation, clean energy, and other vital needs.

Demand that President Bush call for a modern GI Bill, to really support the troops. Every year, we can send Iraq and Afghanistan veterans to college for less than 3% of the proposed stimulus package, and for a tiny fraction of the costs to continue the War in Iraq.

We can't stand by silently or passively and allow this catastrophe to continue. We must show commitment, even sacrifice—however minor in comparison to the heavy costs being borne in Iraq—to speak out against this carnage. **See the reverse for specific activities.**

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## Suggestions for observing the Moratorium

We call on peace supporters to **spend the March 19 Moratorium Day in one of more of the following ways:**

- First, participate in a **one-hour Rally at 12 Noon** at either the **New Jersey State House**, 125 W. State Street in Trenton or the **Federal Building**, 6<sup>th</sup> and Market Streets in **Philadelphia**, to express our outrage and determination to end this war. A weekday Rally is one of the best ways to get press coverage.
- Second, engage in a **Teach-Out**. Using materials developed by the Coalition for Peace Action, which can be picked up after either Rally or off its web site, [www.peacecoalition.org](http://www.peacecoalition.org), go out in pairs to two or more to after school or community clubs, classes, workplaces, community groups, or wherever people gather. Educate them about the ongoing war and what is needed to end it. Don't wait for people to come to you, go out to them.



This will require advance planning and preparation. Some people are planning to leaflet at grocery stores, handing out

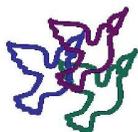
signs to pin on shoppers as they enter, saying "Another Grocery Shopper Against the War." Visibility is critical to ending the conspiracy of silence and the passive acquiescence to the continuation of this war.

And don't forget to contact the **media** during your Moratorium Day. Call radio talk shows, write letters to the editor, go on cable TV, write in blogs and on the Internet, post videos on You Tube, and use the access we do have to the grassroots media to speak out against the war!

- Third, **organize and participate in Vigils at the Congressional Office** nearest you from 6:30-7:30 PM. Everyone can do this, whether or not they have taken the day off work. Bring posters appropriate to the Representative in your District—praising the ones who have opposed the war but urging them to do even more; criticizing the ones who have supported the war and demanding that they now oppose any further blank check funding.

At 7:00 PM, as darkness falls, close the Vigils with candlelight, quiet, prayerful time to re-commit ourselves to engage in ongoing action to stop this war. This will take a comprehensive commitment to electoral activity (Peace Voter 2008), grassroots lobbying of our elected representatives, and public education aimed at all sectors of our society.

- **Participate in Nonviolent Civil Disobedience** being coordinated by the National Office of United for Peace and Justice **in Washington D.C.** To learn more about coordinated transportation and/or to sign up for this, contact the office on the reverse.



**On this Fifth Anniversary of the War Moratorium Day, let us recommit ourselves to continuing the struggle to stop the Iraq war and occupation until we succeed. It took over ten years of struggle to**

**end the Vietnam war. Let's work to shorten that time, to end this war before thousands more suffer and die needlessly!**