

BAY AREA WOMEN IN BLACK

**The war in Iraq stands as one of the great crimes of the modern era.
We, the people, must act to end the war and to impeach Bush.
This is not a partisan political act. It is a constitutional imperative.**

MILITARY FAMILIES SPEAK OUT

During my son's second deployment, and in one of his darkest moments, my son called home and asked, "Mom, where are the American people? Do they know what's going on over here? Do they even care about us?" Today, I put that question to you - do you care about our sons, our daughters, our loved ones? Then, I beg you, please don't abandon them. Call your Congressional representative on Monday. Demand that they stop funding this war. Demand that the troops be brought home NOW, and that they be taken care of with dignity and decency when they get here, and for as long as they need it." - *Anne Roesler, 3/16/07*

My son-in-law, Specialist Robert E. Hall, Jr. was killed in Iraq by an IED. He left behind a wife, Tracie, my beautiful granddaughter, Rachael, and many other family members who love and miss him. Mothers should not bury children. . . Families of our military wait and pray for their loved one to come home safe. There is nothing worse for a military family than that knock on the door. It means that your loved on will never come home and your life will never, ever be the same. . . . We need to end this now. The American people have shown that they are not in favor of this war by their voices and their votes. Those of us who oppose the war are not anti-American, we love our country and we support our military. .. The best way to support our troops is to bring them home and when these brave men and women get back, take care of them."

- *Debbie Whitfield, 5/13/07.*

"I backed this war from the beginning, but I don't think I can look my kids in the eyes anymore, if my husband, comes back in a wooden box, and tell them he died for a good reason. It's time to bring him and all of our troops home." - *Beth Pyritz, 7/18/07, whose husband is now serving his third deployment to Iraq.*



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PENTAGON ORDERS DEAD OFFICERS TO REPORT FOR DUTY

The U.S. army said Friday it would apologize to the families of about 75 officers killed in action who were mistakenly sent letters urging them to return to active duty.

Will the dead please rise and raise your right hands.

Will the dead please swear to uphold that hand for as long as it takes.

Will the dead please reassemble your bones, replace your heads, return your hearts, recant your screams.

Will the dead please salute the flag flapping like tattooed skin ripped from the body politic.

Will the dead please step onto the helicopters and into the bodies of soldiers about to become you.

Give the living your history, your wisdom, your sleepless eternities, your missteps only they can make right, remind them nightly to go on living.

Will the dead please buckle up and bring them home.

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Bay Area Women in Black are Jews and allies who stand against militaristic and fundamentalist leadership in all countries, including our own. We wear black as a sign of mourning for all the Iraqi, Israeli and Palestinian lives that have been lost as a result of war, militarization and violence. As part of the international movement of Women in Black, we seek to transform women's mourning for the dead into a powerful refusal of the inevitability of war.