

IDAHO PEACE NEWS

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The aim of the Idaho Peace News is to connect Idahoans working for peace and justice. Many Idahoans share your concerns and commitment to peace action. Send me news and stories and let's support each other and build a stronger peace movement in Idaho. Please spread the Peace News to others in Idaho and encourage them to submit articles. Liz Paul, idahopeacecoalition@msn.com

Boise

The Idaho Peace Coalition placed this quarter page ad in the Idaho Statesman on March 16. On March 19 we protested outside, and delivered our messages inside, the offices of our Congressmen and held a noon rally at the temporary Statehouse attended by about 150 people. Many high school students left school to attend. The TV stations ran stories and there was a front page photo in the Statesman.

Idaho Falls

Thanks to everyone who participated in the peace anti-war rally on March 19 marking the 5th anniversary of the Iraq war. We had 145 people stand on the Broadway Bridge to get the message out that that we want this war to be over. This is a few more people than we had protest in January.

Tens of thousands of people marched across the U.S. yesterday and we joined them in our anti war sentiments. My wish is that we won't have a 6th anniversary we need to protest. Tina Moore tmoore@datawav.net

Snake River Freedom Coalition



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As of MARCH 19, 2008
IDAHO TAXPAYERS WILL OWE
\$1.4 BILLION FOR THE IRAQ WAR

29 IDAHO SOLDIERS DEAD

265 IDAHOANS WOUNDED

2,500,000 IRAQIS DISPLACED



What could **\$1,400,000,000**
have provided for Idahoans?

91,430	ADULTS WITH HEALTH CARE
32,460	PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS
338,12	COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS
133	NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
25,185	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS
13,079	AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS
912,633	CHILDREN WITH HEALTH CARE
185,711	CHILDREN'S HEAD START SPOTS



TAKE ACTION! END THE WAR!

Twin Falls

On March 18, we had an observance in Twin Falls City Park. We had four good speakers. Diana Rowe Pauls, was the best. She is always willing to speak at our events. She lost a brother in Iraq and is very bitter and very eloquent. The Times News wrote a story.

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Jeff and others in Twin Falls have held a number of events and worked to curb military recruitment in the high school.

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Sandpoint

An enthusiastic group of up to 18 vigiled on the street in front of the County Courthouse on Sun. Mar. 16. Our Sandpoint Friends Meeting had run a bit late, but when we arrived a little after 1:00 3 people from the community were already on hand, including two veterans, one in full uniform who marched up and down the sidewalk carrying a sign that read "Iraq = Vietnam 2." Many, perhaps most cars responded to a sign reading "Honk - Peace."

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35 Idahoans Killed In Iraq

Boise/ Morris, Kelly S./Sergeant/ 30-Mar-2005
Boise/ Titus, Brandon T./Specialist/17-Aug-2004
Boise/Allton, Eric L./Captain/09-2004
Boise/ Stone, Gregory Lewis/Major/25-Mar-2003
Boise/Ulbright, Rick Alan/civilian/08-08-2004
Boise/ Borbonus, John G./Private 1st Class/12-Apr-2007
Boise/ Werner, Raymond M./Private/08-Feb-2007
Boise /Morley, Joshua L./Sergeant/26-Aug-2007
Boise/Lilly, Michael T./Sergeant/07-April-2008
Buhl /Bridges, James L./Corporal/04-Nov-2006
Burley/ Hall, Curtis R./Petty Officer 2nd Class/06-Apr-2007
Caldwell/Murphy-Sweet, Philip A./Commander/07-Apr-2007
Caldwell /French, Carrie L./Corporal/05-Jun-2005
Caldwell /Allcott, Jacob H./Private 1st Class/22-Apr-2006
Cataldo/ Hester, Charles B./Private 1st Class/26-May-2007
Chubbuck/Gummersall, Nicholas A./Sergeant/06-Aug-2007
Coeur d'Alene /Conner, Bradly D./Sergeant Major/09-May-2007
Cottonwood/Reed, Chris/Private 1st Class/07-2004
Craigmont /Reed, Christopher J./Private 1st Class/10-Jul-2004
Emmett /Stuart Wolfer /Major/05-April-2008
Fruitland/ Ogburn III, John B./Sergeant/22-May-2005
Givens Hot Springs/ Clevenger, Ross A./Specialist/08-Feb-2007
Hagerman /Rowe, Alan/ Captain/03-Sep-2004
Idaho Falls/ Petty, Jerrick M./Private 1st Class/10-Dec-2003
Jerome /Alarcon, Ivan Vargas/Staff Sergeant/17-Nov-2005
King Hill/ Carl, Richard P./Corporal/09-May-2003
Lewiston/ Wullenwaber, Luke C./1st Lieutenant/16-Nov-2004
Meridian /King, Jeremy E./Sergeant/24-Aug-2006
Mountain Home /Case, Virgil R./Staff Sergeant/01-Jun-2005
Mountain Home/Moss Jr, Walter M./Sergeant/03-29-2006
Pocatello /Stephens, Blake C. /Sergeant/08-May-2007
Rexburg /Holtom, James J./Sergeant/08-Feb-2007
Rigby /Brand, Emerson N./Sergeant/15-Mar-2007
Rupert /Raney, Cleston C./Private 1st Class/31-Mar-2004
Saint Anthony /Birch, Dustin V./Lance Corporal/09-Jun-2005

Coeur d'Alene

Our event went very well, in that 117 people showed up. That's really good for CdA! It was freezing cold, and we started gathering at 7:00pm. KREM-TV was there, and reporters and photographers from the CDA Press. We got good coverage--front page in the CDA Press, above the fold, with a two page article, and two pictures.

Our candlelight vigil was a solemn peaceful event ... people brought incredible peace signs, many homemade, and signs expressing the desire to pull out of Iraq, bring our troops home, bring them home safely. Six veterans came forward and told stories of their experiences of war, and the effect on their lives upon returning home. The audience was dead silent at this time. We read stories from veterans and military families. These stories had a great impact on people's emotions. Many people expressed their gratitude to us for holding this event as they were looking for a place to let out the angst they have about the Iraq situation, many want to do more, many said they would write letters. I only hope the momentum continues.
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