

Moms for Peace



Celeste Zappala of Philadelphia, whose son, Sgt. Sherwood Baker, was killed in the Iraq War in 2004

This Mother's Day (May 9th), thousands of mothers who have lost their children to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, will mark the occasion with a broken heart.

Mother's Day was originated to protest the carnage of the Civil War.

In the “**Mother's Day Proclamation**” written by Julia Ward Howe in 1870, she asked women to rise up to stop wars!

“We women of one country will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs... Disarm, Disarm!”

Celeste Zappala, a member of the *Military Families Speak out*, whose son was killed in the Iraq war, wrote to the press in March on the 7th anniversary of the Iraq War:

“We are but one of the over 5,000 American families who mourn the loss of their loved ones in Iraq and Afghanistan; physical and spiritual casualties affect thousands more and **yet the wars that kill our young and drain our treasure do not create peace.** It is long past time to bring our troops home, and find real solutions for Peace.”



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