



“We Should Have Nothing to Do with Conquest” –T. Jefferson



While we are watching parades this July 4th, take a moment to reflect on what independence means today.

Our nation was founded on a determination to be free of domination by the British Empire.

In 1776, George Washington and his ragtag guerrilla army drove the British military from our shore, and declared Independence.

George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison all warned that the invasion and occupation of other lands would turn America into precisely the sort of empire against which they had so recently rebelled.

"We should have nothing to do with conquest," asserted Jefferson in 1791.

We should listen to the advice from our founding fathers. Instead, our government sends 134,000 troops and 132,000 mercenaries off to fight in and occupy Iraq which poses no threat to the U.S.

How would we react, if a foreign country invades and occupies our country?
How would we feel, if our country is forced to open our oil fields to an occupier?

This July 4, let us reflect on how empire-building is destroying the soul of our nation. Let us recommit to getting all our soldiers and mercenaries out of Iraq, dismantling our foreign bases, preventing new conquests, and rejoining the international community.



Join 346th Peace Vigil to end the war!

Every Saturday, 1-3pm, at Rte. 59 & N. Middletown Rd. in Nanuet, NY

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