JOIN US to Start the 9th Year of Peace Vigils

400th Peace vigil on July 17, 2010

The United States has been at war in Afghanistan and Iraq for nearly a decade.

In war, there is no winner; both occupied and occupiers lose. In addition to taking a terrible toll on human lives, the wars constantly haunt soldiers like ghosts even long after they return home. One in four returned soldiers suffers post traumatic stress disorder and record numbers of soldiers have committed suicide. Each day that the war is prolonged means that more Afghanistan and Iraqi civilians and our soldiers will die.

The wars behave like a giant suction tube draining trillions of our treasure, at a rate of $428 million per day. The share of the economic burden for each Rockland County family is $23,000, so far. In fact, the wars are completely funded by borrowing and have added substantially to the federal debt. Millions go jobless, schools are closed, and hunger affects millions of American families. The wars impoverish us.

Great advances have been made by the peace movement in changing public opinion about the two wars. Now the majority of the American people oppose the two wars. But to end the wars, greater effort involving more people is needed: **Unmask the direct relationship between the wars and our economic crisis**. **Reveal who pays and who profits from the wars**. Put sustained pressure on politicians to end the wars.

On December 4th, we will start the 9th year of our peace vigils in Nanuet. Please come to stand with your fellow citizens to end the wars and to free the American people from being prisoners of the war economy.

Rockland Coalition for Peace & Justice

Join our 420th Peace Vigil to end the wars!

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

For info: **www.rocklandaction.org** 12/04/10

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