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### MEDIA ADVISORY

**MILITARY AND GOLD STAR FAMILIES, IRAQ WAR VETS, ACTIVE DUTY TROOPS,  
AND VETERANS OF OTHER WARS TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE ON CAPITOL  
HILL ON 4<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF IRAQ WAR**

*Message to Congress: Stop Abandoning Our Troops  
De-fund the War, Bring Them Home Now, and Take Care of Them When They Get Here!*

March 19, 2007, Washington, D.C. – On the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the invasion of Iraq, members of **Military Families Speak Out (MFSO)**, the **Appeal for Redress, Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW)**, **Veterans For Peace (VFP)** will hold a press conference at **10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> on the Cannon House Office Building Terrace**, detailing the many ways in which U.S. troops have been abandoned by the Bush Administration and by Congress, and calling on Members of Congress to support our troops by voting against the House Supplemental Appropriations bill and end the funding that allows the war in Iraq to continue. They are calling for bringing our troops home now and taking care of them when they get here.

Military and Gold Star families, Active Duty Troops, Iraq War Veterans and Vietnam Veterans will unveil a “Certificate of Ownership” for the war in Iraq that will be presented to Congress if they vote to continue funding the war in Iraq. Speakers include:

- **Joyce and Kevin Lucey** of Belchertown, MA whose son Cpl. Jeffrey Michael Lucey, a Marine Reservist, served in Iraq in 2003, and took his own life after being released and not treated at a VA hospital in 2004.
- **Tina Richards** of Salem, Missouri who was recently involved in a public confrontation with Congressman Obey and whose son served two tours of duty with the Marines in Iraq, is suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and may be sent on a third deployment
- **Corey VanBuskirk** of Greeley, PA whose husband is a Marine serving his second tour in Iraq. He was deployed 12 days after the two were married.

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- **Stacy Bannerman** of Kent, Washington whose husband served for a year in Iraq with the Washington Army National Guard, received a mental health exam eight months after serving at the most attacked base in Iraq, and, almost one year from that exam was notified by the military of his diagnosis of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.
- **Kelly Dougherty** of Philadelphia, PA who served with the Colorado Army National Guard in Iraq and is now Executive Director of Ireq Veterans Against the War
- **Liam Madden** of Bellows Fall, VT, Co-founder of the Appeal for Redress, a campaign of Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve troops calling on Congress to end the war in Iraq. He served with the Marines in Iraq and is currently in the Individual Ready Reserves.
- **Elliot Adams** of Albany, NY, Vietnam Veteran and national president of Veterans for Peace
- **Nancy Lessin and Charley Richardson** of Boston, MA, co-founders of Military Families Speak Out, whose son served with the Marines in Iraq in spring, 2003

Following the press conference, participants will visit the offices of House Leaders and Members.

For more information on this and other activities and events that Military Families Speak Out members have or will be involved in to commemorate the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Iraq War, and/or to arrange interviews with participating members of Military Families Speak Out, **contact David Lerner, Riptide Communications, at 212-260-5000 or 917-612-5657; or Nancy Lessin, Military Families Speak Out at 617-320-5301**

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