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Member of Daughters of the American Revolution Joins Operation House Call to Tell Congress, "Bring the Troops Home Now"

Dinah Mason Available for Interview June 28 at 10AM

WASHINGTON, DC- Members of Military Families Speak Out (MFSO) are arriving in Washington, DC to add their voices to *Operation House Call* and call on Congress to bring the troops home now. Joining them is MFSO member **Dinah Mason, who is also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)**. Mason's family has history of serving in the military dating back to the Revolutionary War; her ancestor was Major John Buttrick, who led the militia troops at Battle of Concord at the Old North Bridge, and gave the famous order, "Fire fellow soldiers, for God's sake, Fire!" that initiated the "shot heard 'round the world." Mason will be in Washington, DC for the DAR Continental Congress that is happening this week and will be available for interview **Wednesday, June 28 at 10AM in front of Cannon Congressional Office Building**.

Operation House Call is a Summer-long campaign that began on June 22 and will continue until August 7 when Congress recesses for the summer. Members of MFSO will be holding daily vigils, speaking events, visits with Congress and related activities at Congressional Office Buildings. An on-going display will feature pairs of combat boots representing U.S. troop deaths, and shoes representing the deaths of Iraqi children, women and men. The count begins from June 15, the day of the 2,500th troop death, when the Iraq War was debated in both the Senate and the House and the majority voted to "stay the course." New boots and shoes will be added to the display to correspond with continuing deaths in Iraq, highlighting lives lost due to Congressional *inaction*.

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*The following Members of **Military Families Speak Out** (www.mfso.org) will be in Washington, DC on June 28 and participating **Operation House Call**. To schedule an interview with a military family, contact **Katya Kruglak**, (703) 304-5075, or **Nancy Lessin**, (617) 320-5301.*

Dinah Mason of Santa Barbara, CA, whose daughter is serving in the Army in Iraq on her first deployment. Her four years is up in August, 2006, but she will be serving until January, 2007 due to stop-loss orders. Mason's son-in-law as also served in the Army in Iraq (Taji, Iraq, January, 2005-December, 2005) and her family has been a history of military service dating back to the Revolutionary War. She is related to Major John Buttrick who led the militia troops at Battle of Concord, Old North Bridge; her Paternal Great Grandfather, Sgt. Robert Clossin, was a wagon maker in Union Army during the Civil War; her father was a 1st Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps serving as a B-25 Mitchell Bomber pilot during World War Two; her sister is a Vietnam-era Veteran (US Women's Army Corps); her

brother served in the Indiana National Guard; and Mason herself is a Vietnam Era Veteran (US Women's Army Corps 1974-75).

Stacy Bannerman of Kent, WA whose husband serves in the Washington Army National Guard, SFC Mortar Platoon, and served a year's tour of duty in Iraq. He may re-deploy in the future.

Anne Roesler of Saratoga, California whose son is a Staff Sergeant in the 82nd Airborne Division, based at Ft. Bragg and just returned from his third deployment to Iraq and could be redeployed for a fourth time. He has spent more than 550 days there since the invasion, and she says that, in the last 3 years, she has "watched him turn from a sensitive young man, who wore his heart on his sleeve and was in awe of being 'in the cradle of civilization' in Iraq, into someone who is filled with anxiety and so much anger that he can barely speak."

Al Zappala of Philadelphia, PA whose son, Sgt. Sherwood Baker, was killed in action in Iraq on April 26, 2004. He was the first Pennsylvania National Guard soldier to die in combat since World War II. He was killed in an explosion while assigned to protect the Iraq Survey Group who were searching for Weapons of Mass Destruction long after it was known that there were no WMD's in Iraq.

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