



# Northwest Ohio Peace Coalition

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## *Dear Peace People,*

**Shock and Awe!** The third anniversary of the invasion and bombing of Iraq is March 19/20. And in every one of those 1,095 days, we continue to be shocked and awed by the horrors of this war and the actions of this government. The NWOPC is determined to be a loud, persistent and bold voice for peace and justice. We have grown, becoming more active through these sorry times, and we are writing to tell you about our activities and events and to ask for your continued support for the work of peace in NW Ohio.

- In January we hosted J.E. McNeil, attorney and educator, from the Center for Conscience and War to talk about the possibility of a military draft and how best to respond. J.E. spoke at a school, a church, and the U.T. law school on “**Do You Feel A Draft?**” and very importantly, trained 26 counselors for potential draft resisters.
- **The Student and Family Rights and Privacy Committee**, a sub committee of NWOPC, is deeply involved in efforts to protect students’ privacy in schools by restricting data about them from military recruiters, as well as limiting access to them.
- We hold vigils on city street corners each week. With signs and banners protesting war and occupation, we have been a presence since the U.S. government invaded Afghanistan in 2001.
- We protest the mounting deaths of U.S. military with large signs reading **Troops out Now! 100 More U.S. Dead!** This “human billboard” appears over city expressways at rush hour every time another 100 military deaths is announced.
- We are co-sponsors of **Stop the War Week**, 7 days of education, actions and protests to commemorate the third anniversary of the invasion of Iraq. (See enclosed flyer)
- NWOPC members have organized a performance by anti-war singers **David Rovics and Allistair Hulett** on April 19<sup>th</sup> at UT. (See enclosed flyer)
- Our memorial cemetery, **Arlington Toledo**, will be displayed at the Dominican Sisters convent in Adrian, April 7<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers continue to cut, paint and label tombstones to keep pace with the horrible number of U.S. deaths. Our memorial also attempts to reflect the estimated number of Iraqi deaths. The display now weighs over 2 tons, and we must rent a truck to move it and have many volunteers to erect it.
- **Arlington Toledo** has been invited to be part of the three-day anniversary of the annual Kent State Commemoration on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

We have dedicated activists working on all these projects and planning many more, but NWOPC Needs You! to coin a famous phrase. Join us at a meeting, a peace demonstration or help us with upcoming events. To get involved, call Steve at 419 242 7317 or log on to our new web site at [www.nwopc.org](http://www.nwopc.org), where you'll see our Calendar of Events and photos of Arlington Midwest.

We welcome your financial support, too. The only way we fund our work is through donations. You have been wonderfully supportive in the past, and that is reflected in all the activities we have been able to sponsor. We hope you will continue to help us talk, act, protest, educate and be in the face of power with your financial help. Thank you.

**For Peace,**

**NWOPC Steering Committee**



***You're Invited...***

***JOIN US AT OUR MEETINGS:***

***Mondays, 7 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Unitarian Church, corner of Bancroft and Collingwood, the first three Mondays of the month***

***JOIN US AT OUR PEACE SIGN LINE:***

***1<sup>st</sup> Sunday – Secor and Central***

***2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Heatherdowns and Reynolds***

***3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – Front and Main***

***4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Sylvania and Talmadge***

***5<sup>th</sup> Sunday (if there is one) - Monroe and Collingwood***

***VISIT OUR NEW WEB SITE...***

***FOR OUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS:***

***[www.nwopc.org](http://www.nwopc.org)***