

An "Open Letter" to My Nation

Thanks, To Some REAL National Heroes

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While our president rushed us into an unnecessary war, many people around our nation worked to expose the truth about what was to come in Iraq. Citizens of great character, and a deep love of OUR nation. It is a long, long list of citizens, some that have risked their careers, and even their lives, in order to tell the truth about the Bush Administrations catastrophic rush into war in the Middle East. REAL HEROES.

Thank you Scott Ritter. The Weapons Inspector that knew there were no weapons of mass destruction. He looked in every nook and cranny of Iraq, and as one of Bush's own men, said there was NOTHING to be found. A weapon's inspector that his own boss would not believe.

Thank you Ambassador Joseph Wilson and Valerie Plame....I'm sorry I even know your names. A career diplomat married to a CIA agent, an agent who's secret identity was carelessly and criminally released to the public, because her husband would not falsify reports that said Saddam Hussien was trying to buy the materials necessary to make (the Bush Administrations) phony nuclear weapons. Someone in the White House did it, and hopefully the truth will be told.

To Richard Clark, who dared to expose the now-famous memo that said "bin Laden Determined To Attack Our Nation", even though the President and his staff publically announced that the attack came as a "complete surprise". I will never forget Condi Rice saying something like "no one could dream that something like this could happen"....yeah, right. ...the briefing given to the president a month before the suicide hijackings included recent intelligence that al-Qaida was planning to send operatives to the United States to carry out an attack.

Thank you Senator Byrd, and shame on the Congress you are a member of, a Congress that would not listen to it's senior-member. With age comes knowledge, to the lucky few. And Senator Byrds speeches and warnings to our nation should put him in the same class as General Smedley Butler. You were spectacular, even if ignored and unheard.

Thank you to the incredible families of 9-11 victims, who had their lives shattered, but still had the courage to demand the truth from the politicians. Maybe some day you will actually learn the truth about WHY 9-11 happened, not just about who did it.

To Kathy Kelly, of "Voices In The Wilderness", who "dared" to travel to Iraq with medicine for the dying children, who could not otherwise receive it due to U.S.-imposed sanctions, sanctions that killed literally hundreds of thousands. What is wrong with us as a "superpower", when we stop even MEDICINE for sick children, to punish a nation for living on top of oil that we want? I love you Kathy, and forgive us for allowing you to be sent to prison for merely protesting. A 90 pound weakling, you aren't. 90 pounds maybe, but....a heavyweight in the fight for peace and justice.

Thank you to Toni Smith, the young lady and athlete that turned her back on the flag during the National Anthem, in protest of this immoral and horrendous disaster in Iraq. YOU are a real hero.

Thank you Dennis Kucinich for your anti-war stance...even though you finally bowed to the Democratic Party, we will be counting on you to call for an immediate "Cease Fire" on the day President Kerry is sworn in. The day that even one of you has the courage to proclaim a cease fire, will be the day our children, sisters, brothers, parents, and friends stop dying in Iraq.

The Iraqi people are waiting to hear the word. So are we. A poll done at the Democratic Convention showed that 80% of the attendees want the war stopped NOW! Don't let us down guys, Iraq is the ONLY reason you will have the White House. The "war" is a total disaster.

Thank you to Barbara Lee of Oakland, who stood alone that September, casting the only "no" vote when the House gave President Bush backing for the war. She was the only one that heard us screaming NO!

Thank you to Jon Stewart and "The Daily Show." You are one of the few in the media of television to have the guts to show the true absurdity of the actions of the Bush Administration, day after day. To use comedy to expose the real tragedy and travesty occurring in our name, with our money. YOU are a hero. Ditto to Al Franken.

To Molly Ivins and the small handful of journalists such as Robert Fisk, that stood with us in calling this whole "war" a sham....and now proven to be completely right. And SHAME on the national television media that forgot what their real job is supposed to be.

Thank you (Col.) David Hackworth, our most decorated living military warrior, for constantly telling the world about the horrid conditions of the forgotten common grunts, the people that actually pay the price for the poor decisions of the chicken-hawk-corps. You call a spade a spade, and you have NEVER turned your back on the real men and women, those "in the field".

As a former grunt, I truly appreciate your stand for the troops. Maybe someday we will have leaders that listen to the likes of men like you, men who have actually "been there" and dont want to see the same mistakes made over and over.

Thank you to the anti-war movement worldwide for drawing attention to this impending disaster, for crying out for a YEAR before the war even started, that what we were doing was wrong, legally and morally. For example, the 15,000,000 people that joined together on February 15th, 2003, from all around the world, showing the world that with the internet, the politicians can not stop us from organizing anywhere and anytime necessary. From Stuttgart to San Francisco, Singapore to St. Louis, Baton Rouge to Bangkok, ALL heroes.

We can end war with laptops, digital cameras, and the internet. Just ask Secretary Rumsfeld, who wants to ban digital cameras from our troops and support personel, because he found out that you can't hide the facts and the truth with digital technology in the hands of "the little people".

Thank you to the soldiers in the field, that from the beginning realized that they were on "Mission Impossible", not "Operation Infinite Justice" as the Bush war-planners had named their "corporate war". You deserve much, much, better than to be FORCED to stay in the military against your wishes, as thousands are right now. Continue to speak out. Who can doubt the words of those that are there?

Naming a war before it is fought is obscene, but it's also proof that the "war" was pre-planned. The Bush thugs named this war "Infinite Justice", and even had commercial merchandise made up with that name on it. I bought some as proof. Pins and buttons and uniform decorations for the military. Then, realizing their religious blunder, the war-criminals planning this massacre re-named their corporate raid "Operation Iraqi Freedom".

Freedom my ass. Only in Orwellian terms has anyone been freed in this disaster. "Operation Iraqi Destruction and Construction" would have been

more like it. Corporate warfare. May the Islamic world forgive us.

Iraqi Freedom? The Iraqi people reported yesterday that there are 37,000 Iraqis now "free", since we started dropping the bombs on March 19th, 2003. 37,000 Iraqi's "liberated to death", by our President, and his puppet masters, and their neocon dreams of (perceived) power and world domination. And almost 1000 of our own friends, children, sisters, brothers, husbands, and wives have tasted "Iraqi Freedom". YOU are the ultimate heroes.

There are so many more heroes around our nation that will never be recognized..... such as Charlie Jenks, Woody Powell, Paula Henderson, Granny "D", and the other thousands of "common citizens" that have organized in every community, independent of one another, to protest, to stop the war, to repeal the USAPA, try and save our nation...you talk about HEROES.....

You are ALL National Heroes, and I thank you all from the bottom of my (broken) heart.

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