

**GI SPECIAL 6D5:**

**BRIDGING THE GAP:  
MAKING IT HAPPEN  
An Organizers Conference**

**April 5, 2008: 10 AM**

**Middle Collegiate Church  
50 East 7<sup>th</sup> St., New York, New York  
[Just east of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue]**



U.S. Army soldier patrols Beijia village, Iraq Feb. 4, 2008. (AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo)

**POLITICIANS CAN'T BE COUNTED ON TO HALT  
THE BLOODSHED**

# **THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP THE WAR**

**THIS IS AN ORGANIZERS CONFERENCE FOR PEOPLE WHO  
WISH TO ACT TOGETHER TO BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN  
CIVILIANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES BY DIRECT  
CONTACT.**

## **Program:**

**10AM: FIRST HAND REPORTS ON SENTIMENT AGAINST THE WARS IN THE  
ARMED FORCES; Organizers**

**NOON: RESISTANCE THROUGH EVOCATION: PHOTOGRAPHS, POEMS; Mike  
Hastie & Dennis Serdel, Vietnam Veterans; Al Jaccoma, Vietnam Veterans Against  
The War**

**12:45: Lunch break.**

**1:45 PM: TROOPS RESIST WAR; VIETNAM AND IRAQ: EYEWITNESSES: Richard  
Boyle, Vietnam War Reporter; Garrett Reppenhagen & J.D. Englehart, Iraq Veterans  
Against The War; Al Jaccoma, Vietnam Veterans Against The War**

**3 PM: OUTREACH TO THE TROOPS [Organizing Tactics In The Real World]  
Fabian Bouthillette, Iraq Veterans Against The War & The Military Project**

**4:20 PM: ON GUARD: "WE NEVER SWORE TO OBEY; WE SWORE TO DEFEND"  
Daniel Joseph Black, Iraq Veterans Against The War**

**5:15 PM: IRAQ VETERANS + UNION WORKERS = HISTORY IN MOTION: Michael  
Letwin & Clarence Thomas, Local 10, The International Longshore and Warehouse  
Union, San Francisco**

**No, faith, my coz, wish not a man from England:  
God's peace, I would not lose so great an honour  
As one man more, methinks, would share from me  
For the best hope I have. O, do not wish one more.  
Rather proclaim it presently through my host,  
"That he which hath no stomach to this fight,  
Let him depart."**

**Shakespeare: Henry V**



Tactical Painting  
From Soldier X, Iraq 4.25.05

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**[With the assistance of Traveling Soldier & GI Special]**

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**The Military Project Respectfully Requests:  
Don't Leave Him Hanging**



U.S. Army soldier, Beijia village, Iraq Feb. 4, 2008.  
(AP Photo/Maya Alleruzzo)

Dear Friend of Peace and Justice -

**Let's start with a basic statement.**

**The Troops Have the Power to Stop the War. We must work with them to accomplish this goal.**

**If you want to end the war and believe that the link between civilian and service member organizers is the key to putting a monkey wrench in the war machine — and vital to bringing the troops home — please join us and other members of the Military Project Organizing Committee at our first conference: Bridging the Gap: Making It Happen on Saturday, April 5th in New York City at Middle Collegiate Church (50 E. 7th St.).**

**This is an organizers' conference for people who wish to act together to bridge the gap between civilians and members of the Armed Forces through direct outreach.**

The Military Project Organizing Committee acted decisively to initiate the conference (with the assistance of Traveling Soldier ([www.travelingsolder.com](http://www.travelingsolder.com)) and GI Special ([www.militaryproject.org](http://www.militaryproject.org)) in light of developments in the anti-war movement.

Troops and veterans are speaking out against the war— and refusing missions — more than ever before.

To take advantage of this momentum we must STRIKE NOW and bring the forces together to reach as many service members as possible.

**Conference speakers include:**

- **Clarence Thomas**, Local 10, The International Longshore and Warehouse Union, San Francisco on how Iraq Veterans, active duty troops and union members can join together to do what the politicians refuse to do: bring all the troops home now;
- **Richard Boyle**, Vietnam War Reporter, and author of "Flower of the Dragon," which recounts the resistance during the war and the breakdown of the U.S. Army in Vietnam will discuss his eyewitness accounts detailing the cause and effect of uprisings throughout the ranks; and
- **Daniel Joseph Black**, IVAW, on what it means to defend the Constitution and our population from "domestic enemies." Black states that "If defending requires our disobedience of an autocratic war criminal, then we are so bound by our oath."

**The conference will also feature the moving poetry of Vietnam Veteran Dennis Serdel and the arresting photography of Vietnam Veteran Mike Hastie.**

**We hope that after reading this letter you will be as generous as your means allow in helping us to cover the many expenses incurred by this historic conference.**

**As veterans and members of Iraq Veterans Against the War, we cannot stress enough how important it is to show our troops support in their resistance against the war.**

**Our first priority should be to end this war immediately. Outreach of the sort conducted by the Military Project is vital to bringing this war to an end NOW.**

**This is the focus of the conference.**

**And it is an urgent task.**

**Please send checks or money orders, made payable to the Military Project to:  
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**Thank you for your support—and please contact us if you would like to join us in this work.**

**Sincerely,  
Jeff Englehart, Former Spc., U.S. Army  
Member, Military Project Organizing Committee  
Member, Iraq Veterans Against the War**

**Lt. Fabian Bouthillette, USNR  
Member, Military Project Organizing Committee  
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**“The single largest failure of the anti-war movement at this point is the lack of outreach to the troops.” Tim Goodrich, Iraq Veterans Against The War**

**“The military are the final, essential weak point of Bush and Cheney.” David McReynolds 9.29.07**

**One day while I was in a bunker in Vietnam, a sniper round went over my head. The person who fired that weapon was not a terrorist, a rebel, an extremist, or a so-called insurgent. The Vietnamese individual who tried to kill me was a citizen of Vietnam, who did not want me in his country. This truth escapes millions.**

**Mike Hastie  
U.S. Army Medic  
Vietnam 1970-71  
December 13, 2004**

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*This is how Bush brings the troops home,  
BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW, ALIVE.*



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## **DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE SERVICE?**

Forward GI Special along, or send us the address if you wish and we'll send it regularly. Whether in Iraq or stuck on a base in the USA, this is extra important for your service friend, too often cut off from access to encouraging news of growing resistance to the war, inside the armed services and at home. Send email requests to address up top or write to: The Military Project, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657. Phone: 917.677.8057

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Telling the truth - about the occupation or the criminals running the government in Washington - is the first reason for Traveling Soldier. But we want to do more than tell the truth; we want to report on the resistance - whether it's in the streets of Baghdad, New York, or inside the armed forces.

Our goal is for Traveling Soldier to become the thread that ties working-class people inside the armed services together. We want this newsletter to be a weapon to help you organize resistance within the armed forces.

If you like what you've read, we hope that you'll join with us in building a network of active duty organizers. <http://www.traveling-soldier.org/>

**And join with Iraq War vets in the call to end the occupation and bring our troops home now! ([www.ivaw.org/](http://www.ivaw.org/))**

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