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Kickoff Operation "Support & Defend"

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Veterans For Peace Will Hold a Press Conference:

- To Reaffirm Our Commitment to Defend and Support the Constitution,
- To Call for Immediate Impeachment Investigations Against Pres. Bush and VP Cheney,
- To Insist that Congressional Members Demonstrate Their Vow to Defend and Support the Constitution by Conducting Impeachment Investigations NOW, and
- To Demand that Congress Follow the Will of the People to De-fund the War and Bring Our Troops Home Now!

Who: Veterans For Peace is a national organization of military veterans including men and women from Spanish Civil War, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, the Iraq War, other conflicts and "peacetime."

Where: U.S. Capitol Building, West Front Lawn, Washington DC (and other locations around the nation)

When 2 PM, Thurs., Jan. 25, 2007

What: On Thursday, January 25, Veterans For Peace will kickoff Operation Support and Defend the Constitution, to pressure Congress to demand the Bush administration follow the will of the people and Bring Our Troops Home Now. The operation also advocates impeachment of President Bush and Vice President Cheney, works to force the President to stop illegal acts such as unwarranted surveillance and torture and to repeal laws that are in violation of the Constitution such as the Military Commissions Act.

The action will include a press conference, a reading of appropriate passages from the Constitution, a reading of the military oath of service, and a review of Veterans For Peace charges for impeachment.

This **VFP action will lead up to the January 27th Mobilization in Washington, DC** to remind congress they were elected to end the war not escalate it.

VFP President David Cline said, "We served, fought and many of our comrades died to defend the United States Constitution - the foundation of our form of government. We will not stand by and let men and women commit high crimes shredding our Constitution. We demand members of Congress do their Constitutional duty when the Constitution is being attacked. Their duty is to defend the Constitution and their weapon is impeachment. We demand that they commence impeachment investigations."

Michael T. McPhearson, Veterans For Peace Executive Director, says, "It is obvious the Bush administration has no intention of following the will of the people. He has told us over and over again, he will not stop the war. Throughout his Presidency, Bush's actions have made it clear that he sees the Constitution is no more than a piece of paper and not a document to be followed and revered. He has disregarded his vow to support and protect the constitution. We reaffirm our commitment to our vow by working to Bring Our Troops Home Now and pressuring Congress to impeach Bush and his Vice President."

All veterans are welcomed to participate. The general public is welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Veterans For Peace is a national organization founded in 1985. It is structured around a national office in Saint Louis, MO and comprised of members across the country organized in chapters or as at-large members. The organization includes men and women veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, other conflicts and peacetime veterans. Our collective experience tells us wars are easy to start and hard to stop and that those hurt are often the innocent. Thus, other means of problem solving are necessary.

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