

## **New York City Kickoff Event**

Saturday, April 26, 5-9 pm Judson Memorial Church 55 Washington Sq. So. Manhattan

## stopthesewars.org

- Camillo Mac Bica, Jeff Cohen, Patrick McCann, Michael McPhearson, George Packard, Susan Schnall, Margaret Stevens, Debra Sweet
- Puppet show by Kevin Augustine—Lone Wolf Tribe
- Spoken word by Professor Louie and Fast Eddie

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## The Veterans For Peace Full Disclosure Campaign

The Full Disclosure campaign is a Veterans For Peace effort to speak truth to power and keep alive the antiwar perspective on the American War in Viet Nam. It is a clear alternative to the Department of Defense's efforts to sanitize and mythologize the U.S. role in the war, legitimizing the continuation of further unnecessary and destructive wars.

President Obama announced a plan, starting in 2012, for a 13-year commemoration funded at \$65 million: "As we observe the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War ... we pay tribute to the more than 3 million servicemen and women who ... pushed through jungles and rice paddies, heat and monsoon, fighting heroically to protect the ideals we hold dear as Americans." It is what the President and the Department of Defense don't say that's significant.

Rather than conducting an honest evaluation to learn from the U.S. intervention in Viet Nam, the DoD is promoting an *ex post facto* justification of the war without acknowledging the terrible

destruction and damage done to the Vietnamese people and land. Neither does the campaign confront the lasting impact of this conflict on U.S. soldiers and their families—from loss of life and physical disabilities and illnesses to the transmission of birth defects caused by Agent Orange to their progeny. The government does not mention the millions of Vietnamese, including women and children, who were captured, tortured, displaced, and killed. There is no representation of the heroic U.S. soldiers who resisted the war, nor any real acknowledgment of domestic protest. And the project does not pay tribute to the voices and postwar reconciliation activities of many antiwar veterans.

Come to Judson Church on April 26 to hear the truth about Viet Nam and the connections to Iraq and Afghanistan from those who were there.

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