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Event: Friday Rally to Bring the Troops Home in
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Date: Friday, September 23, 2005

Time 5:00 p.m.

Place: Pioneer Courthouse Square, SW Broadway
& SW Yamhill, downtown Portland

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**Friday Rally to Bring the Troops Home in Portland in Solidarity with National
March will Bring Attention to Military Families' Rally in Albany the Next Day**

Portland area peace groups will be cosponsoring an expanded weekly Friday Rally on September 23, 2005 at 5 PM in Pioneer Courthouse Square in solidarity with a national march on Washington to bring the troops home and in anticipation of a rally in Albany, Oregon the next day. The *Peace and Justice Works Iraq Affinity Group* is among those cosponsoring the *Portland Peaceful Response Coalition's* weekly event, which has been going for nearly 4 years since November, 2001. The main focus will be the war in Iraq and the dead and wounded both on the U.S. and Iraqi sides of the conflict.

In addition to a huge national march in D.C. being co-sponsored by *United for Peace and Justice* and the *ANSWER Coalition*, military families whose loved ones are serving overseas or who have died or were wounded in the conflict in Iraq, will rally in Albany, Oregon's Monteith Park, NW Water Street at Washington, on Saturday, September 24 at 1 PM. The Albany rally is being organized by *Military Families Speak Out of Oregon*, *Gold Star Families for Peace* and other groups.

The themes of the national march are: End the war on Iraq--Bring the Troops Home Now--Leave no military bases behind--End the looting of Iraq--Stop the torture--Stop bankrupting our communities and No military recruitment in our schools.

All of these events are continuing the momentum generated by the military families' rally to bring the troops home founded by Cindy Sheehan in Crawford in August. Veterans, peace activists, and other concerned Oregonians will be in attendance at the Portland rally on Friday and the Albany event on Saturday, and everyone is encouraged to participate.

Friday evening's Portland rally is endorsed by *Northwest Veterans for Peace, Portland Central America Solidarity Committee, Cross Border Labor Organizing Committee*, and others.

For more information, to get involved, please contact the Peace and Justice Works Iraq Affinity Group at 503-236-3065 or <iraq@pjw.info> or check the website at <<http://www.pjw.info>>. Information on Portland Peaceful Response can be found at <<http://www.pprc-news.org>>, or by emailing <pprcnews@yahoo.com> or calling (503) 344-5078.

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