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## Rally Hopes to Bring the Troops Home



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Members of Fayetteville Peace for Justice participate in a small vigil on Sunday March 6th. Near the Market House in downtown Fayetteville.



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The second anniversary of the invasion of Iraq will bring anti-war activists to Fayetteville this Saturday.

Just like last year, on the one year anniversary of the war, over 1200 people gathered in Fayetteville for what many say was the city's largest peace rally since the Vietnam War. This year, an even larger amount of people are expected for the second anniversary.

This year's main objective is to emphasize the belief that U.S. military troops need support by bringing them home.

"Activists from across the nation will gather in Fayetteville in an effort to bring the troops home from a war that wastes people's lives for something that doesn't serve the people," said Lou Plummer, a member of Fayetteville Peace for Justice.

United Peace for Justice, the largest anti-war coalition in the nation, is nationally advertising a "major regional protest in Fayetteville, N.C."

The rally will be part of a three-day event which was organized from coalition work between many national and local organizations; including Fayetteville's Quaker House, Military Families Speak

Out, Veterans Against the War, Gold Star Families for Peace, Bring Them Home Now and North Carolina Council of Churches.

The events will start tomorrow with an 8 p.m. hip-hop concert featuring artists Little Brother and Ricanstruction. The concert will be held at Seabrook Park Resource Center at 706 Langdon St.

"On March 19th, we're having a fully permitted, peaceful, respectful, family-safe, march and rally," Plummer said. "People will gather for the march at the Cumber-

land County Health Center starting at 10 a.m. At noon we will step off for a short march to Rowan Street Park at the corner of Rowan Avenue and Woodside. Then from 1-4 p.m. we will listen to a variety of speakers to include Iraq Veterans against the War, Veterans for Peace, Gold Star Families for Peace, as well as youth and other organizations who will be there to lend their support to our call to bring the troops home now."

On Sunday, the national and local organizers will gather to discuss

the outcome of the rally and any future plans for other events.

"I would like to encourage anyone in the Fayetteville community to come to the rally and show their support and their love for the different families that are going to be there," Plummer said. "Whatever your feelings are on the war, come out and show your solidarity with the victims of the war."

For more information about Saturday's rally and other scheduled events go to [www.NCpeacejustice.org](http://www.NCpeacejustice.org) or [www.unitedforpeace.org](http://www.unitedforpeace.org).



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March 18-20 marks the two-year anniversary of the U.S. bombing and invasion of Iraq. There's a new urgency and a stronger determination within the global antiwar movement to bring the troops home now.



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An Iraqi man throws rocks at one of four U.S. Army Humvees that were destroyed in northern Baghdad, Iraq, on Monday, April 26, 2004.

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