

Tax Day Peace Rally

Tuesday, April 15 @ 4:30 p.m.

Military Recruiting Center
(Fordham Road and the Grand Concourse)

Where does your tax dollar go?

- Since G. W. Bush took office, the US has gone from a \$136.4 billion budget surplus in the year 2000 to an estimated \$159 billion deficit in 2002.
- The defense budget increased to \$396 billion last year.
- Bush recently requested a \$78.7 billion supplemental military budget for the initial cost of persecuting his war on Iraq (a war projected to cost over \$200 billion).
- At the same time, budgets for education, health care, housing, and other services were slashed.
- Each day the Pentagon spends \$1.7 billion, enough to build 200 new elementary schools, house 136,000 homeless, or provide Pell grants to one million college students (per day!)

Who truly supports our troops?

- With all the money Bush wastes on defense spending, you might think military personnel and veterans are well taken care of...but, the money is not for them!
 - The Republican-controlled House Budget Committee voted to cut \$25 billion in veteran's benefits over the next 10 years.
 - The Bush administration proposed cutting \$172 million from impact aid programs which provide school funding for children of military personnel.
 - The administration ordered the Dept. of Veterans Affairs to stop publicizing health benefits available to veterans.
- George W. Bush, Dick Cheney, Paul Wolfowitz, Richard Perle, John Bolton, Tom DeLay, John Ashcroft, Lewis Libby, and others enthusiastically supported the Vietnam War ***while avoiding serving in it*** and now are sending others to kill and be killed in Iraq.
- Peace activists, many of them veterans, soldiers and military families, do not want our servicemen and women put in harms way for unjust and illegal military campaigns that only serves to promote anti-Americanism abroad.
- We want the government to honor our servicemen and women by:
 - paying each a decent salary
 - providing the military and their families full healthcare coverage
 - expanding veteran's benefits
 - and providing real access to the job training and college education the GI's were promised.

This Tax Day Peace Rally is co-sponsored by Bronx Action for Justice and Peace, and Sistas and Brothas United. For more information, go to www.bronxpeace.org