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Media Advisory

MILITARY FAMILIES, ACTIVE DUTY TROOPS, IRAQ VETERANS TO LEAD NATIONAL MARCH AND RALLY AGAINST IRAQ WAR

Protesters Say Funding the War is Killing Our Troops

St. Louis, MO, August 16, 2007 – Scores of military and Gold Star families, active duty troops, Iraq War veterans, veterans from other eras, and community members will protest the ongoing War in Iraq on **Sunday August, 19** for **The National March Through the Arch**. Organizers from **Military Families Speak Out (MFSO) Missouri** expect over a thousand people to join veterans and military families on the streets for the march, which will mark the closing of the Veterans for Peace National Convention taking place in St. Louis from August 15-19.

Military families, Iraq War veterans, and veterans of other eras will be available for interview. Members of the press may sign in at the media tent located on the north side of the stage. Media vehicles must enter L.K. Sullivan via Washington.

WHO	<p>Speakers include: Stacey Hafely, Military Families Speak Out Missouri Michael McPhearson, Executive Director of Veterans for Peace & MFSO member Nancy Lessin, Co-founder, Military Families Speak Out Carlos and Melida Arredondo, Gold Star Families Speak Out Lisa Leitz, Military Families Speak Out Jonathan Hutto, Active Duty Sailor and representative of Appeal for Redress Daryl Anderson, Iraq Veterans Against the War and war resister, Laurie Meier, Code Pink-St. Louis Pat Scanlon, Veterans For Peace and Entertainer</p>
WHAT	March and rally to oppose the War in Iraq
WHERE	The march will start on the corner of 9 th and Cole in downtown St. Louis

WHEN	Sunday, August 19 10:30am – Meet at 9 th and Cole 10:45am – Being march, south on N. 9 th , east on Chestnut, south on Broadway, east on Market, through the arch grounds to end at the Grand Staircase 11:15am – Speaking and entertainment program begins 1:00pm – Closing
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The National March Through the Arch is organized by **MFSO Missouri**, a chapter of **Military Families Speak Out (MFSO)**, a national organization of over 3,600 families who are opposed to the war in Iraq and have loved ones in the military. The event is cosponsored by Military Families Speak Out, Gold Start Families Speak Out, Veterans for Peace, Vietnam Veterans Against the War, Grassroots America, Iraq Veterans Against War, St. Louis Instead of War Coalition, United for Peace & Justice, Grassroots America, and Code Pink.