

AWAKENING *from the* **NIGHTMARE** *of* **WAR**

AFGHANISTAN: 11 Years Too Long

**Veterans Say Bring 'Em Home,
Keep 'Em Home!**

**Oct. 7, 2012, 6 pm, New York City
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Plaza
55 Water Street, New York City**

**Speakers include: Margaret Flowers; Glen Ford; Viet Nam veterans
Mike Hastie and Bishop George Packard; Iraq veterans Jenny Pacanowski,
Javier Ocasio and Michael McPhearson; Chris Hedges; Rev. Donna Schaper;
Kevin Zeese, Michael Zweig (USLAW)**

Music by Ariel Zevon and Doo-Occupy, Watermelon Slim, Dave Rovics

General Assembly • Nonviolent Resistance

*“To begin the process of change, to stop a war, to
establish justice, it may be necessary to break the law,
to commit acts of civil disobedience, as Southern blacks
did, as antiwar protesters did.” —Howard Zinn*

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At 10 p.m. on May 1, 2012, the New York Police Department closed the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, driving out members of the Occupy movement who were holding a nonviolent General Assembly. Eight members of the Veterans Peace Team and two members of Occupy Faith were arrested for standing their ground. A small metal sign has been posted at the park stating that it closes at 10 p.m. This was Vietnam vet Paul Appell's reaction:

“Plato wrote ‘only the dead have seen the end of war.’ War veterans, loved ones of the fallen, and certainly those living in war zones do not have the option of closing down their memories at 10 p.m. There is a good reason why suicide is an attractive option for many. It is truly the only sure way of ending the memories. For a memorial to shut down at some convenient time for the city is an insult to all those who do not have the luxury of shutting down their war memories at a specific time. I know that many want us war vets to go out of sight and not bother them, except when we are needed for some parade. Some of us are not going away at 10 p.m. or any other time. If they do not like it, maybe they should have thought of that before they sent us to war.”