

Speaking Appearance of
Retired Colonel Ann Wright, Anti-war Activist
and the Screening of the Film
Finding our Voices



Thursday, July 3, 2008 at 7:00 PM
The People's Center
37 Howe Street
New Haven, CT

Suggested donation is \$5 and refreshments will be served

Ann Wright is one of three State Department officials to publicly resign in advance of and to protest the Iraq invasion. A decorated Army heroine; she became a career diplomat serving in many locations including Kabul, Afghanistan, Micronesia, and former Soviet bloc countries. After helping to evacuate 2500 persons from the civil war in Sierra Leone, she received a heroism award. The reasons for her resignation were that the US did not get UN Security Council approval to invade Iraq, no effort was being made to solve the Palestinian problem diplomatically, and that American civil liberties were being eroded. Since leaving government service, she has worked with Cindy Sheehan to set up Camp Casey outside the Bush ranch, testified on behalf of Lt. Watada who refused to deploy to Iraq, and been arrested many times for anti-war protests. Her book, *Dissent: Voices of Conscience* profiles 25 government employees who have spoken out against the Iraq War.

The film is a call to action for the American people and is narrated by Martin Sheen. It demonstrates the importance of an individual taking on the responsibility of fulfilling his civic duty by standing up for what he believes, and chronicles the lives of a grieving grandmother, three soldiers who served in Iraq, a peace activist, a diplomat, a politician, and a minister, who took their anti-war activism to the streets and made contributions to the greater good. It should be an exciting evening!

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