

## Brief History of PRAWN

PRAWN (THE PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL ANTI-WAR NETWORK) was formed around January 2003 to organize against the threat of an imminent US invasion of Iraq. PRAWN was comprised of about 30 different groups. A large anti-war March was planned for Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003 which was coordinated with an 'International Day of Protest' around the world. The March held on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> was the largest anti-War March in Philadelphia history- up to 15,000 people attended.

Following this PRAWN organized or participated in:

- A second large Anti-war March in 2003 on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 6000 people marched in the driving rain from Penn's Landing, past the Vietnam Vets Memorial, down South St. to the Federal Building.
- The Media March on April 23, 2003- from City Line Ave to the Clear Channel HQ's and ABC news to protest the poor media coverage of the Iraq war.
- Sponsored two forums with Professor and Author Robert Jensen, of the University of Austin, on War and Racism.
- From 2004-08, Worked with the Delaware Valley Veterans of America on the Arlington-Liberty Bell Display. We honored the American soldiers killed in Iraq by setting up wooden Tombstones on the Tourist Center Lawn between 5th and 6th and Market St. 'Honor the Warrior, Not the War'
- Helped the Delaware Valley Veterans of America promote the showing of the anti-war film 'Yes Sir, No Sir' about the Vietnam War soldiers resistance within the army.
- Sponsored an event: "Breaking the Silence" with the Kensington Welfare Rights Union and the Brandywine Peace Community in 2005 to honor the Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. We had a March followed by a Forum.
- Have regularly protested at the Army Recruitment Center in Center City with Celeste Zapala, who lost her son in Iraq, and co-sponsored a Vigil at Senator Specter's Residence near Henry Ave with the NW Greens.

- Recently, Co-sponsored a Gaza Relief Fundraiser which raised money for the victims of the Israeli bombings in Gaza. This was sponsored by the International Action Center

We have also helped different organizations in showing films in the area. We have a projector system-sound system which we lend out.

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