

# Days of Action - April 14-17, 2012 Let's Carry our Resistance to DC

We continue to push forward our demands for the closing of the SOA/ WHINSEC and an end to U.S. militarization. It is more important than ever to get anti-militarization on the national agenda and create alliances to change the culture of militarization!

The peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean have been leading the struggle for justice and dignity, from the struggle for life amidst the War on Drugs; to resisting the coup in Honduras; the emergence of strong social movements across the continent; to the continued call for the end of US military intervention in the hemisphere and the closure of the SOA/WHINSEC.

The movement to close the SOA/WHINSEC has succeeded in educating thousands about the reality of US foreign policy. However, influencing public opinion alone is an insufficient means for closing the SOA. As a movement, we must become even more effective at translating public sentiment into public action.

The week's actions will include a conference, lobbying, strategy sessions, a concert, direct action training, street parades, and more! Call 202-234-3440 and visit www.SOAW.org for more information.

# **Direct Action Camp**

Always wanted to learn how to pull of effective direct actions? From April 11-13, SOA Watch will host a direct action training camp at the Wayside Center for Popular Education and the Greenpeace Climbing Warehouse. Get the skills to bring the SOA and militarization to the national agenda. Register asap!

# Conference: "International (In)Security"

The Days of Action will commence on Saturday, April 14, with a conference from 9am - 5pm, focusing on building our analysis of militarization: from the War on Drugs to the War on Terror. The conference will bring together speakers from various struggles (474 Ridge Street NW, Washington, DC).

#### Concert

Live bands and rocking sounds on Saturday, April 14!

## **Strategy Sessions**

On Sunday, April 15, we urge you to participate in the strategy sessions, where we will bring together grassroots leadership, participation and investment to shape some of the national strategy within SOA Watch. Sessions will include Direct Action, Legislation, Media/Education, Outreach, Research, and Development. Contact Becca@ soaw.org or Nico@soaw.org

# Lobbying

The new bill to suspend operations at the SOA/ WHINSEC, HR 3368, is gathering more support, but we need YOU to lobby hard to get your Representative to sign on! Call now and set up a meeting with your Member of Congress for April 16 or 17. Please be sure to let us know about your meetings by sending an email to Asnow@ soaw.org.

# Street Theater, Parade and Direct Action!

With tourists in town for the Cherry Blossom Festival, we'll make a real celebration of life and justice come alive in the streets – with puppets, music and laughter! Come and bring your friends! If you are interested in engaging in direct action, contact directaction@soaw.org.

Spread the word and let's turn DC into a place of hope, justice & creativity!



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