

# 4 Years in Syria, 17 Years in Afghanistan: BRING ALL THE TROOPS HOME NOW!

**Friday, September 21, 2018 5:00 PM**  
PPRC weekly Rally/March for Peace and Justice

**Pioneer Courthouse Square**  
**SW Yamhill & Broadway**

September 23 marks 4 years since the US launched its first bombing attacks in Syria, ostensibly against the Islamic State, but truly as a covert means to fight the Syrian government. The US has troops on the ground and makeshift airbases in a sovereign nation without their consent or a UN mandate.

October 7 will mark 17 years since the US invaded Afghanistan in response to attacks by Al Qaeda, a non-state actor, on 9/11/2001. While President Obama withdrew most of the troops, President Trump sent in 1000s more. Fighting rages on, fueled in part by what is seen as an ongoing US occupation.

In addition to the proximity to the date the US entered the war in Syria, 9/21 is also known at the United Nations since 1981 as the International Day of Peace.

Moreover, 9/21 is the anniversary of Ferdinand Marcos' 1972 declaration of martial law in the Philippines. Currently, the Human Rights situation in the Philippines under Rodrigo Duterte is looking worse than during the Marcos regime. None of this would be possible without generous contributions from the US in the form of military aid, weapons, and training.

Peace and Justice Works' Iraq Affinity Group is cosponsoring the PPRC Friday Rally to raise these issues and connect them to the ongoing wars in Yemen (where a US bomb dropped by Saudi Arabia killed dozens of schoolchildren in August) and Iraq. The rally will also promote the upcoming Sept. 27 speaking engagement of Nobel Peace Prize nominee Kathy Kelly.

It is far beyond time to bring all the troops home now!



Members of the US military fire Howitzer in Northern Syria in March, 2017 (from Airwars.org)

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**Portland Peaceful Response Coalition**  
**Friday Rally**  
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