

IRAQ MEMORIAL TO LIFE – Begins national tour in Olympia, Wa. March 20 - 21



*a time to reflect*  
**IRAQ MEMORIAL TO LIFE**

*A series of public gatherings will take place as part of the Iraq Memorial to Life ceremony.*

**The Iraq Memorial to Life - Friday, March 20 & Saturday, March 21, 2009**

**Heritage Park, 5th Ave. SW & Water Street, Olympia**

Representing the desire for peace and reconciliation, the Memorial presents markers for the civilians whose deaths have been documented to be a result of the US-led invasion that began March 19, 2003.

**Friday, March 20**

1 pm Opening Ceremony

- Invocation, *Arthur Vaeni, Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation*
- Walking Meditation, *Koro Kaisan Miles, Zen Buddhist - Open Gate Zendo*
- Words connecting people, *Bill Ransom, Poet, The Evergreen State College*

2 pm Dedication

- *Imam Twahiru Mohammed, Imam Islamic Center of Olympia*
- *Salam Talib Hassan, Iraqi living in US, Computer Specialist, Journalist, translator for Dahr Jamail*

8 pm Vigil-Candle Lighting

- *Bernie Meyer, American Gandhi, Olympia area peace activist*

**Saturday, March 21**

4 pm Closing Ceremony

- A veteran for peace, *Robert Poteat, Rachel Corrie Chapter Veterans For Peace*
- Words inward/onward, *Larry Kerschner, Poet, Rachel Corrie Chapter Veterans For Peace*
- Islamic Community Message, *Muhammed Ayub, Islamic Center of Olympia*
- Memorial Moves On, *Arthur Vaeni, Olympia Unitarian Universalist Congregation*

5 pm Begin packing memorial

**Getting Involved Olympia Memorial:**

To help build the memorial, make a donation, or volunteer to make or assemble markers:

[www.iraqmemorialtolife.org](http://www.iraqmemorialtolife.org) Call Kerri at 306-867-9237

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**Interested in the Iraq Memorial to Life:**

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To help the memorial project generally, to schedule a visit to your community, and to give your support – financially - or to assemble markers: [peace@iraqmemorialtolife.org](mailto:peace@iraqmemorialtolife.org)