

Saint Patrick's Peace Parade

When: Sunday, March 20, 2011

Where: South Boston, same route as "official parade" (One proud mile behind)

Assemble: 2:00 pm, Foundry & Greenbaum Steets, just west of Broadway MBTA T Station (Red line) (look for VFP flags)



Themes for the Day:

- How is the War Economy Working for You?
- Bring the Troops Home, Take Care of Them When They Get Here
- Cut Military Spending, Save Jobs: Teachers, Fire, Police
- Peace is Patriotic! "Not a Dirty Word"

Please join Veterans For Peace and other peace and social justice organizations for this historic alternative "people's parade" following the official Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

Background: Again this year Veterans for Peace was denied permission to walk in the "Official Saint Patrick's Day Parade." The stated reason was because the Allied War Veterans Council (War Council) did not want the word "peace" associated with the word "veteran." They also stated that Veterans For Peace were too political for the parade, as if all the politicians, military formations and bands in the parade are not political?



The City of Boston has issued a permit to Veterans For Peace to have its own Saint Patrick's Peace Parade, immediately following the "official parade." Our parade is the alternative "people's parade for peace and justice." We invite all progressive groups (peace, environmental, women's rights, civil rights, labor, GLBT etc.) in

the greater Boston area to please join us as we follow behind the official parade.

We will enjoy the same police protection and courtesies offered the official parade.

For more information: www.Smedleyvfp.org

Information on how your group can participate, contact one of the following:

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