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Veterans For Peace ends Occupation Project in Congressman Ed Markey's office after two days

Markey signs pledge to vote against supplemental appropriation

MEDFORD — Local members of the Smedley D. Butler Brigade Chapter 9 of Veterans For Peace ended their occupation of Rep. Edward J. Markey's office in Medford Square after two days, when Congressman Markey signed a pledge to vote against the \$100 billion supplemental appropriation for Iraq coming before Congress.

"The goal of the Occupation Project was to get Markey to sign this pledge. We are thrilled that he did it, and look forward to his colleagues in the Massachusetts delegation joining him in this, so this war can end quickly," said Nate Goldshlag, co-coordinator of the Smedley Butler Brigade.

About 50 veterans and supporters met with Markey for 90 minutes Wednesday evening. Veterans For Peace joined the national Occupation Project, which is seeking to eliminate funding for the war. "We'd like to thank Rep. Markey for meeting with us," Goldshlag said. "We'd also like to thank District Director Joe Dalton and the staff of the office for their hospitality and for arranging the meeting with Markey."

The Smedley D. Butler Brigade Chapter 9 of Veterans For Peace was established in the mid-1980s and includes more than 100 Veterans from the Boston area who are involved in antiwar activities. The local chapter is part of the national Veterans For Peace and is named in honor of Marine Gen. Smedley D. Butler, the most decorated Marine in U.S. history, who turned against war and famously said "War is a racket. A few profit, the many pay."

A scanned copy of the pledge is enclosed on page 2.

PLEDGE TO VOTE AGAINST 2007 SUPPLEMENTAL
FUNDING FOR THE IRAQ WAR

I, Rep. Edward Markey, pledge to vote against the supplemental spending measure that President Bush will seek in 2007 from Congress to fund the war in and occupation of Iraq. I will take leadership in getting other Representatives to also vote against the supplemental.

Signed: Edward J. Markey
Date: Feb 21, 2007

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For background information on the Occupation Project see:

<http://www.vcnv.org/project/the-occupation-project>

Web site of the Smedley D. Butler Brigade of VFP: <http://smedleyvfp.org>

National web site of Veterans for Peace: <http://veteransforpeace.org>