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## Winter Soldier: Iraq & Afghanistan Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the history of Winter Soldier?

In 1776, Thomas Paine wrote: "These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman." In 1971, a courageous group of veterans exposed the criminal nature of the Vietnam War in an event called Winter Soldier. Once again, we will demand that the voices of veterans are heard.

### What will happen?

Winter Soldier: Iraq and Afghanistan will feature testimony from U.S. veterans who served in those occupations, giving an accurate account of what is really happening day in and day out, on the ground.

### Why is IVAW doing this?

We are fighting for the soul of our country. We will demonstrate our patriotism by speaking out with honor and integrity instead of blindly following failed policy. Winter Soldier is a difficult but essential service to our country.

### When is Winter Soldier?

March 13 evening – March 16 afternoon

### Where is it happening?

Silver Spring, MD (DC area)

### Who will be testifying?

IVAW members who served in Iraq or Afghanistan will be testifying.

### How can I help make WS a success?

Many allies are supporting Winter Soldier by organizing fundraisers to help pay for IVAW members to get to WS. We are also telling groups to raise awareness by showing Winter Soldier and by telling their friends about it. Folks can also put the WS banner on their websites. Check out the "How to help" page.

### Who is invited?

All IVAW members are invited. Vietnam Veterans Against the War, Veterans for Peace and Military Families Speak Out members will also be present. (They can register with those organizations.) Because of space constraints, the event is not open to the public.

### How can I watch Winter Soldier?

We would love for people to organize viewing gatherings, there will be a number of ways to watch and listen to the event.

- Live television broadcast via satellite TV, accessible through Dish Network as well as public access stations that choose to carry our broadcast – Friday and Saturday only
- Live video stream on the web – Thursday through Sunday
- Live radio broadcast via KPFA in Berkley California and other Pacifica member stations – Friday through Sunday
- Live audio stream via KPFA's website [www.kpfa.org](http://www.kpfa.org) – Friday through Sunday

### What if my question was not answered here?

Please contact the Ally Committee at [wsallies@ivaw.org](mailto:wsallies@ivaw.org) if you have any additional questions or ideas.

**For more information, and ways you can help, visit [www.ivaw.org/wintersoldier](http://www.ivaw.org/wintersoldier).**