



# Arlington West

by Sally Marr and Peter Dudar

Arlington West is a project of Veterans for Peace. Every Sunday morning volunteers push more than 1,000 white crosses into the sand next to the famous Santa Monica Pier. After the crosses are planted, they set out a flag-draped coffin with an empty pair of combat boots and a helmet. The numbers on a sign are updated. Other signs are put up, with photos and descriptions of young people who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The ongoing event shows the human element of the Iraq war and reveals who has been killed and wounded. Ed Ellis, of the Los Angeles Veterans for Peace chapter, said: "After Vietnam, we had to wait 20 years to get the Wall. This display allows people to express their grief now."

Sixty-four interviews, with soldiers en route to and returning from the war, plus interviews with military families, make up this moving documentary. Returning from the Middle East conflict, many are distressed, disillusioned, damaged, and, having lost friends "in country," share their reflections. Others, eager to return to war zones, share their thoughts.

**Video and Panel  
Discussion with  
Local Veterans**

**Maui Community College  
Friday Nov. 12th - 7 pm**

**Ka Lama Building**

**Room 103**

**Free**

**Public Welcome**

Sponsored by Maui Peace Action and MCC Peace Club

[www.mauipeace.org](http://www.mauipeace.org) ~ [www2.hawaii.edu/~carletta/peaceclub.htm](http://www2.hawaii.edu/~carletta/peaceclub.htm) ~ Contact: Chuck Carletta 984-3305