

Arlington West

Eighty-three interviews, with soldiers and Marines en route to and returning from the war in Iraq, plus interviews with military families, make up this moving documentary by longtime activist-artists Sally Marr and Peter Dudar.

Arlington West is a 60 minute film presenting a "temporary cemetery" in the sand, erected every Sunday by the Veterans For Peace in Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Oceanside and other locations. A flag draped coffin, and over 2300 wooden crosses, affectionately placed on the beach, invites the public to honor the unacknowledged fallen U.S. soldiers and laments the cost of the war. Visitors write the name of the dead on slips of paper lining the ever growing list of casualties and place it on a cross with fresh flowers.

This country-wide presentation is a respite to express sentiments, a remembrance in silence or painful grief; for all to take time to honor the Soldiers, Marines, and Military Families who are paying the highest price for war. Children offer their intuitive wisdom. Veterans, survivors of the horrors of war, share their poignant experiences and the new recruits en route to combat speak of their enthusiasm, dedication and faith in their upcoming missions.