

I've heard it said that if you asked a fish to describe its world the last thing it would mention is water – Yesterday, March 19th, marked the eight anniversary of the invasion of Iraq. News reports of the war in the mainstream media are becoming fewer and fewer and are limited to the occasional mention of a hometown service member who was killed.

My concern this morning is that war not become an element of our world, like water for the fish.

Protests marking the anniversary of the war occurred across the United States, including one right here in DeKalb at First and Lincoln Hwy. They demonstrated that there are people for whom the war is not just another feature of the environment.

Let us hold dear and precious those sacrifices of our service members in the course of the war, not just those who have died, but those who live with injuries in mind, body, and spirit. Remember also the sacrifices of the families of those involved in these wars, both Iraqi and American.

I ask that you stand for peace and justice by joining the DeKalb Area Interfaith Network in the Friday night protests until we bring our service members home!