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Event: PPRC Friday rally and march celebrates the massive peace marches and protests against the RNC in New York, reviews again the lies and corruptions of the Bush Administration and corporate war profiteers.

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The *Portland Peaceful Response Coalition's* Friday rally and march will celebrate the massive peace marches and protests against the RNC in New York, and again review the lies and corruptions of the Bush Administration and their war profiteering corporate sponsors. "It was especially moving to see the carrying of the hundreds of coffins covered with American flags, since Bush does not want us to see the returning coffins," said Jody Heatlie, a PPRC volunteer.

Heatlie contrasted the mournful reality represented by the flag-draped caskets with the speeches given at the Republican Convention. "As Americans we need to review the lies of the RNC versus the facts," said Heatlie. "Lies such as 'we are safer now', 'Iraq is liberated', 'Afghanistan is free as are the Afghanistan women', 'the troops like being there', just to mention a few of the more outrageous statements we've heard." Heatlie said she was astonished by the ignorance of the Republican delegates, and was appalled by the cynical exploitation of the 9/11 attacks. "It was the Bush Administration that told the rescue and construction crews that it was safe to be working near ground zero when the EPA had clear evidence of the toxic materials in the air," said Heatlie, "And now many of those workers and residents of the area are suffering from respiratory and other related illnesses."

"And even more tragic costs of Republican lies were brought home to us once again during this obscene convention in New York," said William Seaman, another PPRC volunteer. "On Wednesday the report came in that a US air strike had killed nine more innocent Iraqi civilians, including three children; this is Bush's 'war on terror'."1

1. "U.S. Strike on Fallujah Kills 9 Civilians", September 1, 2004 By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, Filed at 5:02 p.m. ET - *New York Times*.