

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Fort Manning Encampment in Support of Bradley Manning

3-day event in support of accused whistleblower to raise awareness on government crime and secrecy

Los Angeles, CA - Free Bradley Manning SoCal is staging a 3-day encampment in support of the accused whistleblower, PFC Bradley Manning, highlighting ongoing and increasing government secrecy and human rights violations. Fort Manning will include guest speakers, musical performers and other artists, candlelight vigils, and public discussions.

"It is a privilege to join the campaign to support Bradley Manning," Noam Chomsky posted to BradleyManning.org, "for his courage and integrity in serving his country by helping make the government accountable to its citizens, and to inform the world of what its people should know."

Fort Manning is being erected to provide a venue for Bradley Manning supporters to come together in anticipation of his scheduled July hearings. The temporary encampment will foster a growing community of those concerned about the protection of whistleblowers and the increasing lack of government transparency. We will be convening in front of the Federal Court Building in downtown Los Angeles beginning the night of Friday, July 13th, through the evening of Monday, July 16th. Speakers at the event will include national whistleblower Julia Davis, Mike McKee of Courage to Resist, co-founder and co-director of CODEPINK Jodie Evans, award-winning documentary filmmaker and author Bill Still, published poet and spoken word artist Matt Sedillo, along with acclaimed activist-comedian Lee Camp.

Free Bradley Manning SoCal, online at <http://freebradleymanningsocal.com>, is a working group bridging the gap between supporters whose goals are to spread awareness of PFC Bradley Manning, including his trial and mistreatment, as well as to further disseminate the information that was leaked. Because whistleblowing is a protected right, Free Bradley Manning SoCal continues to demand Manning's immediate release and pardon.

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Endorsing Organizations:

Bradley Manning Support Network, Courage to Resist, Code Pink L.A., Veterans for Peace L.A. / Long Island, Military Families Speak Out Long Beach / Orange County, Cindy Sheehan's Soapbox, Out Against War, March Forward, LGBT Greens L.A., Delaware Valley Veterans; Occupy: LA, OC-Irvine, San Diego, 805, Pasadena, Ontario (CA), Venice, Whittier, Ventura College

Calendar (subject to change):

July 13, 2012

- 10:00pm - March departing from Pershing Square
- 10:30pm - Performance by Lee Camp, activist-comedian
- 11:59pm - Candlelight vigil

July 14, 2012

- 10:00am - Brunch with Military Families Speak Out
- 1:30pm - Bill Still award-winning documentary filmmaker and author
- 3:00pm - Teach-in w/ Mike McKee of Courage to Resist
- 6:00pm - Music, Open Mic, Poetry
- Guests: Matt Sedillo, Glue Gun, Lochnes, The Stains (LA), Underground Alliance
- 10:00pm - Candlelight vigil

July 15, 2012

- 10:00am - Brunch with Iraq Veterans for Peace
- 1:00pm - Teach-in w/ Jodie Evans, co-founder and co-director of CODEPINK
- 3:00pm - Teach-in w/ Julia Davis, national security whistleblower
- 6:00pm - Action Planning Assembly for Manning's August Hearing Dates
- 10:00pm - Candlelight vigil

July 16, 2012

- 5:00pm - 2nd march for Bradley Manning

Sibling Action: [Fort Manning Atlanta](#)