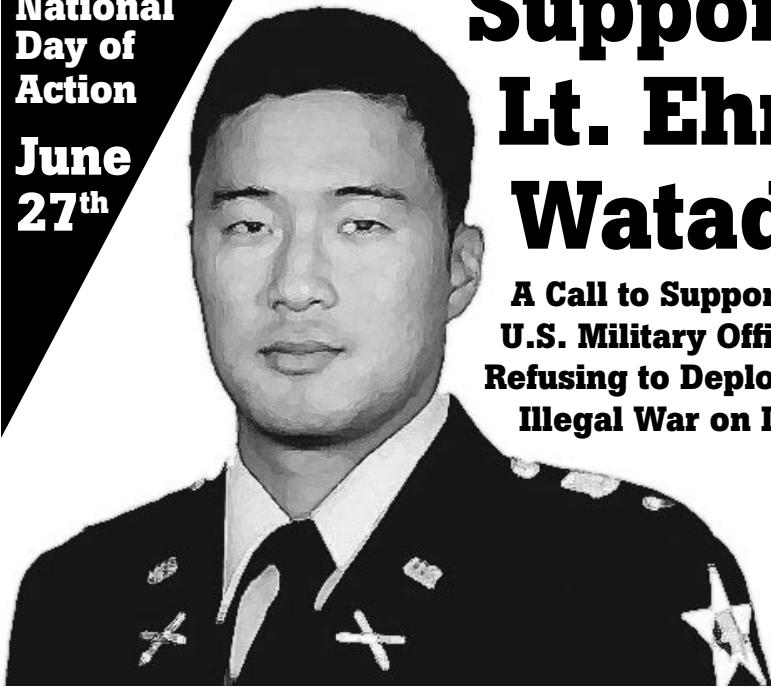


**National
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**June
27th**

Support Lt. Ehren Watada

**A Call to Support
U.S. Military Officer
Refusing to Deploy for
Illegal War on Iraq**



Who is Lt. Ehren Watada?

Lt. Watada is the first commissioned U.S. military officer to publicly refuse orders in support of the illegal Iraq War. Having already attempted to resign his commission in protest, Lt. Ehren Watada announced his refusal to deploy to Iraq on June 7th, 2006.

Why Does Lt. Watada Need My Support?

Lt. Ehren Watada's courageous stand sets the stage for what could be the biggest movement of GI resistance since the Vietnam War. He faces a court-martial, up to two years in prison for missing movement by design, a dishonorable discharge, and other possible charges.

Lt. Ehren Watada Speaks Out

I refuse to be silent any longer. I refuse to watch families torn apart, while the President tells us to "stay the course." ... I refuse to be party to an illegal and immoral war against people who did nothing to deserve our aggression. I wanted to be there for my fellow troops. But the best way was not to help drop artillery and cause more death and destruction. It is to help oppose this war and end it so that all soldiers can come home. —U.S. Army Lt. Ehren Watada

Never in my life did I ever imagine I would have to disobey my president. But then again, never did I imagine my president would lie to go to war, condone torture, spy on Americans,

or destroy the career of a CIA agent for political gain. I would rather resign in protest, but the army doesn't agree. —U.S. Army Lt. Ehren Watada

Mr. President, you have violated: Article I of the Constitution by deceiving Congress, Article 2 of the U.N. Charter, U.N. Gen. Assembly Res. 3314 and the Nuremburg Tribunal Charter barring wars of aggression, and many other international and domestic laws. As a commissioned officer of the U.S. Armed Forces my legal and moral obligation is to the Constitution—not to those who would issue unlawful orders. It is my duty to refuse to fight this illegal war. —U.S. Army Lt. Ehren Watada

7 Ways you can help Lt. Watada

- 1** Sign the petition online www.ThankYouLt.org
- 2** Encourage your local or national organization to become an official endorser and supporter of this effort.
- 3** Distribute this call to action and petition to friends, family, and organizational lists.
- 4** Write a letter in support of Lt. Watada to your local editor, and respond to any attack on his courageous stand against an illegal war.
- 5** Check www.thankyoult.org for breaking news and forthcoming organizing materials. Add yourself to the Updates and Alerts email bulletin.
- 6** Help organize nationally-coordinated support actions prior to upcoming military court-martial. Download the organizing kit, which includes fliers, sample press release, and info sheets: www.CourageToResist.org
- 7** Contribute to the legal and political defense fund. Contributions are tax-deductible. Online credit card and PayPal donations. Go to: www.ThankYouLt.org/donate

**Refuse
Illegal
War**

"I hope that my example shows other soldiers that they too have the power to choose right over wrong and that freedom is something that can never be taken away."

—Lt. Ehren Watada

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