

Counting Lives Lost:

Making Tangible an Abstract Measurement of Grief



Photo by Bob Fitch

This is a community based sculpture installation in process. Over 150 volunteers have helped make the 5 inch clay figures for every person who has died since the US. Invasion of Iraq 6 1/2 years ago.

When numbers get past a certain size they become too big for us to imagine and the abstractness of the numbers numb us to the reality of the situation. Each American figure has a flag attached and then there are 20 anonymous shadow figures standing behind each American.

The shadow figures represent the 1:20 ratio of Iraqi dead to American dead. The 1:20 ratio is very conservative; we do not know exactly how many Iraqi's have died. Of the 87,000+ known Iraqi dead only 3,500 of them have been named, the other 90% are anonymous to us.

Please join us as we kneel in sand honoring all those who have lost their lives in the Iraq War.

Community Installation: Saturday and Sunday October 25th and 26th, 8:30-4:30
Resurrection Catholic Community 7600 Soquel Dr., Aptos, CA 95003

Non- Denominational Prayer Vigil Sunday October 25th 5:00 p.m.

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