

ARMED



FARCES

DAY

MAY 20



UNDER THIS SYMBOL OF THE U.S.
MILITARY IN VIETNAM TOO MANY
PEOPLE HAVE DIED



UNDER THIS SYMBOL VIETNAM
VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR
CAN HELP SAVE AMERICAN AND
VIETNAMESE LIVES

PEOPLE'S RALLY & MARCH
SATURDAY 1:00

Monterey Custom House Plaza
Fishermans Wharf

10:00 PEOPLE'S
EXPOSITION

NOON- TEATRO CAMPESINO
de SALINAS

1:00-- Rally & March on Presidio

SPEAKERS & G.I. SKITS
MEMBER OF BILLY DEAN
SMITH FAMILY
FRANCISCO MANTUA -
SANTA CRUZ V.V.A.W.

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST
THE WAR WILL RETURN
THEIR MEDALS TO THE
MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT

sponsored by monterey bay armed farces day coalition

FROM ARMED FORCES DAY TO ARMED FARCES DAY

When President Eisenhower made the third Saturday in May Armed Forces day, there wasn't much objection within the ranks. The Cold War was at its height. Those who did object to regular displays of militarism were few and far between in civilian life. With the escalation of the Indochinese War in the sixties and the increase of American military strength, both civilians and service people began to object.

By 1970 the war as well as the protests had sparked a movement inside the military. Armed Forces Day became the target of counter demonstrations. Both in '70 and '71, GIs and their civilian sisters and brothers intimidated the brass so much that Armed Forces Day presentations were cancelled all over the country. Two thousand people blockaded Fort Ord in 1970, turning Armed Forces Day into ARMED FARCES DAY. Again in 1971, the brass was forced to close down the base and cancel their presentation.

ARMED FARCES DAY '72

This year's activities have been planned by people in the military at Fort Ord, VVAW (Viet Nam Veterans Against the War), and civilian support groups. Beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning at Custom House Plaza in Monterey, there will be a People's Exposition with information booths staffed by several organizing projects in the Monterey Bay Area. The Exposition will be followed by a Rally at 1 o'clock which will focus on the three points of attack for Armed Farces Day '72: the case of Billy Dean Smith (a black GI accused of fragging 2 officers in 'Nam), Sexism in the Armed Forces, and the War in Indochina. After the Rally, VVAW will lead a march on the Presidio, an installation crucial to the military effort in Southeast Asia. It serves as a training center for counter-insurgency (espionage, language, etc.) and also provides living quarters for many of Fort Ord's rank and brass, including General Moore.

If Fort Ord should attempt to hold its own "celebration," we'll most definitely attend! Armed Forces Day must NOT take place. Armed Farces Day MUST make it clear to the brass, to the federal government, and to Nixon that the American people will no longer tolerate the intensification of the War in Indochina, nor the intervention of the U.S. military in any foreign country, nor the continued repressive policies carried on at home by the present administration.

SUPPORT GI RESISTANCE

FREE BILLY SMITH

STOP THE AIR WAR