

# SOAWatch

Close the School of the Americas!

News and Updates!

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Take a Stand for Justice and Self-Determination

**November 19-21, Fort Benning, Georgia:**

**Vigil and Convergence to Shut Down the SOA and to Change U.S. Foreign Policy**



Make your travel plans now and mobilize your community to join the November Vigil. In just one month, thousands of social justice activists from Latin- and North America will gather at the gates of Fort Benning, Georgia.

In 31 days, join leaders from the resistance against the illegitimate U.S.-supported government in Honduras; Padre Jesus Alberto Franco, a renowned leader from Colombia risking his life working with Afro-Colombian, indigenous and mixed-race farmers in resistance; Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit; Marie Dennis, director of the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns and Co-President of Pax Christi International; United Auto Worker president Bob King; Rebel Diaz from the Bronx; the puppetistas, [musicians](#) and many other beautiful people.

### Schedule of Events

The November 19-21 vigil weekend includes a massive rally at the gates of Fort Benning, benefit concerts, workshops, a solemn funeral procession to commemorate the victims of SOA terror, [nonviolent direct action](#), teach-ins, film screenings, nonviolence trainings and more. A one-day organizers conference on anti-militarization is taking place on November 18. [Click here](#) for the [schedule of events](#).



### **Get the Word Out!**

Mobilize your community! Print out the [vigil poster](#) and hang it up in student unions, coffee shops and bookstores, post the info about the vigil on your [facebook](#) page, on blogs and other social networks. Mobilize your [union](#), student group, or faith community. Download the [Organizing Packet](#) for more suggestions and information.

### Hotels and Travel

[Click here](#) for a list of [hotels and campgrounds](#) in and around Columbus, Georgia. For information about driving directions, airports and bus travel information, visit the [Travel Information](#) page. The rideboard is also available online: you can post if you are [looking for a ride](#) or in case you are driving yourself with extra seats in your car or your group is organizing a bus or a van, you can post that you [have a ride to offer](#).

The repression continues so the resistance can't stop! The reach of the SOA continues to expand. In the past 16 months, SOA graduates orchestrated coups in two countries, Honduras and Ecuador. While the people of Ecuador were able to defend their democracy, the blood of martyrs continues to flow in Honduras.

It has become increasingly necessary to expand our SOA Watch movement to all of the Americas. When we are gathered at the gates of Fort Benning in Georgia, sister vigils against violence and militarization are going to take place at the same time in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, Venezuela and elsewhere.

*See you at the gates of Fort Benning, Georgia!*

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