

## **‘Bring Them Home’ tour finds all are not aboard**

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She doesn't completely agree with anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan's message, but the mother of a fallen Marine helped bring it to Cleveland.

Rosemary Palmer of Cleveland, whose son Lance Cpl. Edward "Augie" Schroeder was killed Aug. 3 in Iraq, helped coordinate the Bring Them Home Now Tour's stop Friday night at Church of the Saviour in Cleveland Heights.

The tour also stopped Friday at Congregation of St. Joseph on Cleveland's West Side.

"We all want peace, but to get it we have to start a dialogue; we have to ask questions," said Palmer, who believes the war must be re-strategized so troops can finish their job and then come home. "I'm not quite to the 'now' phase, but I wanted to hear — and I wanted others to hear — what this group has to say."

Nearly 150 people came to hear parents of servicemen killed in Iraq and of those still serving, as well as veterans of previous wars, talk about why they think the war is wrong.

"Enough is enough — every mother out there knows it," said Peggy Logue of Lebanon, Ohio, whose son Mike is serving with the Marines in Iraq.

The three-week tour is an extension of Sheehan's monthlong anti-war protest in Crawford, Texas. Sheehan gained national attention for camping alongside the road near President Bush's ranch waiting to talk with him about the death of her son, Army Spc. Casey Sheehan, in Iraq.

Sheehan was not at either rally in Cleveland.

Three buses are traveling routes in the north, central and southern regions of the country and will meet in Washington, D.C., for a march Sept. 24. Before arriving in Cleveland, the group stopped in Cincinnati and Columbus.

Organizers hope to encourage Americans to speak out against the war by protesting in their communities and asking questions of government leaders.

"If this war was to liberate those who were oppressed, why did my son die in a battle against those he freed?" asked Bill Mitchell from Atascadero, Calif., whose son, Mike, was killed in Iraq last April. "What exactly was this noble cause all these boys and girls are dying for? That's what I want people to start asking."

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