



A talk by

# Aidan Delgado

Conscientious Objector

Former Army  
reservist in Iraq –

Now an activist with  
Iraq Veterans  
Against the War  
and Buddhist Peace  
Fellowship.



## Friday, March 13

### 7:30 pm

**Church of the Crossroads**  
1212 University Avenue

*"When I saw the military recruiters on my campus I thought that this would be an interesting change of pace. I thought I would take that semester off for training and kind of get out of my immediate situation and do something different."* Aidan Delgado

Aidan Delgado, an Army Reservist in the 320th Military Police Company, served in Iraq from April 1st, 2003 through April 1st, 2004. After spending six months in Nasiriyah in Southern Iraq, he spent six months helping to run the now-infamous Abu Ghraib prison outside of Baghdad. The 23-year-old mechanic was a witness to widespread, almost daily, U.S. war crimes in Iraq.

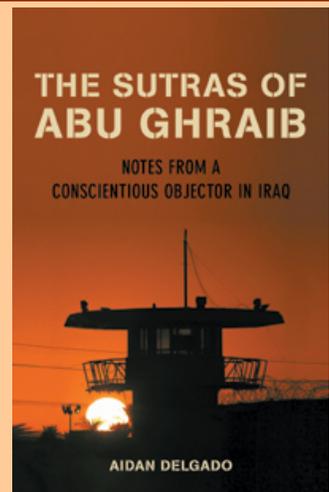
A Buddhist, Aidan sought conscientious objector status soon after his arrival in Iraq. He was granted CO status after he served his full tour of duty in Iraq. He regularly speaks to high school students in counter-recruitment efforts. He will be coming to Honolulu following speaking tour in Big Island high schools organized by Truth 2 Youth.

## The Sutras of Abu Ghraib

By Aidan Delgado

*The Sutras of Abu Ghraib* is the story of a soldier who refused to succumb to violence. In chronicling the struggles of military life and the dehumanizing effects of war, Aidan Delgado examines the attitudes that make prisoner abuse possible and explores his own developing Buddhist beliefs against a brutal backdrop. It is a tale of physical bravery, moral courage, and the cost of holding on to your identity while everyone around you is losing theirs.

### Booksigning after the talk



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