

## **Open Letter to President Biden**

We are writing you on the occasion of the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, which has been declared by the United Nations General Assembly to be celebrated annually on September 26.

As veterans who have fought in multiple U.S. wars, we are concerned about the very real danger of a nuclear war that would kill millions of people and could possibly even destroy human civilization. Therefore we are asking to have input into the Nuclear Policy Review that your administration has recently initiated.

### **Veterans For Peace urges you to do the following:**

1. Adopt and announce a policy of “No First Use” of nuclear weapons and make that policy credible by publicly decommissioning U.S. ICBMs that can only be used in a first strike;
2. Take U.S. nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert (Launch On Warning), thus reducing the probability of an accidental, unauthorized, or unintentional nuclear exchange.
3. Cancel plans to replace the entire US arsenal with enhanced weapons at a cost of more than \$1 trillion over the next 30 years;
4. Redirect the money thus saved into environmentally sound programs, including the cleanup of toxic and radioactive waste left during eight decades of the nuclear cycle;
5. Sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and provide global leadership for the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

Sincerely,  
VETERANS FOR PEACE