

Time to End the Korean War with a Peace Treaty

Whereas, we observe this year the 70th anniversary of the Korean War's outbreak and the 75th anniversary of the U.S. military occupation of South Korea at the end of WW II,

Whereas, the U.S. war with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK, North Korea) is, legally speaking, the longest war in U.S. history,

Whereas, counting from 1945, we estimate that U.S. may have spent more than three trillion dollars to maintain the tragic division of Korea and win the endless war against North Korea,

Whereas, the U.S. still keeps some 30,000 troops in the Republic of Korea (ROK, South Korea) today and also maintains its wartime operational control over the 600,000 strong South Korean troops, and

Whereas, any future armed conflict on the Korean Peninsula may escalate into a horrific nuclear war between the U.S. and DPRK,

Therefore, Be It Resolved that Veterans for Peace (VFP)

- 1) Urges the U.S. government to stop all its interference in the internal affairs of the Korean people so that they can determine their own future;
- 2) Appeals for an early resumption of talks and a full implementation of the Joint Declarations for peace from the two inter-Korean Summits in 2018 and the Joint Statement of the first U.S.-DPRK Summit in June 2018, which called for "new U.S.-DPRK relations;"
- 3) Calls for an immediate commencement of negotiation for a peace treaty or agreement to replace the outdated 1953 Korean War Armistice Agreement, in order to establish a permanent peace regime and to promote mutual disarmament on the Korean Peninsula; and
- 4) Urges all VFP members and local chapters to send a copy of this resolution to their respective Members of Congress.

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