

Resolution 2015-7
U.S. Military Test of Anthrax in South Korea

Whereas, an Army lab at Dugway Proving Ground in Utah shipped samples of live anthrax “inadvertently” to “a military lab in Maryland” on April 30, 2015, and “from there they were shipped via a commercial shipper” to the Osan Air Base of the U.S. Forces Korea (USFK) and 18 research labs in nine states in the U.S.,

Whereas, the Osan Air Base announced on May 27, 2015 that “twenty-two personnel may have been exposed” to the anthrax “during the training event,”

Whereas, the reckless shipment to Korea was part of the USFK’s bio-chemical test program called “JUPITR,” which was run by the USFK labs at Osan, Yongsan, Gunsan, and Pyeongtaek bases,

Whereas, anthrax was one of the bacterial agents used in the U.S. germ bombs dropped on North Korea (DPRK) during the Korean War, according to “Dirty Little Secrets,” *Al Jazeera*, 4/4/2010,

Whereas, the U.S., ROK, and DPRK are now all parties to the 1972 Biological Weapons Convention and the 1925 Geneva Protocol prohibiting the use of biological weapons,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Veterans For Peace (VFP), meeting at its national convention in San Diego, California on August 8, 2015:

- 1) *Condemns* the U.S. shipment of live anthrax to the Osan Air base in Korea;
- 2) *Calls upon* the Congress to investigate the anthrax scandal and the dangerous JUPITR program;
- 3) *Calls upon* the U.S. administration to stop the JUPITR program immediately and strictly abide by the international treaties banning the use and development of biological weapons;
- 4) *Urges* VFP chapters and members to send a copy of this resolution to their respective members of the Congress.