

Let's End the Forgotten U.S. War in Korea!

This July 27 marks the 70th anniversary of the temporary military ceasefire agreement (a.k.a. Armistice Agreement) in the bloody Korean War, 1950-1953. Many American people mistakenly believe that the Korean War was over long time ago. In fact, President Truman even refused to acknowledge the fighting in Korea as a war and merely called it a “police action”.

Unfortunately, the “Forgotten War” is continuing today as a matter of law and fact. Heavy military fences are still standing tall along the 150-mile-long DMZ, which divides the Korean nation in half. The DMZ is now turned into a heavily armed place with all kinds of new weapons and hundreds of thousands of soldiers stationed along both sides. In addition, some 30,000 U.S. troops remain in South Korea today, costing us billions of dollars each year.

It is about time for us to end this endless, dangerous, tragic, and costly war by replacing the outdated military ceasefire agreement with a peace treaty (or agreement). Both South and North Koreans want to end the war and establish a permanent peace on the Korean Peninsula, as shown in the Panmunjom Declaration for Peace, Prosperity and Reunification of Korea, which was issued from the inter-Korean summit, on April 27, 2018.

Who is refusing to sign a peace agreement in Korea? It is none other than the Washington establishment, representing the interests of the U.S. military-industrial complex, which benefits greatly from the continuation of the “Forever War” in Korea. Uncle Sam also wants to maintain its military control over the 600,000 South Korean forces and keep U.S. troops and military bases in South Korea.

We can overcome these unjust obstacles to peace in Korea if the American people raise their voices, in particular U.S. veterans who served in Korea, and who now support of a peace treaty to end the lingering Korean War.

It is very encouraging to note that 42 members of the House of Representatives have co-sponsored H.R. 3446, the Peace on the Korean Peninsula Act, as of this time. Moreover, after interviewing (non-Korean) veterans of the Korean War, the Korean War Legacy Foundation reported:

“They all said they wanted to see the war they fought 70 years ago end before they die.”
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Reflecting this desire, John Doxey, a 90-year old U.S. Army veteran who fought in the Korean War, recently drafted a letter to President Biden, urging him to end the Korean War officially with a peace agreement by the 70th anniversary of the Armistice Agreement next year.

Mr. Doxey is now looking for endorsements to his letter from other U.S. veterans who served in Korea. If you are such a veteran, please help him by contacting the VFP’s Korea Peace Campaign at kpc@veteransforpeace.org as soon as possible.

Please share this info with any veterans who served in Korea. Thank you!



End the Forgotten U.S. War in Korea Now!

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