

End the Forever U.S. War in Korea!

The tragic Korean War is often known as the “Forgotten War” in the U.S. Was the forgetting due to Truman’s remark to the press, “We are not at war” (6/29/1950)? After all, the U.S. Congress never declared a war on North Korea. To justify his unilateral military intervention in the Korean Civil War, Truman even refused to acknowledge the fighting in Korea as a war - merely calling it “a police action” for the UN, which was a plain lie. In fact, the U.S. war in Korea is one of the major wars in our history: fifth biggest in terms of the military casualties (about 130,000 killed or wounded, *Wikipedia*).

Unfortunately, the “Forgotten War” is still continuing today as a matter of law and fact. This is because the war in Korea was only halted temporarily with a military ceasefire (aka Armistice) agreement in July 1953. It was signed by the military commanders of three main States involved in the war: the U.S., DPRK (North Korea), and China. The ROK (South Korea) regime, although a main party to the war, did not sign the agreement because its military was under the control of the US-led “UN Command,” another fake name; it also wanted to continue the war until victory. Thus, the state of war still remains in Korea today, since the Armistice was never replaced with a peace treaty. Even after the Armistice, sporadic fighting recurred in Korea, in the DMZ area and the Western Sea in particular. Moreover, the U.S. has been staging the world’s largest joint, combined war drills with ROK and other U.S. allies almost every year, against North Korea, from 1978 until now, in violation of the Armistice. At present time, dangerous military tensions and threats, including a nuclear war, are increasing again in Korea, with an intense arms race in the Northeast Asia as well.

Who could have foreseen, when 25,000 U.S. occupation forces landed in Korea to divide it into two in 1945, that 80 years later some 30,000 U.S. troops would be still stationed in South Korea today - costing us billions of tax dollars each year? It will be in our national interest to end this costly Forgotten War officially by replacing the outdated, broken Armistice Agreement with a peace treaty and/or by a gradual withdrawal of our military forces from South Korea within a few years. Such a step would contribute to real peace, self-determination of Korean people, and cooperative development in Korea.

Who is refusing to end the Forever War in Korea? It is the military-industrial-congressional complex in the U.S. and South Korea, which profits greatly from the continuation of the endless war. The DPRK had asked the U.S. for a peace treaty from 1974, but it has been rejected or ignored by the U.S. administrations. The main reasons for this refusal are that the U.S. Empire wants to maintain its long-term military control over some 600,000 South Korean troops, as well as to keep the large U.S. military bases in South Korea for use against China and Russia.

What can you do to end this longest U.S. war in its history? We can end this endless U.S. war in Korea if many American people can raise their voices for a permanent peace in Korea. Let’s remember the American peace movement that ended the tragic, terrible Vietnam War in the 1970s! What a friendly, beneficial relations we have with Vietnam today! We can also have such a friendly relationship with all the Korean people, whether in the South or North, if we change our misguided Korea policy. In this regard, please urge your House Rep. to cosponsor **H.R. 1841**, Peace on the Korean Peninsula Act, which has 39 cosponsors now; also urge your Senators to sponsor a companion bill in the Senate. In addition, please share this leaflet with your friends. Thank you!

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