



## 2024 Convention Resolutions

**Resolution 2024-1: To Head Off the Imminent Threat of Nuclear War, We Must End US Wars Altogether**

PASSED: Approve: 610 (98.55%), Disapprove: 9 (1.45%)

**Resolution 2024-02**: Withdrawn by author

**Resolution 2024-03: Calling for Ceasefire in Gaza and Ending the Palestinian Genocide**

PASSED: Approve: 625 (98.89%), Disapprove: 7 (1.11%)

**Resolution 2024-04: Recognizing Veterans for Peace Chapter 113 Hawaii as an International Chapter**

PASSED: Approve: 534 (94.35%), Disapprove: 32 (5.65%)

## **RESOLUTION 2024-01: To Head Off the Imminent Threat of Nuclear War, We Must End US Wars Altogether**

**Whereas** the United States is actively engaged in multiple wars of choice, while preparing other such wars; and

**Whereas**, in particular, the US is engaged in a proxy war against Russia in Ukraine; is actively supporting Israel's genocidal war in Palestine; and is preparing for war against China and North Korea; and

**Whereas**, the US, Russia, Israel, China and North Korea are all nuclear-armed nations; and

**Whereas** many experts believe the world is closer to nuclear war than at any time since the Cuban Missile Crisis; and

**Whereas** the pursuit of aggressive military policies in an era of nuclear proliferation threatens all life on Earth, while emitting massive amounts of CO2, blocking international climate mitigation, and stealing resources from vital human needs.;

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that Veterans For Peace calls on the US government to:

- Support immediate Ceasefires and Negotiations to end the war in Ukraine and the genocide in Gaza;
- End its war preparations and provocations aimed at China
- Finally sign a peace treaty ending the Korean War
- Sign and ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons
- Provide leadership in international negotiations to eliminate all nuclear weapons
- Adopt a peaceful foreign policy that respects the sovereignty of all nations, that fosters international cooperation to mitigate and prevent climate catastrophe, and that prioritizes the needs of the poor.

Submitted by the Nuclear Abolition Working Group, the China Working Group and the Korea Peace Campaign

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## **RESOLUTION 2024-03: Calling for Ceasefire in Gaza and Ending the Palestinian Genocide**

**Whereas**, the preliminary findings of the International Court of Justice have documented actions by Israeli national leaders that constitute criminal behavior up to the crime of genocide against the Palestinian people;

**Whereas**, Veterans for Peace (VFP) is deeply disturbed by the disproportionate destruction in Gaza, the mass starvation, withholding of aid, and collective punishment of Palestinians, including the expansion of illegal settlements and racist state terror violence in the Occupied West Bank;

**Whereas**, the United States has been complicit in war crimes through its violations of the Conventional Arms Transfer Policy, the Foreign Assistance Act, the Arms Control Export Act, the US War Crimes Act, the Leahy Law, and the Genocide Prevention Implementation Act;

**Whereas**, continued US support for Israel amidst the Palestinian Genocide risks further regional and global escalation, with potentially irreversible consequences;

**Whereas**, VFP recognizes the plight of hostages on both sides, calling for the release of all Palestinian and Israeli hostages;

**Therefore, be it resolved** that VFP urges the US government to leverage its influence to demand:

- A total and permanent ceasefire in Gaza,
- An end to Israeli state terrorism against Palestinian civilians in the Occupied West Bank,
- Cessation of arms shipments to the Israeli regime,
- A massive influx of humanitarian aid to affected civilians,
- Recognition of full human rights for Palestinians under international law,
- Negotiations toward a lasting solution that provides self-determination, freedom, dignity, and equal rights for all people from the river to the sea,
- Reparations for Palestinians affected by the ongoing destruction; and

**Be it further resolved**, that Veterans For Peace fully supports US service members who conscientiously object to aiding genocidal US policies and calls for the prosecution of US officials and private corporate officers in the military industrial complex who have knowingly provided weapons and munitions used in genocide and other crimes against humanity.

Free Palestine!

Submitted by the VFP Board of Directors – July 2024

## **RESOLUTION 2024-04: Recognizing Veterans for Peace Chapter 113 Hawaii as an International Chapter**

**Whereas**, the internationally recognized, sovereign Kingdom of Hawaii was illegally overthrown in 1893 and illegally annexed by the United States in 1898, resulting in its ongoing illegal occupation by the US government and its military;

**Whereas**, Veterans For Peace stands in unwavering solidarity with the Hawaiian people in their enduring struggle for peace, dignity, human rights, protection of the environment, and the restoration of sovereignty;

**Whereas**, Hawaii has been burdened for over a century as the un-consenting host to every branch of the US military, including the largest naval war practice in the world, the biennial Rim of the Pacific international military exercise, RIMPAC;

**Whereas**, the sacred lands of Hawaii, from Kaho'olawe to Red Hill, have suffered continuous bombardment and desecration for 130 years;

**Therefore be it resolved**, that Veterans for Peace Chapter 113, based in Hawaii and comprised of peace-seeking veterans of the US military, can no longer in good conscience remain solely a US national-affiliate chapter of Veterans For Peace; and

**Be it further resolved**, that henceforth, Veterans for Peace Chapter 113 Hawaii shall be recognized as the national chapter of occupied Hawaii and an international chapter of Veterans For Peace, on par with chapters in Okinawa, Ireland, Vietnam, Mexico, and throughout the United States.

Submitted by Jayson Mizula, Ann Wright, and Pete Doktor on behalf of VFP Chapter 113 - Hawaii

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