

2025 VFP Proposed Resolutions

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Resolution 2025-1: U.S. Military Expansion and Environmental Destruction in Okinawa

Whereas, Okinawa, the colonized independent Kingdom of Ryūkyū, has long borne a disproportionate burden of U.S. military bases, with over 18% of Okinawa Island occupied against majority local opposition, but ignored by both the U.S. and Japanese governments; and

Whereas, plans to construct a new U.S. military port at Urasoe City, first proposed in 1966 and recently revived, threaten one of the island's last intact coastal shallows, is used by locals for gathering seafood, and

Whereas, as the U.S. military already maintains three operational ports at White Beach, Tengan Pier and Naha Pier, a fourth port is less military necessity, than a demonstration of U.S. and Japan will over indigenous Okinawans, and

Whereas, the Urasoe project mirrors the imposed Henoko base project, where thirty years of make-work has produced nothing of military value--only irreversible environmental destruction from lucrative contracts with no end in sight, and

Whereas, these projects represent wasteful both public spending in its most extreme and continued joint U.S.-Japan hegemony over Okinawan democratic opposition, as repeatedly expressed through referenda, lawsuits, civil disobedience and protests;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that Veterans For Peace:

1. **Urges** the U.S. Department of Defense to scrap plans to build another military port at Urasoe City, and rescind new base construction at Henoko;
2. **Calls** for independent investigations by the GAO and U.S. Congress into the waste, legality, environmental impact, and strategic necessity of these projects;
3. **Stands** in solidarity with the people of Okinawa in their call for peace, ecological protection, and the restoration and return of their lands and self-determination.

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Resolution 2025-2: 80th Anniversary of the U.S. Military Occupation in South Korea from 1945

Whereas, as we observe the 80th anniversary of the end of the World War II, it is critical for the American people to understand how the U.S. became a new imperial ruler in South Korea – inflicting immense pain and suffering on the Korean people;

Whereas, even as the Korean people celebrated the end of Japanese colonial rule in Korea on August 15, 1945, U.S. officials had already decided to divide Korea into two at the 38th Parallel to stop the Soviet troops' march into Seoul;

Whereas, the U.S. established a U.S. Army Military Government in Korea (USAMGIK) on September 12, and the USAMGIK suppressed the Korean People's Republic that had been already established in Seoul by the Korean people themselves on September 6, 1945; and

Whereas, although the Republic of Korea (ROK) was established in the South only in August 1948, the US military's rule in South Korea has continued more or less, with some 30,000 US troops still stationed there today.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, Veterans For Peace, voting by its members in 2025,

1. Condemns the arbitrary, tragic division of Korea by the U.S. in 1945 and the subsequent U.S. military rule in South Korea;
2. Calls upon the U.S. government to end its continuing military control of South Korea;
3. Urges U.S. people to support the Peace on the Korean Peninsula Act (H.R. 1841) as a first step to ending the long U.S. military occupation in Korea; and
4. Urges VFP members and chapters to send a copy of this resolution to their members of Congress.

Submitted by: John Kim and Ann Wright

Cosponsored by VFP Korea Peace Campaign and VFP Chapter 113 – Hawaii

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Resolution 2025-3: Honoring the Role and Contributions of Associate Members in Veterans For Peace

Whereas Veterans For Peace (VFP) is, first and foremost, an organization led by military veterans committed to abolishing war and its causes;

Whereas our mission has always depended on the unwavering commitment of those who have never worn the uniform but who stand shoulder-to-shoulder with us in the fight for peace and justice;

Whereas associate members—family, partners, caregivers, and allies—have long served as both the first line of support for returning veterans and as some of the most dedicated activists in our movement;

Whereas associate members comprise approximately one-quarter of VFP’s total membership, reflecting the broad and diverse base of support essential to our shared mission;

Whereas their solidarity has deepened and strengthened our work, both in public struggle and private healing, often without formal recognition;

Whereas VFP has taken important steps to honor this partnership by establishing an associate member seat on the National Board of Directors and expanding full voting rights to include bylaws, board elections, and resolutions;

Whereas associate members are now also able to take on greater leadership roles at the chapter level, strengthening grassroots organizing and ensuring a more inclusive and representative movement;

Therefore, be it resolved that Veterans For Peace formally acknowledges, celebrates, and honors the indispensable contributions of our associate members, past and present;

Be it further resolved that we commit to continued inclusion, communication, and collaboration with associate members in all aspects of our work, recognizing that peace is not the burden of veterans alone, but a shared responsibility and calling.

Submitted by: Cindy Piester

Endorsed by: the Executive Committee, VFP Board of Directors

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Resolution 2025-4: Opposing the Expansion and Escalation of ICE and Its Attacks on Immigrant Communities

Whereas, Veterans For Peace (VFP) stands firmly against racism, fascism, and the criminalization of marginalized communities;

Whereas, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency has become the largest federal police force in the country, far surpassing even the FBI and DEA in funding and scope, and operating with increasing secrecy, brutality, and impunity;

Whereas, ICE has conducted workplace raids, detained asylum seekers at courthouses, abducted community members without warrants, and separated families in tactics reminiscent of the worst authoritarian regimes;

Whereas, for-profit detention centers, immigrant jails, and mass deportation pipelines enrich private corporations while denying due process, dignity, and basic human rights;

Whereas, this militarized immigration regime disproportionately targets non-white communities, and is designed not for “law enforcement,” but for political repression and racial terror;

Whereas, we recognize chilling historical parallels to past atrocities, including the state-sanctioned dehumanization, rounding up, and warehousing of entire communities;

Whereas, VFP has long advocated for deported veterans—those who served in the U.S. military and were later banished from the country they defended, denied access to earned VA benefits and basic justice;

Therefore, be it resolved that Veterans For Peace condemns in the strongest terms the expansion and actions of ICE, and affirms our solidarity with immigrant communities, workers, and all those resisting this machinery of violence;

Be it further resolved that VFP calls on our members to support nonviolent resistance to these abuses—through sanctuary efforts, court support, civil disobedience, and public education;

And finally, be it resolved that we commit to opposing the construction and funding of for-profit immigrant prisons, and demand a demilitarized, humane, and just immigration system rooted in human rights and solidarity—not fear.

Submitted by: Joshua Shurley, Paul Cox, and Stephen Zollman (VFP Resolutions Committee).

Endorsed by: VFP Board of Directors.

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