

VETERANS FOR PEACE

Through Strength

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Until all the Madmen of the world are gone, there can be NO peace except through strength

Veterans for War

Statement of Purpose

We, having dutifully served our nation by having had the great enjoyment of fighting in a war, and understanding that most other Americans want that same opportunity, do hereby affirm our greater responsibility to serve the cause of world war.

To this end we will work, with others:

- a) Towards increasing public awareness of the costs of keeping the peace.
- b) To encourage our government to intervene, overtly and covertly, in the internal affairs of other nations.
- c) To encourage an even greater arms race and to increase the numbers of nuclear weapons.
- d) To ABOLISH PEACE as an instrument of international policy.

To achieve these goals, members of Veterans for War pledge to use violent means and to maintain an organization that is both totalitarian and closed with the understanding that all members are trusted to act in the best interests of the group for the larger purpose of world war.

We urge all veterans who share this vision to join us.

TONGUE IN CHEEK:

Hopefully you all understand that this "VETERANS FOR WAR," was done with "Tongue in Cheek!" Why? Because there's an organization out there called "Veterans for Peace," whose statement of purpose is "We, having dutifully served our nation do hereby affirm our greater responsibility to serve the cause of world peace."

I take this as an implication that all other veterans, members of veteran organizations and others, encourage war.

This organization, which is encouraging St. Thomas University to display the Hiroshima Exhibit, "*the United States inhumanity to man,*" without any explanation of the events leading up to *the bomb*, goes on to say: "To this end we will work, with others:

- a) Towards increasing public awareness of the costs of war
- b) To restrain our government from intervening, overtly and covertly, in the internal affairs of other nations.
- c) To end the arms race and to reduce and eventually eliminate nuclear weapons; and
- d) To ABOLISH WAR as an instrument of international policy."

Veterans for Peace goes on to state: "To achieve these goals, members of Veterans for Peace pledge to use nonviolent means and to maintain an organization that is both democratic and open with the understanding that all members are trusted to act in the best interests of the group for the larger purpose of world peace."

"We urge all veterans who share this vision to join us."

I have no argument with veterans who support peace; in fact I wonder how many of us don't support peace? However I am insulted by an organization that implies that the rest of us don't support peace and I am incensed with an organization that implies that America is the bad guy while Japan is felt sorry for by world opinion.

Japan has never admitted the facts of its involvement in World War II to its population. It is not taught in Japanese schools. They have admitted no fault even though **IT IS FACT** that Japan was responsible for millions and millions of deaths, scores of indescribable tortures, rape, cannibalism and holding people in slavery.

To die is to die, no matter the means. Whether it be by machine gun fire, conventional bombs, bayonet or whatever the weapon. To die is to die! The deaths at Hiroshima and Nagasaki were minimal by comparison to the deaths caused by Japan in China, Korea, throughout the South Pacific and many other countries during that conflict. In fact the deaths and suffering caused by Atom bombs dropped on Japan couldn't hold a candle to the deaths and suffering caused by the Imperial Empire of the

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PEACE AT WHAT COST??

By: Kale Danberg

He ended his written message to me (his bio) with the salutation "In peace" and then signed his name. Peace -- what a wonderful thought! But, I thought, at what price?

Last evening a past president of the Minnesota Chapter of Veterans for Peace spoke to our local Chapter and, I must note here that, I was extremely proud of our group because they listened attentively with nary a heckle. They proved that they are willing to listen to other opinions. They proved they earned the title "United States Marine!"

As our speaker spoke I wondered how someone could become so naïve as to believe that if America didn't get involved, peace could come to the world. How could he be so naïve as to believe the most powerful country in the world could become an "island" unto itself and not involve itself in world affairs.

He spoke about World War II, probably, being a noble war but no others since. He saw no reason why America should be involved. He fought in Korea and saw no good in it. [He must never have been hugged by a South Korean, *who is free today because of us*, like I have.] He must never have listened when President Kim, of South Korea, said: "The blood and sweat shed by the U.S. and U.N. troops (during the Korean War) proved to be the prime mover behind the realization of freedom throughout the world after the war. In that sense the Korean War was a war that heralded the collapse of the Berlin Wall and the demise of communism." It is a shame that this veteran does not appreciate that he had a role in that collapse and the demise.

President Clinton said that "because of our efforts, South Korea became a free and prosperous nation." It is a shame that he does not see honor in that.

I wondered, as I listened to him, why he felt as he does? Is it because he didn't have the opportunity to attend Marine Corps Boot Camp? Is it because he was shipped into battle with only a couple of weeks training, a

couple of summer camps and once a month meetings over two years? Is it because he was wounded during the retreat from the Chosin Reservoir?

But many other proud Marine members of our group had the same thing happen to them. They joined the Reserves to be ready if their country called and they went into battle without benefit of boot camp and other beneficial advanced training.

Certainly those who attended boot camp learned discipline and learned the history of the Corps to better prepare them to join the fight. They certainly learned *Espirit de Corps* before going into battle. But most of those who didn't have the benefit of recruit training learned *Espirit de Corps* from their buddies, from the veteran non coms and the veteran officers during the time of battle. They learned what it means to be a Marine when their "necks" were on the line. They also learned that if their country called, that's what they were supposed to do. As I listened to what he said, especially about cutting back our military, I thought about how he wouldn't have had to go into battle, virtually untrained, had it not been for people like him who, back then, were responsible for our military being reduced to the point of unpreparedness. If we had been prepared either the North Koreans would not have risked attacking South Korea -- or -- we would have had enough fully trained troops to hold them off until our Reserves received full training.

I thought about how Hitler had risked going to war because of Neville Chamberlain and because of America's declared isolationism and weak defense. I thought about how the Japanese chose to sneak attack the only great strength America had -- her naval fleet. Before that war we had minimal armed forces and even less armament. If we had been prepared -- would Japan have attacked us? And even if she had, we probably would have been able to defeat the Imperial Army and Navy before "the bomb" was ever developed. *If we had not had pacifists at home, insisting upon*

weakening our national defense.

Today we don't have to use "the bomb" because we are prepared with both strong armed forces and up-to-date armament. But if we keep cutting back and cutting back our only defense, our only recourse, will be to use "the bomb!" Will pacifists, who believe as our speaker does, feel good to have that on their conscience? We must defend America, freedom, liberty and justice at any cost with whatever we have in our arsenal and if we have been reduced to few forces and few armaments, what other recourse do we have?

Back in the 50s there was a saying, "*Better Dead than Red!*" But the pacifists were saying, "*Better Red than Dead!*" We said liberty and freedom at the risk of death. They said we'd like liberty and freedom but not enough to die for it. They said life was the most important thing. Is that what the pacifists of the world are trying to tell us today?

Our speaker told us that he never wants to see an atom bomb used again. We say it may never have had to be used if we had been prepared -- if people who think like he does had not encouraged us to deplete our defenses, to cut our armed forces - to become isolationists.

Our speaker said he never wants his children or grandchildren to have to fight in a war. We say that we never want our children or grandchildren to have to fight in a war either -- BUT -- NOT AT ANY COST! Freedom and liberty are worth fighting for and they are worth dying for as many American heroes have proved over the years.

As we listened to our guest speak we agreed with much of what he said but we certainly didn't agree with the method of attainment. Peace at any cost! No certainly not! Peace, true peace, can only be gained through strength - through involvement, through playing our part as this world's only SUPER POWER and making sure that we stay that way. There is NO free lunch. Anything of value has a price and, thank God, most of us have been willing to pay that price if called to do so.

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PS - The speaker said that the only thing the Military teaches us, besides how to kill, is how to obey orders and that we cannot learn to be leaders by learning to obey. I, and others, disagree with this strongly. NO ONE can become a great leader, a strong leader - in the Military or in civilian life - without first learning how to take orders – how to obey!

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Rising Sun, Japan.

But yet -- this organization of "veterans," "Veterans for Peace," supports a public display showing "America's Inhumanity to Man" via the Atom bomb. They encourage this without any dialogue about the atrocities committed by Japan. That's an insult to the millions of Americans who fought the Japanese to save the free world.

That's an insult to every wife and mother who lost a husband or father fighting the Japanese. That's an insult to every son or daughter; grandson or granddaughter, who grew up without the love of a father or grandfather. That's an insult to every veteran who spent a lifetime with the pain of a war wound - without an arm or a leg or more; without an eye or totally without sight -- all caused by an enemy that chose to attack us without warning.

America's veterans don't deny the right of a group to show what America did to her enemies to make it pay for its aggressiveness but we are insulted that they don't display man's inhumanity to man caused by that aggressor. We are insulted that the pictures and stories of inhuman suffering caused by the Japanese Empire are not shown along with the Hiroshima display. And we are insulted by a small group of veterans who want to give the appearance of *taking the high road*.

None of America's veterans are for war but neither are they for peace at any cost. America fought, and lost many of her women and men, for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We won those rights with blood, guts, arms, legs, eyes and a sincere determination to win at any cost. We are not about to give up those rights **AT ANY COST!**

THE WORLD TODAY IF NO ATOM BOMB!

By: Kale Danberg

It begins with Communist North Japan and the Tokyo Wall along with Communist Korea.

During my daily 4 to 6 mile walks I "write" editorials. My mind sometimes fantasizes and other times thinks about "what if!" And the "what ifs" sometimes gets a bit scary such as when I imagined the world if there had never been an atomic bomb.

When we fought in Korea the Communists sent hordes and hordes of troops, crazed with opium, charging our lines. Wave after wave came and after each fell, the next one would pick up his weapon and continue the charge until they were trampling over "mountains" of bodies.

America, along with her allies, did not have hordes of troops, nor did She ply them with narcotics to get them to charge without fear. Because of that lack of manpower, America would be very much at a disadvantage in a war based on numbers.

America needed a "Super Weapon" to discourage aggression against Her and to bring the odds in Her favor should a country with an excessive population choose to attack us. That weapon? The atom bomb and it has worked well to minimize war and to keep America free.

I began this article with Communist North Japan and the Tokyo Wall. That, I believe, would be absolute fact without our atomic weapon. A Japan divided somewhere north of Tokyo and south of Niigate, with a Berlin type wall built around Tokyo.

The scenario: In August of '45. the United States invades Japan from the south as the Russian Army attacks from the north. Then just as Winston Churchill said we would fight them from the streets, from our homes, in the alleys, Japan's citizenry, man, woman and child, would fight our troops and the Russians from every street, every home and every alley in Japan. They would fight with guns, pitchforks, axes, mauls, knives and any other item they could find. They would fight us until they could fight no more and then, most, would commit suicide (Hari Kari)

because that is "the honorable way to die!"

Millions upon millions of Japanese dead and deaths approaching millions of Americans and Russians along with untold numbers of wounded. Deaths that wouldn't have to be because atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki minimizing casualties at the end of this war.

Churchill would have inspired Britons to fight to the last man to try to preserve freedom in the world. Hitler ordered his troops to fight until there was no territory left to defend. How could any breathing, thinking human being even imagine that the Japanese, who believed that to die for the Emperor was divine, believe that the Japanese would have surrendered without doing so.

As the war grinds down in Japan, after the Russians have killed or driven all of the Japanese army out of ALL of Korea, America slows her forces down to allow the Russians to take Tokyo just as America allowed them to take Berlin.

Finally the last of the Japanese commit suicide with a few of them accepting (or being forced into) surrender. The Second World War, after millions of additional casualties, is finally over and a peace treaty is signed with MacArthur and a Soviet General equally in charge.

The peace treaty makes North Japan communist with the South commanded by MacArthur while Tokyo is divided in two.

All of Korea becomes Communist because the Soviet Union was responsible for freeing that entire peninsula. And eventually the Soviet Union decides it must build a wall around their portion of Tokyo for the same reason they decided to do so in Berlin.

In the 1950s, Communist North Japan stages a sneak attack on South Japan hoping to make Japan one nation again. The Communist Japanese hordes attack so vigorously that the United States, which has drastically reduced its military, is unable to

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bring in enough extra troops from the Philippines to stop the invasion. Eventually all of the American troops have to be withdrawn (remember Vietnam?), leaving all of Japan -- Communist.

The Soviet Union and Red China, understanding that America has drastically cut its armed forces and has no super weaponry to overcome their combined masses of people, begins a systematic war in country after country.

America again begins a draft - this time taking children as young as 16, women and men as old as 45. The few veterans the U.S. has must be used to train these new inductees - millions and millions of them, Taxes are raised and rationing, many times worse than WWII, goes into effect. Teenagers, younger than 16, are taken out of school and put in the work force - producing weaponry to add to what we didn't scrap of our World War II armaments.

As soon as Americans are trained, in shortened training time, and armaments are built, the soldiers are sent into battle in scattered areas of the world. They're forced to fight mass hordes who continually charge and pick up the weapons of the dead. They charge over "mountains" of their dead until, by sheer numbers, they defeat our gallant fighting men and women.

In area after area our brave Americans are overwhelmed by numbers and beaten, until the enemy finally has the strength, the territory, the armament and certainly the masses, to bring war to America. In America a charismatic leader inspires Americans to fight them from the streets, from the alleys and from their homes until they have the ability to fight no longer because they lack food and water.

Sometime in the late 50s to the early 60s, the United States is no longer free. It is ruled by the victorious Communist hordes from China, the Soviet Union, Communist Korea and Communist Japan. The humiliations such as suffered by the Chinese, the Koreans and many others by the Japanese and the Countries of Europe controlled by Nazi Germany in the late 30s and early 40s - is now suffered by Americans.

FROM ROMANIA

Here is a reprint of an editorial from a Romanian Newspaper that was circulated by the US Forces Command Public Affairs Office. The language is occasionally awkward due to translation, but the meaning is unmistakable.

Why are Americans so united? They don't resemble one another even if you paint them! They speak all the languages of the world and form an astonishing mixture of civilizations. Some of them are nearly extinct, others are incompatible with one another, and in matters of religious beliefs, not even God can count how many they are.

Still, the American tragedy turned three hundred million people into a hand put on the heart. Nobody rushed to accuse the White House, the army, the secret services that they are only a bunch of losers. Nobody rushed to empty their bank accounts. Nobody rushed on the streets nearby to gape about. The Americans volunteered to donate blood and to give a helping hand. After the first moments of panic, they raised the flag on the smoking ruins, putting on T-shirts, caps and ties in the colors of the national flag. They placed flags on buildings and cars as if in every place and on every car a minister or the president was passing. On every occasion they started singing their traditional song: "God Bless America!".

Silent as a rock, I watched the charity concert broadcast on Saturday once, twice, three times, on different TV channels. There were Clint Eastwood, Willie Nelson, Robert de Niro, Julia Roberts, Cassius Clay, Jack Nicholson, Bruce Springsteen, Silvester Stalone, James Wood and many others whom no film or producers could ever bring together. The American's solidarity spirit turned them into a choir. Actually, choir is not the word. What you could hear was the heavy artillery of the American soul. What neither George W. Bush, nor Bill Clinton, nor Colin Powell could say without facing the risk of stumbling over words and sounds, was being heard in a great and unmistakable way in this charity concert.

I don't know how it happened that all this obsessive singing of America didn't sound croaky, nationalist, or

ostentatious! It made you green with envy because you weren't able to sing for your country without running the risk of being considered chauvinist, ridiculous, or suspected of who-knows-what mean interests.

I watched the live broadcast and the rerun of its rerun for hours listening to the story of the guy who went down one hundred floors with a woman in a wheelchair without knowing who she was, or of the Californian hockey player, who fought with the terrorists and prevented the plane from hitting a target that would have killed other hundreds or thousands of people. How on earth were they able to bow before a fellow human?

Imperceptibly, with every word and musical note, the memory of some turned into a modern myth of tragic heroes. And with every phone call, millions and millions of dollars were put in a collection aimed at rewarding not a man or a family, but a spirit which nothing can buy.

What on earth can unite the Americans in such a way? Their land? Their galloping history? Their economic power? Money? I tried for hours to find an answer, humming songs and murmuring phrases which risk of sounding like commonplaces. I thought things over, but I reached only one conclusion. ***Only freedom can work such miracles!!***

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AND WE SHOULD APOLOGIZE FOR DROPPING THE BOMB(S)???

I am reading some highlights (low lights actually) of a new book called *"THE RAPE OF NANKING: THE FORGOTTEN HOLOCAUST OF WORLD WAR II"* (written by Iris Chang) from the Johns Hopkins (University) magazine. I'm going to quote some of the atrocities cited in the article. (*I suggest that anyone with a squeamish stomach - NOT read this.*) As I read this, my mind was reaffirmed as to why it was comparatively easy to make the decision to drop "the bomb".

"Some 50,000 Japanese soldiers began smashing through the walls of Nanking in the predawn hours of December 13, 1937. Carnage followed almost immediately, as tens of thousands of young Chinese men (both soldiers and civilians) were herded up and led to the outskirts of town, where they were mowed down by machine guns, used in bayonet practice and decapitation contests, or soaked with gasoline and burned alive. A Japanese military correspondent described one such orgy of killing this way: "Those in the first row were beheaded, those in the second row were forced to dump the severed bodies into the river before they themselves were beheaded. The killing went on non-stop, from morning until night, but they were only able to kill 2,000 persons this way."

"In the days and weeks that followed, Japanese soldiers raped more than 20,000 Chinese women (some estimates run as high as 80,000); many of these women, after being raped and abused by more than a dozen different men, were killed, while others were disemboweled, had their breasts sliced off, or were nailed alive to walls, Chang says. ("Perhaps when we were raping her, we looked at her as a woman," wrote one former Japanese soldier to Chang in recollection, "but when we killed her, we just thought of her as something like a pig.") And the chilling list of atrocities goes on: Chang documents routine cases of live burial and castration, of fathers being forced to rape their own daughters as family members looked on. Japanese soldiers reportedly hung some people

by their tongues on iron hooks, and buried others up to their waists, then watched as they were torn apart by German shepherds.

"Getting rid of all the bodies proved to be a monumental problem. One Japanese general complained in his diary that it was nearly impossible to find ditches large enough to dispose of 7,000 to 8,000 corpses at a time. Some soldiers attempted cremation, but ran out of gasoline and instead left mountains of smoldering corpses. Some ponds in the city actually disappeared because the bodies absorbed all the water. Chang says many of the bodies were dumped into the Yangtze River, lending credence to her parents' earlier stories of the Yangtze running red with blood.

" 'Few know that Japanese soldiers impaled babies on bayonets and tossed them, still alive, into pots of boiling water' said a Japanese veteran.

"The months that the writer spent documenting this horrific scenario took a physical and emotional toll. 'I was weak during the whole time I was writing the book, and physically unwell during the month I spent in China,' she says. 'I lost weight and I lost hair. I got sick frequently. I was very unhappy.'

[*Editor: Does anyone imagine that human beings(?) could act this inhumanely to other human beings just because they were ordered to by their superiors? People have to have something in their upbringing that allows them to act like wicked animals. This carnage by the Japanese that left an estimated 300,000 Chinese dead could not have been committed by civilized human beings!*] [Chang says that for many Japanese soldiers, murdering a "sub-human" Chinese was akin to squashing a bug or butchering a hog.]

"Chang believes there has been a tendency on the part of some Americans to view the Japanese as victims of World War II. 'It's hard for people to see them as aggressors because we have such compelling images of the bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima. Those images are so gripping that they occupy more space in the public consciousness than

images of Pearl Harbor,' she says."

Some of you may believe that your editor writes about this too often BUT I will continue to do so until the American "cultural elite" quit apologizing, for us, for Hiroshima and Nagasaki and until the Japanese, publicly and formally, admit to the atrocities they committed during World War II.

Kale Danberg

DO NOT HARM OUR FLAG

A Letter to the Editorial Editor of the Minneapolis Star-Tribune in answer to your editorial perspective "FLAG BURNING" in the 6/12/95 edition in which you try to convince us that our "Old Glory" needs no protection and that "free expression" and "free speech" are more important.

Desecrate any one of us -- but
DO NOT HARM OUR FLAG!

Why can't you get the true meaning of "Old Glory" into your heads? Most of us Marines, who fought to preserve America's freedom, would rather have someone desecrate us than our flag, and many of OURS have given up their lives, limbs and futures for our flag and what it stands for.

We may have fought for some First Amendment rights - but certainly not those that allow persons to utter profanities against our nation nor against what our nation stands for. We didn't fight for the right of those to bring smut to our kids, to heap ridicule on those who go to war when our country calls (Vietnam) nor to burn the symbol of everything we stand for -- our flag.

We didn't fight for First Amendment rights that allow any American to spit on another; to hit another; to insult another; nor to degrade another. We fought for the freedom to get along together, to grow together, to raise families together, to prosper together and to live without fear together.

Our flag represents everything we sacrificed, fought and died for,

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VETERANS FOR PEACE PRESENTATION

by Kale Danberg (Editor/Publisher Always Faithful)
This is a presentation made by Kale Danberg to the Minnesota
"Veterans For Peace."

WAR IS HELL!

I don't know anyone, Veteran or otherwise, who doesn't think that.

When asking to speak to your Association I had nothing in mind but to prove to you how wrong you are in EVERYTHING you do. I then remembered my role as a professional speaker and that is to become thoroughly educated on the topic.

I discovered that just as your Association shouldn't ridicule every time America picks up a gun, I shouldn't ridicule every protest you've ever made.

When I made my study I found that there have been just wars and there have been unjust wars in the history of the World. I found that some of the times America went to war, she probably shouldn't have. I also found that many of the times She went to war, it was for a good and honorable cause - but in all cases the soldier who went, when called, should never be ridiculed and spat on.

The 8-year Revolutionary War led to the birth of a new nation--the United States. This war led to a free country with a Declaration of Independence, a Constitution and a Bill of Rights. Signers of the Declaration risked their lives, families and financial security to gain America's freedom and many lost all defending her.

The Civil War, which took more American lives than any war in history, was the war that freed the slaves and kept America intact. It was a war that had to be fought. It's just a shame that the North's commanders were, in the most part, so inept that many, many more lives than needed to be, were lost.

I will also concede that there are wars that should have never been fought and I agree that, in some cases, military build-ups help cause wars. BUT as long as there are the North Koreans, the Iraqs, the Irans and the Communist Chinas of the World, there must be another power to neutralize them so they know their actions will draw even more powerful reactions. Our disarming will only encourage them to arm greater.

The war of 1812 should never have been fought, and wouldn't have been if there was the communications of today - back then. America would have known that Great Britain had repealed the laws that the war was fought about and the greatest battle of that war, the battle of New Orleans which was fought 15 days after the war was over, would never have been fought.

World War I probably never should have been fought, but once it was started it had to be won. If America had not been drawn in by the sinking of her unarmed ships, who knows what the world would be like today had the Central (European) Powers won that war. I do know however that if America had come in sooner, that war would have been over much sooner and many lives would have been spared - and just maybe the hatred that built up over many years of war would have been less and the treaty of Versailles might have been fairer to the German people and Hitler would not have been allowed to come to power.

But we can't go back and change history. All we can do today is remain strong to prevent the madmen from ruling the world and taking our freedom away.

Americans have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness - but with that right comes responsibility. Liberty is not free and some of us may have to die for it.

Americans, because of their wealth, technology and free-

the people of the world free. Sometimes that requires diplomacy; sometimes that requires combat, and with combat comes suffering and the loss of life - but not the loss of freedom.

America cannot again become an isolationist nation closing its eyes to everything going on around her.

Our enemies measure the pulse of the American people and escalate their wars when they see the isolationist attitudes. When they see the American people are behind the effort, like the Gulf War, they hold back.

There's an old saying that says: An appeaser is a person who keeps feeding the alligator, hoping the alligator will eat him last.

If I'm going to be "eaten," I want to only succumb after fighting with everything I have before becoming the main course.

There are wars that needed to be fought and others that shouldn't have been fought, we can become thoroughly educated -- and active in politics so that we can have a positive effect on the decisions that are made.

However we should not become promiscuously involved in protest after protest so the majority believes that we're just a bunch of quacks - protesting anything that even smacks of our having to risk our lives and limbs.

Protesting against a military base that trains cutthroats may be all right while protesting things that commemorate our past heroes is not.

Protesting against a government that denies that Agent Orange affected our Vietnam veterans is all right while protesting against a company that makes landmines, which protect our lesser number of troops and that are programmed to self-destruct, is not.

Protesting against a government that denies that Iraq's chemical weapons affected our troops is all right while desecrating our flag which stands for all of the good done by Americans is not.

Protesting against a government which is wishy washy when sending Americans to die in battle is all right while protesting those who risked all when called to do so is not. In fact, that is despicable.

In fact no protest is acceptable if it sends a message to the cutthroats of the world that they can become more aggressive.

Sadam Hussein, of Iraq, knows of the pacifist/isolationist feelings of the American people and uses this to keep testing and testing the U.N. Inspectors. He uses this so that he can continue to develop his biological and nuclear weapons until he can finally hold the world as his hostage.

There will be those of you who will ask how I know that he is developing such weapons and I will answer - only the naive don't believe this.

When this happens, the pacifists, the isolationists will be to blame. I don't want to go to my final grave knowing that I had a hand in that. I would rather my children and grand children were in their graves than slaves to madmen.

If America had not been so pacifist and isolationist before World War II, WWII may never have happened or the Axis powers would have been beaten so rapidly, millions upon millions of lives would have been saved - and the war would have been over before the atomic bombs were built.

Neville Chamberlain, of Great Britain, was one of those appeasers. Because of his appeasing, Hitler kept taking Europe a little at a time until it was a full scale war.

Because Hitler knew of the pacifism and isolationism of America and the backing down of Chamberlain, he continued conquest after conquest until there was a full scale war in which there were 17,000,000 military deaths and many, many millions more civilian deaths.

If America had stayed strong militarily, if she had not been pacifist and isolationist, Hitler would not have dared to make his move, the Japanese would not have dared to bomb Pearl Harbor and millions of people would have lived including 6 million Jews, and millions of other ethnic groups, especially Gypsies, Poles, and Slavs, a total, including the Jews said to be at least 11 million people because the Holocaust would never have happened.

A nation, especially such as the strongest nation on earth, cannot remain an isolationist nation. If they choose to do so, the bullies of the world will keep eating away at the other nations a little at a time until finally "the alligator eats us last."

The bullies of the world keep a close watch on the political pulse of America knowing what they can do by what actions they see here.

No one wants war, but only strength and the willingness to go to war can prevent war. Until all of the Madmen of the world are gone, there can be no peace except through strength.

Because of America's isolationism and pacifism before World War II, millions and millions of people were doomed to die. Because of America's isolationism and pacifism many Americans had to fight with far too little training and many more died than should have died.

In Korea, reservists were thrown into battle without even going through recruit training because our troop strength had been cut so drastically.

Most of you probably believe we shouldn't have become involved in the Korean war. If any of you have been hugged and thanked by a South Korean, like I have, for the freedom they have today you might think differently.

I happen to agree with what President Kim said at the unveiling of the Korean War monument in Washington, DC when he said: "The blood and sweat shed by the U.S. and U.N. troops, during that war, proved to be the prime mover behind the realization of freedom throughout the world after the war. In that sense the Korean war was a war that heralded the collapse of the Berlin Wall and the demise of communism." It's a shame that you who are veterans of that war don't appreciate what your sacrifice meant to the future of the world.

President Clinton said that "Because of our efforts, in that war, South Korea became a free and prosperous nation." It is a shame if you don't recognize the honor in that. The Korean War WAS an honorable and just war and needed to be fought. However, and hindsight is 20/20, if MacArthur had not advanced so close to the Chinese border, and if he had not kept saying he wanted to advance over the Yalu into China, that war probably could have produced the same results with far less loss of life.

Because of America's isolationism and pacifism and mixed up politicians, the war in Vietnam became a sham and thousands of Americans lost their lives - and eventually the non communists became enslaved, or killed, by the North Vietnamese. The communists were continuously

encouraged by America's Peaceniks and the Jane Fondas and Father Berrigans. Mixed up political policy killed many, many Americans.

To sum up, I'd like you to think about these questions:

1. Do you believe most American Veterans want war?
2. Did the Berlin wall come down because of the actions of pacifists and isolationists or was it torn down because of America's military strength and resolve?
3. Does the paring down of the military cause more casualties early in conflicts or does it keep the casualties to a minimum?
4. What would conditions in South Korea be today if America and the U.N. had not intervened?
5. If America reduced its military to a mere trifle, would that prevent wars? Would America still stay free?
6. Would all of the bullies of the world reduce their militaries if the U.S. did?
7. If the United States destroyed all of its nuclear weapons, would this insure that ALL other nations would too?
8. If the United States had not developed "the bomb," would that mean that an atomic bomb would never have been developed?
9. If Germany, Japan, the USSR, North Korea, Iran or Iraq had been the first to develop "the bomb," would they have used it?
10. Did the fact that the U.S. was the first to have "the bomb" deter other countries from starting wars?
11. Could the reason that the U.S., and her allies, had so few combat deaths during the Gulf War have anything to do with being well prepared?
12. Does America have any responsibility to the world? Or should she be an island unto herself?
13. If Americans had refused to fight in wars would you have the freedom, you have today, to picket and voice your opinions?

I want to thank each of you who believe in something enough to have shown up here tonight, whether you agree or disagree with me.

"Veterans must stick together to defend future U.S. fighting men and women by agreeing that: NO U.S. CITIZEN SHOULD EVER BE COMPELLED TO FIGHT IN A WAR UNLESS: The congress is committed; The President is committed; and the people of the United States are committed to allow our fighting forces to win. And unless they're committed to freeing any American taken prisoner during conflict. WE WOULD EXPECT NO LESS AND WE SHOULD EXPECT NO LESS FOR FUTURE AMERICAN FIGHTING FORCES.

I close quoting what an American veteran, who lost his life fighting for our freedom, had printed on his tombstone: "Tell them: I gave all of my tomorrows so they could have today!" Would you no longer be willing to give all of your tomorrows so that your countrymen, your families, your children and your grandchildren could have today (free)?

Thank you, Kale Danberg, Brooklyn Park, MN

THE MASS MURDER OF THOUSANDS

Just a word of background on the Daily Mirror newspaper which is published in England. It is a notorious left-wing daily and is usually very anti-American. The author is Tony Parsons. It follows:

September 11, 2002 ONE year ago, the world witnessed a unique kind of broadcasting - the mass murder of thousands, live on television. As a lesson in the pitiless cruelty of the human race, September 11 was up there with Pol Pot's mountain of skulls in Cambodia or the skeletal bodies stacked like garbage in the Nazi concentration camps. An unspeakable act so cruel, so calculated and so utterly merciless that surely the world could agree on one thing - nobody deserves this fate.

Surely there could be consensus: the victims were truly innocent, the perpetrators truly evil. But to the world's eternal shame, 9/11 is increasingly seen as America's comeuppance. Incredibly, anti-Americanism has increased over the last year.

There has always been a simmering resentment to the USA in this country - too loud, too rich, too full of themselves and so much happier than Europeans - but it has become an epidemic. And it seems incredible to me. More than that, it turns my stomach. America is this country's greatest friend and our staunchest ally. We are bonded to the US by culture, language and blood.

A little over half a century ago, around half a million Americans died for our freedoms, as well as their own. Have we forgotten so soon? And exactly a year ago, thousands of ordinary men, women and children - not just Americans, but from dozens of countries - were butchered by a small group of religious fanatics. Are we so quick to betray them?

What touched the heart about those who died in the twin towers and on the planes was that we recognized them. Young fathers and mothers, somebody's son and somebody's daughter, husbands and wives. And children. Some unborn.

And these people brought it on themselves? And their nation is to blame for their meticulously planned slaughter?

These days you don't have to be some dust-encrusted nut job in Kabul or Karachi or Finsbury Park to see America as the Great Satan. The anti-American alliance is made up of self-loathing liberals who blame the Americans for every ill in the Third World, and conservatives suffering from power-envy, bitter that the world's only superpower can do what it likes without having to ask permission. The truth is that America has behaved with enormous restraint since September 11.

Remember the gut-wrenching tapes of weeping men phoning their wives to say, "I love you," before they were burned alive.

Remember those people leaping to their deaths from the top of burning skyscrapers. Remember the hundreds of firemen buried alive. Remember the smiling face of that beautiful little girl who was on one of the planes with her mum.

Remember, remember - and realize that America has

never retaliated for 9/11 in anything like the way it could have.

So a few al-Qaeda tourists got locked without a trial in Camp X-ray? Pass the Kleenex. So some Afghan wedding receptions were shot up after they merrily fired their semi-automatics in a sky full of American planes? A shame, but maybe next time they should stick to confetti.

AMERICA could have turned a large chunk of the world into a parking lot. That it didn't is a sign of strength. American voices are already being raised against attacking Iraq - that's what a democracy is for. How many in the Islamic world will have a minute's silence for the slaughtered innocents of 9/11? How many Islamic leaders will have the guts to say that the mass murder of 9/11 was an abomination?

When the news of 9/11 broke on the West Bank, those freedom-loving Palestinians were dancing in the street. America watched all of that - and didn't push the button. We should thank the stars that America is the most powerful nation in the world. I still find it incredible that 9/11 did not provoke all-out war. Not a "war on terrorism". A real war.

The fundamentalist dudes are talking about "opening the gates of hell", if America attacks Iraq. Well, America could have opened the gates of hell like you wouldn't believe. The US is the most militarily powerful nation that ever strode the face of the earth. The campaign in Afghanistan may have been less than perfect and the planned war on Iraq may be misconceived.

But don't blame America for not bringing peace and light to these wretched countries. How many democracies are there in the Middle East, or in the Muslim world? You can count them on the fingers of one hand - assuming you haven't had any chopped off for minor shoplifting.

I love America, yet America is hated. I guess that makes me Bush's poodle. But I would rather be a dog in New York City than a Prince in Riyadh. Above all, America is hated because it is what every country wants to be - rich, free, strong, open, optimistic. Not ground down by the past, or religion, or some caste system.

America is the best friend this country ever had and we should start remembering that. Or do you really think the USA is the root of all evil? Tell it to the loved ones of the men and women who leaped to their death from the burning towers. Tell it to the nursing mothers whose husbands died on one of the hijacked planes, or were ripped apart in a collapsing skyscraper. And tell it to the hundreds of young widows whose husbands worked for the New York Fire Department.

To our shame, George Bush gets a worse press than Saddam Hussein. Once we were told that Saddam gassed the Kurds, tortured his own people and set up rape-camps in Kuwait. Now we are told he likes Quality Street. Save me the orange centre, oh mighty one!

Remember, remember, Sept. 11. One of the greatest atrocities in human history was committed against America. No, do more than remember. Never forget.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE "ANTI-WAR" DEMONSTRATORS

Think Twice Before You Bring The War Home

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I am a former anti-war activist who helped to organize the first campus demonstration against the war in Vietnam at the University of California, Berkeley in 1962. I appeal to all those young people who participated in "anti-war" demonstrations on 150 college campuses this week, to think again and not to join an "anti-war" effort against America's coming battle with international terrorism.

The hindsight of history has shown that our efforts in the 1960s to end the war in Vietnam had two practical effects. The first was to prolong the war itself. Every testimony by North Vietnamese generals in the postwar years has affirmed that they knew they could not defeat the United States on the battlefield, and that they counted on the division of our people at home to win the war for them. The Vietcong forces we were fighting in South Vietnam were destroyed in 1968. In other words, most of the war and most of the casualties in the war occurred because the dictatorship of North Vietnam counted on the fact Americans would give up the battle rather than pay the price necessary to win it. This is what happened. The blood of hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese, and tens of thousands of Americans, is on the hands of the anti-war activists who prolonged the struggle and gave victory to the Communists.

The second effect of the war was to surrender South Vietnam to the forces of Communism. This resulted in the imposition of a monstrous police state, the murder of hundreds of thousands of innocent South Vietnamese, the incarceration in "re-education camps" of hundreds of thousands more, and a quarter of a century of abject poverty imposed by crackpot Marxist economic plans, which continue to this day. This, too, is the responsibility of the so-called anti-war movement of the 1960s.

I say "so-called anti-war movement," because while many Americans were sincerely troubled by America's

war effort, the organizers of this movement were Marxists and radicals who supported a Communist victory and an American defeat. Today the same people and their youthful followers are organizing the campus demonstrations against America's effort to defend its citizens against the forces of international terrorism and anti-American hatred, responsible for the September attacks.

I know, better than most, the importance of protecting freedom of speech and the right of citizens to dissent.

But I also know better than most, that there is a difference between honest dissent and malevolent hate, between criticism of national policy, and sabotage of the nation's defenses. In the 1960s and 1970s, the tolerance of anti-American hatreds was so high, that the line between dissent and treason was eventually erased. Along with thousands of other New Leftists, I was one who crossed the line between dissent and actual treason. (I have written an account of these matters in my autobiography, *Radical Son*). I did so for what I thought were the noblest of reasons: to advance the cause of "social justice" and "peace." I have lived to see how wrong I was and how much damage we did - especially to those whose cause we claimed to embrace, the peasants of Indo-China who suffered grievously from our support for the Communist enemy.

I came to see how precious are the freedoms and opportunities afforded by America to the poorest and most humble of its citizens, and how rare its virtues are in the world at large.

"If I have one regret from my radical years, it is that this country was too tolerant towards the treason of its enemies within. If patriotic Americans had been more vigilant in the defense of their country, if they had called things by their right names, if they had confronted us with the seriousness of our attacks, they might have caught the attention of those of us who were well-meaning but utterly misguided. And they might have stopped us in our tracks."

This appeal is for those of you

who are out there today attacking your country, full of your own self-righteousness, but who one day might also live to regret what you have done.

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everything every American dreams about, everything our forefathers risked their lives and worked so hard for, everything - yes everything we stand for, every ounce of our being.

Our flag was born out of the blood, sweat and toil of millions and millions of American Patriots who sacrificed and built this great country of ours. It was born of the sacrifices of those who traveled with Lewis and Clark to discover new land; those who gambled all to travel west in wagon trains to build this new nation; those who experienced the great depression and lived through that greatest of all recessions to raise families and to produce the products that sustain us all.

OUR FLAG is the symbol of all sacrifices made by all Americans in all our wars including those who died at Pearl Harbor, Midway, Guam and the Philippines; those who limped in the Bataan Death March; those who landed on the beaches of Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Normandy and many other places most of us never heard of before. It was born out of the misery and total devotion to country of those who were imprisoned and tortured by the North Vietnamese and those who risked their lives in the Gulf War.

Freedom of speech **IS NOT BURNING**, it is not the desecration of the symbol of the greatest country in the world - a country we risked all to defend. As Frances Scott Key wrote: "our flag was still there", "o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!"

Let there be NO LAW, nor no decision that allows anyone to defile our symbol of freedom - **our flag** of the **United States of America**, our beloved "OLD GLORY." Let her wave over us for ever and ever!

Kale Danberg



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AMERICA UNDER ATTACK

An Open Letter to Terrorists

I don't know your name, or names - we may never know who you are - so I can't address you personally.

Today, you killed several thousands of our friends... perhaps not people who we knew personally, but people like us. People who worked hard to make a living, who loved someone, who were loved by someone, who worried about making a better life for their children and grandchildren, who believed in God and the American Dream, who criticized this country for its insufficiencies and cared enough to try and change things and ensure a better future, not just for us, but for the world.

People who leave behind scores of loved ones, friends, pets, neighbors, coworkers, and members of their faiths. Perhaps even people who derived from your own country and who sought refuge here. Your act was a slaughter of the innocents.

You are like an insidious cancer that strikes without warning, ravages bodies, tears families apart, and in the end can never destroy the soul. You are the ultimate coward.

You may topple our buildings, collapse our communication systems, disrupt our government, crash our markets, and leave behind the carnage of bodies, but you will never destroy the soul of America.

We made this country from the bits and pieces of the rest of the world; we took the best, the worst of every culture and nationality, race and creed, and made an alloy that may be dented, but not even a trial by fire can melt.

I don't know what god you believe in, or what hateful rhetoric you espouse, or what your misguided political beliefs might be that allows you to do what you did today without a fear of eternal damnation.

I only know that you may win a battle or two, but you will never win this

war. We have the entire history of the world on our side, and no dictator, despot, or madman has survived as long as America has thrived and prospered.

If you accomplished anything at all today, it was to give America a wake-up call, and we will now rise up stronger than before.

You are defeated before you've even begun, there in your private hell and later in your eternal one. Someday your people may even need our help, and because we are America, we would respond.

May God bless the friends we lost, their families, friends, neighbors and coworkers. We will help them rebuild from the ashes. May God continue to bless America, help her to protect us all, and may she continue to shine as a beacon of democracy and hope to the rest of the world.

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