

RESOLUTION 2026-1: Calling for the Abolition of the U.S.-Japan Joint Committee

Whereas, the U.S.-Japan Joint Committee, the operational body for the 1960 U.S.-Japan Status of Forces Agreement, is composed of top U.S. military officials and Japanese foreign and defense bureaucrats; and

Whereas, the Committee has exerted pressure that takes precedence over deliberations in the Japanese Diet, granting extraterritorial privileges to the U.S. military and influencing Japanese domestic politics to align with U.S. strategic interests in East Asia, constituting interference in Japan's internal affairs; and

Whereas, the U.S.-Japan Joint Committee has functioned as an institutional instrument through which U.S. military dominance over Japan and the continued colonial subordination of Okinawa have been maintained; and

Whereas, 70% of U.S. military bases in Japan are concentrated in Okinawa, which comprises only 0.6% of Japan's land area, while joint military exercises continue alongside the construction and expansion of Self-Defense Forces garrisons in the Yaeyama Islands and elsewhere in Japan; and

Whereas, these conditions demonstrate that Japan functions as a U.S. colony and that Okinawa remains a colony of both Japan and the United States;

Therefore, be it resolved, that Veterans For Peace calls for the immediate abolition of the U.S.-Japan Joint Committee; and

Be it further resolved, that Veterans For Peace supports the restoration of democratic accountability, respect for Japanese and Okinawan self-determination, and an end to policies that subordinate them to U.S. military and strategic interests.

Submitted by Rachel Clark, on behalf of VFP Chapter 1004 – Japan.

RESOLUTION 2026-2: Opposing the Institutional Integration of the U.S. and Israeli Militaries

Whereas, the United States continues to provide military and diplomatic support for Israel despite its ongoing genocide against Palestinians and repeated violations of international law; and

Whereas, recent proposals within the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and related legislation seek to institutionalize deeper military integration between the United States and Israel through expanded military, intelligence, and technological cooperation; and

Whereas, permanent institutional integration differs fundamentally from military cooperation between sovereign nations by weakening congressional oversight, constitutional accountability, democratic transparency, and independent national decision-making while increasing the likelihood of future military entanglements; and

Whereas, proposals to integrate the military and intelligence institutions of the United States with those of Israel—including extending veterans' benefits to members of the Israeli military—ignore the realities of competing national interests, documented espionage, foreign influence operations, and the constitutional obligation of the U.S. government to remain accountable first and foremost to the American people;

Therefore, be it resolved, that Veterans For Peace (VFP) opposes any legislation, executive action, or policy that seeks to institutionalize or permanently integrate the military, intelligence, procurement, technological, or command relationships of the United States and Israel, or those of any other foreign nation; and

Be it further resolved, that VFP opposes extending veterans' benefits, status, or privileges intended to honor service to the United States to members of any foreign military; and

Be it further resolved, that VFP calls for an immediate end to U.S. military support facilitating genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other violations of international law, and urges Congress, VFP members, chapters, and the public to oppose proposals for permanent military integration and instead support diplomacy, constitutional accountability, national sovereignty, and international law.

Submitted by Gerry Condon and Josh Shurley, VFP Board of Directors. Endorsed by the VFP Resolutions Committee

RESOLUTION 2026-3: Reduce Risk of a Nuclear War with North Korea

Whereas, the Korean Peninsula remains in a state of war due to the continuing refusal of the U.S. government and military-industrial complex to end the Korean War with a peace treaty;

Whereas, current U.S. nuclear policy allows for the first use of nuclear weapons if the United States becomes involved in a conventional armed conflict with another country, while North Korea adopted a similar nuclear doctrine in 2022;

Whereas, the U.S. incorporated a nuclear war scenario into major U.S.-ROK (South Korea) joint military exercises in 2023 and, according to news reports, has conducted both conventional and nuclear war exercises involving the DPRK (North Korea) since then; and

Whereas, if another armed conflict breaks out on the Korean Peninsula, there is now a heightened risk that such fighting could quickly escalate into a nuclear war between the United States and North Korea;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, Veterans For Peace, voting by its members in 2026,

1. Calls upon the U.S. government to stop its nuclear war drills against North Korea, including those anticipated with the ROK in August 2026;
2. Calls upon the U.S. government to stop deploying its nuclear assets, such as nuclear-armed submarines and B-52H bombers, to the Korean Peninsula;
3. Urges the U.S. government to take confidence-building measures to create a positive environment for talks with the DPRK government; and
4. Urges the U.S. and DPRK governments to establish a military hotline to reduce the risk of a nuclear war resulting from accidents or miscalculation.

Submitted by John Kim and Ann Wright. Cosponsored by VFP's Korea Peace Campaign and VFP Chapter 113 (Hawaii)

RESOLUTION 2026-4: Confronting Techno-Fascism: Opposing AI Militarism and the Militarization of Civilian Infrastructure

Whereas, military planners increasingly describe artificial intelligence (AI) data centers as critical military infrastructure supporting intelligence, surveillance, autonomous systems, targeting, logistics, and future warfare, further blurring the distinction between civilian and military infrastructure; and

Whereas, Veterans For Peace (VFP) members have firsthand experience with how technologies and doctrines developed for war frequently "boomerang" into domestic policing and surveillance, expanding state power while eroding civil liberties and democratic accountability; and

Whereas, AI-enabled surveillance technologies (including automated license plate readers, facial recognition, predictive policing, biometric databases, drones, and massive data collection), together with rapidly expanding AI infrastructure, further concentrate public power in the hands of private technology corporations while pushing extreme financial burdens, resource drain, and environmental damage onto vulnerable frontline communities, often without substantive public participation or democratic consent;

Therefore be it resolved, that VFP opposes the expansion and normalization of AI infrastructure and AI-enabled surveillance technologies that facilitate increasingly automated warfare, pervasive surveillance, corporate concentration, and systems of social control while bypassing democratic oversight and community consent and imposing unacceptable environmental and social costs on our communities; and

Be it further resolved, that VFP opposes the use of artificial intelligence to expand warfare, autonomous weapons, mass surveillance, political repression, immigration enforcement, predictive policing, and other violations of fundamental civil liberties; and

Be it further resolved, that VFP urges its chapters and members to educate the public, working in coalition with organizations defending peace, civil liberties, environmental justice, racial justice, and democratic governance, and encourages all chapters and members to investigate, expose, and oppose militarized AI infrastructure and surveillance technologies within their own communities in pursuit of our shared vision of *Peace at Home, Peace Abroad*.

Submitted by Josh Shurley and Gerry Condon, VFP Board of Directors. Endorsed by the VFP Resolutions Committee.