

Peace, Economy through Strength

We have all heard the mantra peace through strength when it comes to the U.S. military and foreign policy. But it also applies to our economy. The U.S. economy is very much dependent on the military machine. The manufacture of bullets, guns, bombs, missiles, ships, planes and now drones is an economic force. We spend more on military training, support and care of our military than we do on medical research and education improvement.

We have been a country at war for most of our 250 years. Either our military is actively engaged with an enemy or we are supplying equipment and training to our allies. At the end of this article, I will list several wars or police actions we have been engaged in for over 250 years. Since WWII we have been the global police force in fighting nazis, communists, Islamists and terrorists. The U.S. has levied taxes on its citizens to protect other nations without any compensation. Luckily, President Trump and his administration are putting an end to this one-way street of providing arms and lives for countries without their own contribution. The lack of support from these ungrateful countries when we are in need as surfaced for all to see with the Iranian conflict. Nobody, but Israel, came to our aid. In fact, they hindered our efforts by withholding use of their airbases and not assisting in the security of the Hormuz Strait.

President Trump and company also declared a financial war against those countries that have sucked at the U.S. economic teat for decades. Trump's assessment of tariffs on countries was a strategic move that would balance our trade deficits. Sadly, the socialist leaning judges and justices halted his efforts to reduce the tax burden on U.S. citizens and corporations by cancelling his tariffs. The Trump Administration will prevail in the end; it will just take longer. It's a shame that even the republicans in Congress did not support his efforts.

The U.S. has always been, and continues to be, a very generous nation. We are generous to a fault. Giving a helping hand to a country whether it is an earthquake, health epidemic or invasion by a another country, should induce some level of gratitude. That brings me to our neighbor to the north – Canukistan or as the queen called it Canada.

The U.S. and Canada have had a cordial neighborly relationship for 100 years or so. We fought side-by-side in WWII and we fostered their economy with manufacturing opportunities. We were tolerant with a trade imbalance for decades as we were economically successful and willingly accepted the trade imbalance. But we expect in return neighborly support in controlling immigration, drug trafficking and global peace.

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Canada has for decades had huge tariffs on our dairy products going into Canada, some items as high as 250%. President Trump has been very disciplined in wanting those tariffs reduced or eliminated, as well as on other goods and services. But Canada refuses to do so. Prime Minister Carney has already reached out to China to build a stronger trade relationship. That is Canada's right. As the saying goes fences make good neighbors. Then that means we need to build a big fence to retain our friendship.

The U.S. should start charging Canada for our military protection. Yes, we have always been their protector. I would also incentivize our auto and military industries to move their production out of Canada to Mexico and Puerto Rico. This would benefit three economies. As far as Alberta oil, the U.S. should cut a deal directly with Alberta. Canadian law allows the provinces to independently negotiate trade. The U.S. currently takes in 70% of Canadian exports. No other country can provide that level of economic security to Canada.

The U.S. cannot maintain our level of economic security while underwriting other countries' economy. Mexico is a willing trade partner, but even they have roadblocks that the U.S. has raised; notably the cartels. With the right incentives I believe we can make a deal. Let the cartels trade illegal drug traffic for a piece of the manufacturing sector. They already made billions. Now they can only make millions, but it gets the law of both countries off their backs.

In the meantime, we need to get our military economy back up to WWII levels. We need to build ships, planes, drones, missiles, etc. This takes money, but most importantly it takes skilled artisan workers. It requires training and housing for those workers. The trade unions should underwrite the training as they will get union dues in the end. The housing industry needs to build homes (1200 sq. ft, 3-bedroom, 1 bath, LR & kitchen, and garage). Homes need to be affordable. This alone will spark our economy to drive down our debt. New neighborhoods mean shops, restaurants, schools and a sense of community.

I do not foresee the U.S. ever being a country without a war-based economy. It is our heritage. It is who we are. We cannot let the current bunch of commies, Marxists and Islamists to gain a foothold in the one country that has successfully fought against those tyrannical forms of government.

Yes, our country's heritage is fighting wars. Below is a list of the battles and wars that have preserved not only the United States security but for other countries as well. It is not a comprehensive list, but it gives the reader an idea of how U.S. military prowess has been deployed around the world. Keep in mind in addition to the list of military engagements we

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also have military bases and installations in Europe, Middle-East and the Far East. We also support Israel, Ukraine, Taiwan and the Philippines against invasions and insurgence in those countries. What may not be obvious is that when the U.S. is not engaged in fighting, we are recovering economically as we have never kept the spoils of war.

1754-1763 French and Indian War Now this war predates the United States of America, but it is the war that gave impetus to the colonies to rebel against England. Note that various American Indian tribes took sides in the war. The end result was that England took Canada and the Ohio Valley from the French.

1775-1783 Revolutionary War War of Independence

1801-1805 Barbary Pirates War against Muslim Pirates (Morocco, Algiers, Tunis, Tripoli)

1815-1816

1812 War of 1812 (Part of the Napoleonic wars and U.S. fought England)

1846-1848 Mexican American War Remember the Alamo

1861-1865 U.S. Civil War The war amongst ourselves to save our country

1898 Spanish American War U.S. got the Philippines

1899-1901 Boxer Rebellion China against Christians. Chinese army was about 300,000. We sent 1000 Marines to assist seven other countries. Russia sent 100,000 troops.

1912-1927 Nicaraguan War U.S. fought to stabilize the country – gunboat diplomacy.

1981-1990 Contras vs Sandinistas – remember Ollie North

1914-1918 WW I U.S. fought with the allies in Europe

1941-1945 WWII U.S. fought Hitler in Europe and Japan in the Pacific.

1950-1953 Korean War U.S. fought N Koreans and Chinese to a truce. We still have 25,000 troops on the 39th parallel.

1965-1975 Vietnam War U.S. fought Communist Chinese. We sent military observes into Vietnam in 1955. We abandoned the war.

1990-1991 Persian Gulf War U.S. defended Kuwait against Iraq.

1998-1999 Kosovo-Yugoslavia WAR U.S. provided aerial support.

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2003-2011	Iraq War	U.S. retaliated for the 9/11 attack in NYC.
2011	Libya War	U.S. supported rebellion against Ghadaffi. Led to U.S. fiasco in Behghazi which cost the lives of ambassador and staff.
2011-2021	Afghan War	U.S. fight against Taliban
2026	Iran War	U.S. war against world's leading terrorist state.
1609-1924	Indian Wars	The Longest U.S war in history – 313 years. The U.S. was fighting Indian nations even during the Civil War. The last skirmish was in 1918 in AZ at the Battle of Bear Valley with the Yaquis. In 1924 the Apache tribe signed a peace treaty. The Florida Seminoles are the only tribe not to sign a peace treaty.

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