My dear Mr. President:

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States recently concluded its 81st National Encampment which was held in Chicago, Illinois, during the week of August 27 through September 1, 1950. As Commander in Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, I am pleased to submit herewith a digest of some of the principal resolutions adopted by the thousands of delegates to the Encampment.

I am confident that you will appreciate that the encampment assembled at one of the most critical periods in our history. The delegates -- all overseas veterans of our nation's wars -- were mindful, not only of the grave struggle being waged by our armed forces in Korea, but of the foreboding pattern of Communist aggression throughout the world, be it aggression by arms or by ideology. In this connection I am particularly pleased to advise that the 81st National Encampment adopted unanimously a resolution commending the forthright action taken by you, as President of the United States, to resist the aggression of the Communist forces of North Korea against the Republic of South Korea. I am attaching herewith a copy of this resolution along with copies of three others which we believe to be of utmost importance in view of present foreign and domestic conditions.

The digest, referred to above, is as follows:

COMMUNITY SERVICES: to combat Communism at home by ridding our communities of poverty, hunger, and the other social and economic ills which nurture the seeds of Communism. The V.F.W. has appropriated $55,000 in awards to Posts and departments to stimulate and encourage this Community Service program.

NATIONAL SECURITY: (a) to maintain the largest air force in being in the world and to encourage the full development of naval aviation; (b) to institute a system of universal military training; (c) to intensify and accelerate the training of National Guard and organised reserve units; (d) to prescribe the minimum strength of the Marine Corps at four war strength divisions and four air wings; and (e) to request that the President review the present management procedures of the Department of Defense with a view toward correcting their shortcomings.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS: (a) to formulate a clear and unmistakable foreign policy providing for armed resistance to Communist aggression against any democratic nation; (b) to strengthen the United Nations; (c) to
defend by all means at our disposal the Island of Formosa; (d) calling on the President to review critically the procedures and policies of the Department of State with a view toward ending that Department of the violations which have characterized its past approach to international problems; and (e) to oppose participation in any World Government movement involving substantial diminution of our national sovereignty.

MEASURES: to channel the majority of residential construction into the Home Loan Program of the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1945, as amended, by a jealous regard on the part of the Executive Branch for the preferences accorded veterans by this Act and the Defense Production Act of 1950.

AMENDMENTS: (a) to outlaw the Communist Party in the United States, or, as an alternative, the immediate enactment of S. 2307, the Omnibus Subversives Control Act; (b) to maintain the present immigration quota system; (c) to strengthen the naturalization laws so as to deny citizenship to adherents of subversive doctrine; and (d) immediate action on pending legislation to admit Alaska and Hawaii to statehood in the Union.

EMPLOYMENT: (a) to create a veterans national economic and development corporation with broad lending powers and technical advisory service, to expand our national economy, and to provide re-employment with preference to veterans; and (b) to strengthen the traditional veterans preference in Federal employment.

VETERANS HOSPITALS: to insist on the utilization of all Congressionally-appropriated funds for the construction of new veterans hospitals, or the expansion of existing hospitals.

VETERANS BENEFITS: (a) to provide benefits to the veterans of the North Korean war comparable to those now afforded World War II veterans; (b) to provide a uniform service pension system for veterans of all wars beginning with World War 1 in keeping with the traditional service pensions provided veterans of previous wars; (c) to provide a 75 percent cost of living increased disability compensation and pension payable to veterans and their dependents; (d) to increase the income limitations governing pension eligibility for World War 1 and World War II veterans, and the widows and orphans of such veterans, for non-service-connected disability or death; and (e) to provide an equitable adjusted service compensation for World War II veterans.

The foregoing recommendations of the Veterans of Foreign Wars are presented as the composite viewpoint of millions of men who have served on foreign soil or in hostile waters during America’s wars, campaigns and expeditions. Your earnest consideration and cooperation with respect to these recommendations is most reluctantly invited.

Sincerely yours,

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

[Signature]

Commander in Chief
NATIONAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 1

INAUGURATING A COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM AS A POSITIVE APPROACH TO THE EVIL OF COMMUNISM

WHEREAS, the history of our generation reveals that Communism finds its most fruitful breeding ground in poverty, hunger, slums, unemployment and other social and economic ills of our industrial civilization; and

WHEREAS, we are spending billions of dollars to rehabilitate the economies of Europe and Asia so as to thwart the inroads of Communism on those continents; and

WHEREAS, our own defense to Communism is best measured by our defenses to the mal-adjustments in our own system which breed poverty, hunger, and human indignity; and

WHEREAS, a positive approach to the fight against Communism must necessarily recapture the pioneer American and Christian spirit of working shoulder to shoulder at the community level to encourage self-reliance and promote economic progress; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the National Council of Administration, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, meeting in Chicago, Illinois, September 1, 1950, that a national comprehensive community service program be initiated on the grass level of the organization, stressing youth activities and specifically designed to reach and alleviate the sub-standard condition of many of our people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of $35,000.00 be authorized to be expended in cash awards to Posts and Departments of the Veterans of Foreign Wars making outstanding contributions toward the correcting of conditions in their communities which enhance the spread of Communism and other subversive doctrines.

APPROVED BY THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, SEPTEMBER 1, 1950
Resolution No. 301

COMMEMORATING PRESIDENT TRUMAN FOR KOREAN STAND

WHEREAS, the Republic of Korea has been unprovokingly attacked by Communist forces; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America has ordered elements of the Armed Forces into action to help stem this act of aggression against a sister democracy; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaii, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, is fully in accord with the decision of the President; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the 51st Annual Encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, that the President of the United States of America be commended for his timely action in this matter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States; the President of the Senate of the United States; the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States; and the Secretary of Defense of the United States.

APPROVED BY THE 51ST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES,

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 7, 1950
Resolution No. 54
SUPPORTING THE WAR EFFORT

WHEREAS, our nation is engaged in a minor war which may blossom into a major, all-out war, requiring the entire energies and resources of all our people to prevent complete destruction; and

WHEREAS, there is much evidence that blundering and inept statesmanship is, in part, responsible for the critical emergency which confronts our nation and that charges and countercharges are flying thick and fast as to the individuals who are responsible; and

WHEREAS, recrimination and finger-pointing will not unde the harm that has been done or solve the grim reality which confronts us and that regardless of cause we must pull together to protect ourselves from the effects; and

WHEREAS, it is possible to put out the fire or bail out the boat without excusing or condoning the guilty; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the 51st Annual Encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to pledge our wholehearted effort to support all intelligent war efforts and needs; but reserving the right to protest further blundering and to demand a clear and forthright explanation of the foreign policy and aims of our political leaders.

APPROVED BY THE 51st NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 1, 1936
Resolution No. 502
VFW TEN-POINT SECURITY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States know from first-hand experience the tragedy of unpreparedness in a troubled and insecure world and have consistently advocated a strong and alert national defense in keeping with changing times and conditions; and

WHEREAS, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars recognize the ominous and grim shadow of Godless Communism which hangs over the world today; and

WHEREAS, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars are alert to this ominous threat and desire to draw upon their experience to advise and counsel with our political leaders and the American people now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the 51st Annual Encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, that we adopt, advocate and recommend to the President and the Congress of the United States and the American people the following ten-point security program:

1. Immediate mobilization of the National Guard and the Active Reserves of the Armed Forces for an intensive training program.

2. Immediate expansion of the Selective Service draft to cover all physically qualified males between the ages of 18 to 35, with no previous military service.

3. Immediate adoption of a Universal Military Training System for all youths in the 18 - 21 age bracket.

4. Push to earliest possible completion of establishment of an adequate radar network, supported by an effective interceptor air force.

5. Immediate conversion of necessary industrial production facilities required to supply the Armed Forces with atomic bombs, guns, tanks, planes, ships and other equipment needed to establish and maintain superiority of America, and its allies, over Russia’s military resources.

6. Immediate expansion of America's Intelligence operations on a global scale.

7. Enactment of an amendment to the Constitution which will prohibit the advocacy of Ideas, principles or philosophies inspired for the purpose of substituting a dictatorship form of government for the type of government created by the Constitution of the United States, the Bill of Rights and all subsequent amendments.
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8. Positive rejection of all proposals that would commit the United States to a substantial surrender of its sovereign powers to any proposed world federation or union of nations.

9. Severance of diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia, and its satellite nations, as a means of making certain that these countries will not have the opportunity to obtain from the United States the means with which to wage war against our country at some future date.


APPROVED BY THE 51st NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES,

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 3, 1950
Resolution No. 1143

RECLUDING OUTLAWING OF COMMUNIST PARTY IN THE UNITED STATES

WHEREAS, the American people are again being called upon to pay in bloody resources, and money to preserve the integrity of the United States and the peace of the world because of the machinations of the Politburo in Moscow and the home grown Communist cringe in the United States, and

WHEREAS, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars have long recognized and pointed out the evils and dangers to the American way of life through Godless Communism, and have implored the Congress of the United States to outlaw the Communist Party; and

WHEREAS, the people of the United States are now being compelled to pay through the nose because the menace of Communism and Communist fellow travelers has been ignored; and

WHEREAS, some towns have taken the initiative and adopted ordinances making membership in the Communist Party and Communist activities illegal in those communities, thereby acting locally on a problem which should be dealt with nationally; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the 51st Annual Encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, that we again demand that the Communist Party in the United States be outlawed and that the towns which have adopted local ordinances making Communist membership and Communist activities illegal be commended for their patriotism and desire to preserve the American way of life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the absence of legislation to outlaw the Communist Party in the United States we wholeheartedly endorse the McCarran Omnibus Subversive Control Bill, identified as S. 957, which includes the original Mundt-Pearson Bill, now pending in the Senate of the United States, and demand the passage of said Omnibus legislation before the 51st Congress recesses or adjourns.

APPROVED BY THE 51st NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 3, 1950