

Conflict Resolution!

Let me start off by saying I am a full red blooded American and I love my country. My family has all seen military service, grandfather WWI, my dad was a Marine and wounded in the South Pacific WWII, I was in the ARMY for almost 9 years and my son was a tanker in the ARMY. With all this said here is how I feel about the US in war and conflicts etc.

I do not respect any man who sends another man off to die who was not willing to do the same for himself!

WW1 I don't know much about except it was the war to end all wars, it did not!

WWII was a needed war to stop the NAZI's and the Japanese but when the war was over we gave the store away to Russia. As a result of this we spent billions and billions fighting a cold war against countries we allowed Russia to take.

Korea was a necessary conflict to stop an aggressor but we did not finish the job and left two countries at each other's throat and again we spent billions trying to keep the peace. Today North Korea is a major threat to the peace of the world.

Vietnam was a total disaster to human lives and money to this country. Nothing good can be said about it. There were 58,000 lives lost and untold wounded. The cost of the war was approximately 584 billion dollars.

Desert Shield was another poor decision. We did not go in and take out Sadam and it came back to bite us. Although we lost very little in human lives, all life is precious, it still cost us billions.

Desert Storm was a result of not doing the job in the first place. I have a link to a site which shows the ongoing cost of the Iraq and Afghanistan war.

<http://costofwar.com/en/>

Can you imagine standing on a ship and proclaiming the war is won!!!

American Military Casualties in Iraq

Date	Total	In Combat
American Deaths		
Since war began (3/19/03):	4474	3529
Since "Mission Accomplished" (5/1/03) (the list)	4335	3421
Since Handover (6/29/04):	3615	2896
Since Obama Inauguration (1/20/09):	246	125
Since Operation New Dawn:	46	35
American Wounded	Official	Estimated
Total Wounded:	33105	Over 100000

Afghanistan is another very poor decision. See the above link of the ongoing financial cost to our country. See the following link on statistics

<http://icasualties.org/oef/>

The bottom line is we have lost another 1680 young men and women whose families will grieve and for what end?

We supported the freedom fighters in their conflict against the Russians. When the conflict was over we abandoned them and many were killed. We created many enemies at that time and one of them was Osama Bin Laden.

Pakistan we are not officially fighting there but the cost is another enormous burden on the US. The cost of the Afghanistan Pakistan war is expected to reach 3.7 trillion dollars!!

Libya, we are not officially fighting but another financial albatross to the US. As of today we have spent another 550 million of which 225 to 298 million was for Tomahawk missiles.

Now let's look at leaders we have supported.

Fidel Castro, now there was a real brilliant choice

Shaw of Iran

Manuel Noriega of Panama

Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines

Hosni Mubarak of Egypt

This could go on and on but I think I have made my point. Our government cut back on our children's education and health care in this country but there never seems to be a lack of money for war.