



# THE PRINCIPLES OF AMVETS



***We AMVETS, the American Veterans of World War II, Korea, Vietnam and those who served, or are currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States thereafter, believing that we bespeak the mind of the American men and women who bore arms, fought, and died for a free America and a free world, do hereby declare:***

- I. That our national leadership must assert itself through cooperation with the leaders of all nations who accept and practice world peace as a national policy to the end that common principles be established for the settlement of international disputes and the abandonment of power politics as the world level in order that no nation be permitted to breach the international peace.
- II. That we are determined that this final opportunity for the avoidance of another world war, which would result in the extinction of civilization shall not be lost by individual or collective greed, ignorance or indifference.
- III. That we shall not fail the trust of developing mutual confidence and understanding within our Nation and between America and the other nations of the world to the end that all men may live in peace and be responsible members of an enlightened family of nations.
- IV. That we accept our paramount obligations and duties as American citizens, and adopt the basic principle that the best interests of all the American people are superior to any group or organization within the national political, economic or social structure.
- V. That the objectives of the four freedoms must be made a living precept for all peoples and all nations.
- VI. That we shall not discriminate between veterans because of rank, service, sex, race, creed or political affiliation and that we shall honestly and effectively represent all veterans.
- VII. That we shall not front or permit our organization to be used as a front for any individual, group, party, movement, or "ism".
- VIII. That our unparalleled industrial achievements during the war, accomplished through the combined efforts of industry and labor and cooperation between them, must be continued without interruption.
- IX. That industry and labor both have a paramount duty to the American people to reestablish the faith of the American people by denouncing and removing from the ranks of industry and labor all professional racketeers, labor haters, labor baiters and agitators, regardless of what names they go by or what position they occupy.
- X. That the "free" world press must also be an honest press and that only through the honest, impartial and unslanted dissemination of news can internal wounds be healed and the problems of the world be understood.

- XI. That American veterans be given a decent opportunity for employment so that they may reestablish themselves as thrifty, industrious, self-respecting and worthy citizens of the American community.
- XII. That we deplore the wasteful extravagance of human and material resources in war and that we dedicate ourselves to a program whereby part of the national income will be devoted to the development of means by which future wars may be made impossible and that ignorance and diseases will be abolished.
- XIII. That the deep obligation, appreciated by the American people, to those disabled in the war be maintained so that all things necessary to care for and assist them will be done as long as that may be necessary.
- XIV. That those who made the supreme sacrifice will be preserved in memory through living memorials in the form of additional recreational and educational facilities, so that no American shall lack opportunity for adequate education and a healthy mind and body.
- XV. That there be maintained such military training programs, and adequately equipped active and reserve components of the armed forces as may reasonably be necessary to ensure that this Nation shall never again be vulnerable to attack or invasion.
- XVI. That this country shall lead all peace-loving nations in such military and scientific techniques as may be required to preserve and maintain the peace against any further aggressor nation or nations.
- XVII. That we shall resist by whatever means are reasonably necessary any attempts by enemies from within or from without to undermine or destroy the democratic principles upon which the Nation is founded.
- XVIII. That by eternal vigilance on the part of all Americans we will preserve for ourselves and our prosperity, our heritage of peace and freedom.
- XIX. That public office is a public stewardship and trust, and must be administered as such.
- XX. That it is our responsibility as citizens to exercise our voting franchise and to elect and to maintain in office men and women of personal and public integrity.
- XXI. That we will stand with any man who is right, but part with him when he is wrong.
- XXII. That we, AMVETS, believe in the America which we fought to preserve, in the men and women who have made it great and who will make it greater, in this faith, we will seek fullest development of the spiritual, mental, physical, economic and human resources of the Nation.

***To these ends, we AMVETS,  
dedicate ourselves so that there may be  
freedom, liberty, justice and opportunity for all.  
This we will do in this cause of mutual assistance,  
THIS BY THE GRACE OF GOD.***