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## WARS

General Douglas MacArthur said the main cause of war is “unguarded wealth.” Under the Obama Administration our military was downgraded to pre WW II strength, and Obama went around the world apologizing for the wrongs we had committed. The liberal democrats think that mankind (or peoplekind, or womankind) has evolved. The only thing that has evolved is technology. The cavemen were hitting each other with clubs, and now we have nuclear weapons. Since the beginning of time, man has been warlike.

The founding of the US took the Revolutionary War, and since then we have had:

War of 1812 - 1812 to 1815

American Civil War - 1861 to 1865

Mexican-American War - 1846 to 1848

Spanish-American War - 1898

World War I - 1914 to 1918

World War II - 1941 to 1945

Korean War - 1950 to 1953

Vietnam War - 1955 to 1975

Persian Gulf War (1 and 2)

War in Afghanistan has lasted for the 18 years.

Syria - Obama's red line was crossed, and we still have several thousand troops there.

In addition we had war against the Indians throughout the 19th century. The longest period we have had without a war was between WW I and WW II, and we replaced war with the depression, and the rise of Hitler.

Carl von Clausewitz (1780-1831) was a Prussian General who wrote the book “Von Kriege” (On War). I read it a few years ago, and it was still being taught at West Point.

It's still probably being taught, because it's timeless. Clausewitz said three are things are a must for fighting a successful war.

You have to have the money.

You must have the overwhelming majority of your population in favor of it.

You must be willing to destroy completely, and not worry about collateral damage.

WW II was the last war we fought where all three things were present. President Roosevelt knew that most of the US was isolationist prior to WW II. Congress had made it official with the Neutrality Act, and Germans were the first or second largest ancestral group in the US. FDR also knew that it was inevitable that the US would have to go to war against Germany, so he and Churchill designed the "Lend Lease" program in March 1941 in order to get war materials and food to the allies. He still had the problem of getting the population for going to war, but the Japanese took care of that by bombing Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

I was six years old, and I still remember the headline in the Knoxville News Sentinel. It was completely politically incorrect, and it would be banned today: JAPS BOMB PEARL HARBOR. We did to Germany and Japan what General Sherman did to Georgia in the Civil War. He didn't worry about collateral damage. Sherman made sure my ancestors would not fight again.

In spite of Obama's "apology tour," the US has done more good for the world than any other country in modern history. At the end of WW II our enemies lay in shambles. The Chief of Staff of the US Military was General George Marshall, and he was responsible for the Marshall Plan, which help the enemies rebuild. That's not typical action for victors. We were generous, and most of the help that we gave to the allies was never repaid. Even now, most of our allies are taking advantage of the us. Thank God that we have a President now who is working to reverse that.