

Proxy Wars

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Since the American Revolutionary War in 1775, the United States military, almost continually, has been fighting in various wars to the present day. There has been no more than seven (7) years of continual peace for our nation. The following dates indicated when American troops have fought in war zones. A range of dates usually indicates involvement in more than one war. Additional information on wars involving the US can be found at:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_wars_involving_the_United_States

1775-1795

1798-1805

1810-1815

1817-1818

1823

1827

1832

1835-1842

1846-1934

1941-1945

1947-present

Let's look at some facts concerning wars

- Most wars are based on either religious/ideological differences, or geo-political/economic benefits.
- Most wars are fought between alliances (perceived or actual) (allies and axis)
- When a war starts, most people believe that the stronger army will overcome the weaker army
- The American Revolution was fought against the world's strongest and most powerful army (the British). America was not alone in fighting the British. Its allies included, France, Spain, and the Dutch Republic, and indirectly India.
- America's longest war was not **Afghanistan War** (2001-2021)(20 years) but the **Cold War** (1947-1989)(42 years).

Some people may be in disagreement about the Cold War since there was no direct fighting between the US and Soviet Union. Political and warfare history however tells us a different story.

Wars are fought using strategies and tactics. In general terms strategies are the overall plans to achieve a goal(s). Tactics however are the steps taken in order to achieve the goal(s). For

hundreds of millennia up to and including World War One, the primary strategy for armies was to face off against each other and at some point charge into battle. The poem “Charge of the Light Brigade,” by Alfred Lord Tennyson vividly describes this strategy. However, that is not to say that other strategies were used.

Strategies Used in Wars

“Air” superiority (taking the high ground)	Guerilla
Annihilation	Infiltration
Blitzkrieg	Intimidation
Choke point	Overwhelm
Divide and conquer	Raiding (resource denial)
Exhaustion	Sieges
Extermination	Subversion
Feint	

By WW-2, military strategists realized that direct confrontation was too costly and opted for more effective strategies. Many of these alternative strategies were still incorporated frontal assaults but on a smaller scale.

In 1947 the Cold War with the Soviet Union began and supposedly ended when Ronald Reagan was president. However this is incorrect as we will see.

The Cold War formulated a new strategic era. Direct confrontations with our enemy (Soviet Union) were essentially non-existent. Replacing such confrontations was a new strategy called, “Proxy War.” A proxy war is one that is” instigated by a major power that does not become directly involved.”

Since 1947, the US has been involved in proxy wars with the Soviet Union/Russia. Each side has played major “behind the scene” roles throughout the world, especially with regard to terrorism, the Middle East, and Afghanistan.

Biden’s denial to get “involved” in protecting and overtly supporting the Ukrainian government based on the belief that it would cause World War 3 (WW3), is nothing but pure ignorance.

While WW-3 started in 1947, so-called “political correctness” has avoided calling the conflict a war.

Putin shed the cloak of political correctness in 2014 when he invaded Crimea and again a couple of weeks ago when he attacked Ukraine.

Unfortunately the US and the rest of the world has not awakened to the fact that WW-3 is real and is ACTIVE. Our politicians, government, citizens, and people world-wide need to open their eyes and directly confront Putin now!

Alas though, I fear that by **NOT** acknowledging and reacting to the reality now, Putin's actions will lead to millions of deaths as it did in WW-2 when Roosevelt closed his eyes to Hitler's extermination of millions and annihilation of cities and cultures.

While no one wants war, we must stand up against the bully Putin. You must speak out and act. Put your political affiliations aside and tell Congress that we **MUST** act **NOW**, if not for Ukraine and the people of the world, do it for the salvation of your own soul.