

# WAR

*There are over 1.6 billion humans serving active military duty worldwide...*

Wars and conflict killed an estimated 150 million to 220 million humans in the 20<sup>th</sup> century but the 21st century could surpass that number on a primitive and violent Earth with nearly every nation on this planet acquiring and distributing weapons of war, funding military organizations and ignoring the millions of children and poor who struggle to survive in a blind, uncaring environment of territorial priorities and military posturing to defend against perceived threats to every nation's sovereignty...To facilitate this destruction of life and resources humans have developed a formal/informal agreement among nations and military leaders worldwide referred to as the "laws of war"...This is absurd in any context...Why would the most intelligent species on a shared planet agree to a set of laws and rules that allow for the devastation of entire societies and the killing of millions of people?

## **Laws of War**

*An informal context of customs, practices, usages, conventions, protocols, treaties, laws and other "norms" governing the commencement, conduct, and termination of hostilities between warring nations...After a long history that has its roots in medieval times with influence from the Catholic Church concerning just wars, unjust wars and God's displeasure with certain types of weapons (?), the United States, Mexico, Japan, Persia (now Iran), Siam (now Thailand), and 19 other nations, including all the major European powers, signed the Convention with Respect to the Laws and Customs of War in 1899...By law, military forces are restricted to the type of weapons and explosives they may employ in war, weapons calculated to cause unnecessary suffering like cluster bombs and devices that can leave fragments of glass and plastic in the body...The use of poisons and poisonous gas is prohibited and the use of bacteriological agents to spread disease is prohibited...Thermal Nuclear Weapons are prohibited due to their inability to discriminate between combatants and noncombatants but there are exceptions with the U.S. deciding in Vietnam that incendiary weapons (napalm) and chemical herbicides (Agent Orange) were allowed because the enemy hid in the jungle...In this century no organization on Earth exercises sovereignty over any individual member state in any meaningful sense and no permanent or impartial international body has ever existed to administer the "laws of war"*

Historical evidence shows these 'laws' mean little in real life...Israel and Syria use cluster bombs with thousands of children becoming the victims of conflicts decided by ignorant humans in safe rooms while millions of land mines continue to be designed and employed with a single purpose of destroying a human life...Why does an intelligent life-form capable of mapping the universe continue to develop devices to kill members of their own species and bury bombs in the ground to destroy any creature who steps on it? Humans have a long history of sending thousands of themselves to die fighting for territory and resources which could be shared while rationalizing killing and dying for imagined deities that do not exist...It's clear that any ideology or belief that demands killing and cruelty to maintain that belief system is by definition a system based on ignorance and primitive instinct existing in a construct blind to the possibilities of a shared human existence...In this century the dominant species on this planet is a dangerous animal unaware of the nature of it's own existence without the connective intelligence to understand it's own reality, an embarrassment to the possibilities of sentient life...

*An enormous number of humans accept without question the horror of war and the killing and injuring of some of the youngest members of their species fighting over primitive ideals and territory that in the end are restricted to one planet...The morality of every human being is determined by a natural process of growth and development in the brain during the first three years of life and a human cannot become someone who kills without remorse if brain growth is maximized during these first years of existence...This connection between human morality, forced combat, PTSD and military suicides will be obvious when studied and understood in a more comprehensive way...*

*The Pentagon spends more on war than all 50 states spend on health, education, welfare, and safety...*

*The U.S. has 5% of the world's population and almost 50% of the world's total military expenditures...*

*The Pentagon has spent \$150 billion in the last 25 years trying to implement a national missile defense grid that is dependable and reliable without success...They are still trying...*

*In 2012, suicide killed more American military personnel than the Afghanistan war...It continued in 2013...*

War and the many boundaries wars are fought over emphasize everything the primitive human brain represents...Territorial instincts marking territory with natural boundaries, rivers, oceans, valleys, mountains, man-made walls and agreed upon lines in the sand...Even a casual look at global resources confirm almost every nation has a military force, no matter how small or large, militaries allocated far more resources than any other segment of society...Territorial justification for death and destruction in unimaginable ways as groups of modern humans unable to understand the reality of the planet they live on or the possibilities of a shared existence defend boundaries and actions based on fear, confusion and primitive survival instincts over a million years old...This sad, senseless posturing will only end when new generations of reality-aware humans become the majority of Earth's population and understand the absurdity and primitive ignorance of such behavior...Until that time millions of humans will continue to send their children to die in a patriotic effort to defend sovereign territories that are all part of the same planet...A single blue world that supports human existence...

In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, governments of the world continue to be dominated by humans who cannot understand why killing is not 'noble' and 'right' no matter how many dead bodies or dead children, the saddest victims of war, or the thousands of soldiers who come home damaged physically and mentally by doing the thing their country is most 'proud' of...Israel with cluster bombs and dead children in Gaza, Bashar al-Assad in Syria with cluster bombs and dead children, extreme violence worldwide and always dead children...What did the children do to deserve death?...Almost all wars fought throughout history have been about territory and boundaries including the religious wars, the infamous crusades that simply killed people using a non-existent God as a reason to slaughter, rape, steal, burn, torture, enslave and destroy populations under the protection of the church with a singular goal of conquest and expansion...European settlers slaughtered millions of native Americans to occupy their land, the Civil War in America killed almost a million brothers, sisters and neighbors over the right to buy and sell people and today the conflicts continue to escalate in multiple nations between differing communities with angry people killing other humans who are fundamentally the same as they are because they do 'something' in a different way...In the Arab world they are Shiia or they are Sunni and in the African world they are Hutu, Tutsi, Muslim or Christian...Millions of humans in Africa killed and uncounted people tortured and raped because of ignorance and a lack of intelligent awareness that would realize all humans are essentially the same...Wars reflect a very primitive stage of species development...

*In 2012, an online site "Wars In The World" reported ongoing conflicts in 60 nations around the globe involving over 360 militias groups, separatist groups and anarchic groups...*

*China's leadership announced it will spend over \$150 billion on it's military in 2016 with an increase in ocean warfare devices to prepare for challenges to the country's perceived sovereignty over the waters that border their nation...A priority on strategic inter-connected globalization and the interests of rival nations...*

#### **URANIUM-238 CONTAMINATION**

*The United States showered Iraq with over 300 tons of depleted uranium (DU) ordnance during the first Gulf war...Due to it's high density this byproduct of the uranium enrichment process in nuclear reactors is very effective at piercing armored vehicles...DU shells incinerate on impact leaving behind dusty residue, Uranium-238...This activity marked the first widespread use of DU ordnance and it's estimated 15 countries now have DU weapons...Studies continue on the effects of this contamination by Uranium-238, an element with a half life of 4.3 billion years...*

*Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Boeing and General Dynamics are four of the world's largest defense contractors who operate in a free market with no checks or balances and enormous influence over politicians and political decisions...Profits on weapon systems have increased for all these companies in this century...*

## Weapons

The most profitable weapon corporations in America all have former members of government or former pentagon officials on their corporate boards with a priority on maximum profit determining corporate policies which have increasing influence over the decisions of governmental bodies in areas of defense and conflict...When this influence and focus on money involve long, intractable wars that are increasingly profitable for the companies receiving defense contracts, a cycle of violence and profit exist that could one day have corporate representatives encouraging war as a pathway for corporate success...It's not hard to imagine powerful industries hiring mercenaries to enter a stressful region of the world to attempt to accelerate conflict and motivate foreign governments to purchase more weapons for defense and invasion...This growing influence and control over weapon spending that is wasteful and mostly unnecessary continues unabated between the military, defense corporate structures and the political leaders of the world as all three entities gain influence and wealth at the expense of millions, operating in a system of influence, corruption and greed that has been institutionalized and put into law by politicians who are bought and controlled in increasingly corrupt political systems...Conflict is now a growth industry, a legal paradigm for killing anyone anywhere on Earth...

### *Nuclear Weapons*

*(Nine nations on Earth have a combined total of approximately 16,300 nuclear weapons...SIPRI)*

**China** = 250+ nuclear warheads...**France** = 300 nuclear warheads...**United Kingdom** = 160 strategic nuclear warheads + 65 stockpiled warheads...**India** = 100 nuclear warheads...**Pakistan** = 110 nuclear warheads...**Israel** = 80? nuclear warheads...**Russia** = 1,600 strategic nuclear warheads, 6,400 stockpiled nuclear warheads...**United States** = 1,900 strategic nuclear warheads and 5,300 stockpiled nuclear warheads...

In 2011, the world market for U.S. weapons hit an all time high with over \$45 billion in military devices sold to foreign governments from American manufacturers...Weapons and equipment made by the human species to support, supply, transport and enable humans to kill humans...This singular reality defines the primitive evolutionary stage of human development and the absence of *reality intelligence* among the majority of the world's population...The irony of the global trade in weapons and death is a lack of any responsibility by the governments and corporations who control this market resulting in the indiscriminate use of force against any and all populations on the planet with many innocent creatures and sometimes the weapon makers themselves killed by these violent devices they continue to develop and sell...The deputy director of the Arms Control Association (a U.S. national nonpartisan membership organization dedicated to promoting public understanding and support for effective arms control policies?) emphasized the U.S. *loses control of a weapon system once the sale is made*...This ignorance and lack of awareness among the network of humans that create, support and justify this violent reality is stunning...Pentagon officials defend the sales in saying they are carefully regulated by the State Department but how is this possible if the U.S. *loses control* once a sale is made? Currently, Saudi Arabia, one of the most repressive governments on the planet, is buying fighter jets, 2000 lb bombs and attack helicopters in a \$60 billion deal...This nation is ruled by a small-minded group of humans who treat females of all ages as children if they follow rules of no self-expression, no personal rights, no driving, no voting and they kill or imprison females who want anything more than what the males of this group will allow...A small group of wealthy monarchs with vast quantities of oil controlling a huge population with intimidation, weaponry and continual censorship will control an enormous amount of lethal weapons in exchange for their money...What will they do when the oil runs out? Egypt, Bahrain and Tunisia are among many nations who have used U.S. bought weapons on their own populations and Morocco, Iraq, United Arab Emirate, Britain, Australia are all seeking weapons which are designed and used only to kill humans...A promising, primitive species...

*World military expenditures in 2015 is estimated to have reached \$1.7 trillion dollars...*

SIPRI (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute)

America is by far the largest supplier of military hardware globally selling weapons to defend and promote war all over Earth with hugely profitable military industrial structures who promote their products with no thought or concerns of the use or consequence of these sales...Four of the five biggest buyers of new military hardware from the U.S. are Middle Eastern countries...Russia is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest supplier of military arms in the world exporting over \$13 billion of weapons to more than 50 countries, including Syria (75% of all Syrian arms are from Russia), Iran (over \$500 million over three years) and a proposed deal with Iraq for over \$4 billion in military hardware (canceled in 2012)...

*"The Arab countries are our traditional clients and there is no reason why Russia wouldn't sell weapons to Iraq...I wouldn't see any politics behind it...I think it's just money because Iraq is an Arab state like any other right now and Russia has purely commercial interests there..." Dimitry Babich, Voice of Russia*

## **The Crusades**

**1095-1291**

Seven Crusades (some say Nine) over nearly 200 years begun by Pope Urban II who called on the princes of Europe to recover the Holy Lands inhabited by Islam resulting in the deaths of three million to five million people with essentially no change in the permanent status of the Holy Lands and new levels of hate and intolerance between Muslims and Christians that still reverberate through world societies today...The only 'winner' was the Catholic church and the papacy which gained vast wealth, authority and influence over much of Europe that continues in this century...

## **The Thirty Year War**

**1618-1648**

A series of wars begun as a religious war between Protestants and Catholics over the balance of power in Europe killed between 8 and 10 million humans and devastated entire countries with famine, disease and plagues...As is usual it was a war over territory with Spain, France, Sweden and Denmark wanting some control of German states and the independent states of the Holy Roman Empire...World populations grew and ignorant leaders both secular and religious postured for territory and control with little regard for the loss of life inflicted on their own subjects...With new weapons of war continuing to be developed at a rapid pace and communication limited, conflicts on Earth grew larger, deadlier and increasingly consequential with an escalating loss of life and destruction to the innocent people bound up in these conflicts...Another dominant human was always ready to take the place of the fallen, ready to sacrifice the soldiers at their command to maintain and advance territory driven by instinct, fear and an alliance with a leader or an imaginary God to justify their cause...

## **World War I**

**1914-1916**

European armies faced each other along a series of trenches 500 miles long that stretched from Belgium to Switzerland and over 9 million soldiers died fighting for land and political ideology in an arena dominated by tanks, machine guns, poison gas and military aircraft...Mass slaughter and at the end of the conflict the opposing forces were essentially where they started...Only one hundred years ago...Almost seven million civilians died and the Ottoman Empire (arguably the greatest independent Islamic power in history) collapsed after Sultan Mehmed V declared a jihad against European powers Britain, France and Russia ending four centuries of relative stability and allowing victorious European powers to reshape a Middle East that is one of the most violent regions on Earth in the 21<sup>st</sup> century...

*It's believed the Treaty of Versailles signed at the end of World War I was instrumental in creating a social and political environment which allowed the rise of extremist groups in a German nation that was ostracized, humiliated and devastated by the war; an environment responsible for creating the Nazi Party and leading to World War II...*

*In World War I manufacturers sold weapons to both sides in the pursuit of profit...It continues today...*

## **World War II 1939-1945**

Another territorial war with Germany invading Poland in a madman's quest to take over Europe and subsequently the entire world...With new technology in communications and alternative military possibilities, the leaders of the free world had many chances to stop the rise of Germany's military in the years before the war but looked the other way unable to comprehend or visualize a reality that was increasingly obvious...By the end of the war as many as 69 million humans had died worldwide with uncounted others injured and maimed for life...The destruction of life and property took place on four continents and ended with the first use of nuclear weapons by one nation against another nation...The two atomic bombs dropped on Japan killed over 130,000 innocent people and the extreme number of dead in this violent war included over seven million Jewish people systematically killed at the hands of Germany, an estimated seven million Chinese killed by the Empire of Japan and more than 18 million citizens of the Soviet Union...Over 40 million of the dead were civilians...

*In 2009, the Pentagon awarded a contract to build the largest most powerful non-nuclear weapon in existence...The GBU-57, a 'bunker buster' carrying over 5,000 pounds of explosives that can burrow 200 feet into the ground before exploding...In an absurd statement that defines primitive thinking the Pentagon said "this has been a capability that we have long believed was missing from our quiver, our arsenal, and we wanted to make sure we filled that gap"...*

## **The Future of War**

Many human 'experts' since World War II have stated there will be no World War III as it would result in global devastation and the end of modern civilization...As a consequence we live with many wars as war in the 21<sup>st</sup> century has become very problematic for the conquering country...With the beginning of the 1st World Civilization and the use of technology allowing any action or behavior anywhere on Earth to be recorded and monitored by the rest of the world, a nation cannot simply 'exterminate' the population of another country and call it their own...The populations of the world have grown to a point where large numbers of civilians in all countries under invasion and occupation resist and condemn occupation, forcing conquering nations to find a protocol of believability and a reason to continue fighting on another nation's territory...In the modern age a nation cannot just kill everyone opposing them and take over the home of millions of innocents so the best that can be hoped for is an occupation of the invaded country in collusion with a puppet government, set up and controlled by the invaders to access wanted resources and establish a presence that is difficult to remove...An example of this is America's invasion and occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan in the first decade of this century...

Inventive and curious, humans have now created a new and better way to make war and destroy life...*Drones*...The United States has thousands of drones, more drones flying than manned aircraft and more personnel trained to operate these remote control machines than actual pilots being trained...There were no military drones just 20 years ago...With little publicity and minimal congressional oversight drones have killed over 2,000 people since 2001 (with less than 3% being "high value" targets) and it's only just beginning...Recent reports reveal the United States has carried out over 450 drone strikes in Pakistan and more than 60 strikes in Yemen and with advanced guidance systems, new advanced power systems, improved satellite communication, larger weapon payloads and improved stealth technology, unmanned drones are the military of the future for many nations who have equal technology to create and operate these lethal weapons...Silent death from the sky anywhere in the world...

*A report released in 2013 by Human Right Watch detailed an excessive use of drones by the United States in Yemen which has killed many more civilians than targeted militants through indiscriminate use with no accountability or limits...Leaked documents reveal collusion between governments of both countries to "cover up" their involvement in specific attacks and a failure to compensate families or individuals for their losses...*

*It's estimated there is a landmine buried somewhere on Earth for every 52 people alive...It's been estimated that it would take more than a thousand years to find and clear all the land mines in the world...*

*189 nations are party to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction (CWC)...Israel and Myanmar signed the agreement in 1993 but have not ratified it...Angola, Egypt, North Korea, South Sudan and Syria are non participants...*

An arsenal in America contains over 500 tons of deadly nerve agents VX and Sarin stored in more than 100,000 munitions that are old and increasingly unstable...Under international treaty these munitions were supposed to be destroyed in 2012 but the Pentagon estimates it will not be done until 2021 costing nearly \$50 billion...VX nerve agent is extremely deadly with a drop on the skin causing death...*Why would a sentient species living on a defined biological world from which there is no escape create an extremely deadly product in such enormous quantities?* It's amazing how primitive structures in the evolving brain, instincts of fear and the inability to understand causality and reality can dominate a mindset and create policies and activities that are senseless and absurd...Were the military or civilian leaders intending to kill every human being on the planet? Was there any serious thought to the consequences of using this agent? And why so much? As an emerging intelligence humans are just coming out of the dark ages of religious nonsense and scientific ignorance and realizing the potential and possibilities of existence in this star system...Without reality intelligence, without dense neural connective networks throughout the entire brain structure to enable communication, rationality, logic and an understanding of existence by a majority population on this planet the human species is in great danger from it's own technological achievements...

#### **Nuclear Strategy**

*In 2010, the United States and Russia signed the 10 year New START treaty in an agreement to reduce their deployed strategic nuclear warheads to 1,550 within seven years...Stockpiled nuclear warheads on both sides were not included in the treaty...The Russian and the U.S. arsenals contain over 90% of the world's nuclear weapons with no obvious targets for these explosives that would change the world if used in any quantity...*

*It's estimated over 40 tons of highly enriched bomb grade uranium remains stored at multiple research facilities around the world, the result of a cold war strategy of the past...*

*China has over 300 nuclear weapons and has stated they will only use them for self-defense...Pakistan has about 100 nuclear weapons and have not clarified their intentions...*

*Nuclear capable missiles are those which can deliver a 500-kilogram payload to the target and are limited to missiles with a range of at least 300 kilometers, considered to be the smallest possible distance between two nuclear combatants...(The distance and carrying standards are laid down by a 33-nation Missile Technology Control Regime, a consortium that restricts the export of flying rockets)...America's military has the technology to miniaturize nuclear arms virtually at will...The U.S. military has nuclear-tipped versions of both the Cruise and Tomahawk missiles...*

*The United States budget for nuclear weapons in 2010 was estimated at \$25 billion...*

*In March 2012, 53 countries met to discuss nuclear terrorism across the planet in an ongoing effort to secure the world's fragmented stocks of bomb grade plutonium and highly enriched uranium...The summit asked only for further "voluntary" reductions by 2013 in a world where there are over 1,300 tonnes (almost 3 million lbs) of highly enriched uranium and over 450 tonnes (almost 1 million lbs) of separated plutonium scattered across more than 30 countries, most of it in Russia and the U.S. ...*

*Russian military officials stated with clarity they would use pre-emptive weapon strikes in Europe and NATO countries to target missile defense sites the US military and NATO are determined to build and deploy as part of a NATO shield if Russia determines these missile sites to be a deterrent to their ability to launch and target their missiles anywhere in the world...*

*U. S. Intelligence Agencies spent over \$50 billion in 2009 to spy on America's citizens, allies and enemies...In 2013, it became obvious to the world these intelligence agencies were infiltrating and collecting information on multiple governments worldwide and monitoring the private communication of every citizen in America...The U.S. government defends this activity as "necessary" and anticipates no change in their policies going forward...*

## **Cyberwarfare**

The newest version of territorial warfare, *cyberwarfare*, is just beginning with an internet still in it's infancy, fiber optic networks revolutionizing internet speed and access, wireless intrusion systems containing increasingly complex algorithms and a world-wide web where everything is connected to everything...The danger is nations can develop cyberweapons outside any regulatory framework unlike nuclear and chemical weapons and every government globally has cybersecurity on the agenda...One of the unknown dangers of this uncontrolled 'arms' race in cyberspace is individuals who develop and release computer viruses for whatever purpose and then lose control of the virus as it seeks out targets which will invariably include victims other than the intended target...Flame, a large, invasive malware espionage program believed to be developed by U.S. security agencies to target Iran (the U.S and Israel deny any responsibility), is now in free circulation around the world as efforts to counteract it's effects continue...The Pentagon's Defense Advance Research Products Agency has launched 'Plan X' with its stated priority and purpose being "a need to dominate the cyber battlespace"...Using America's private defense corporations under intense secrecy, the Pentagon's goal is to engage in a robust cyberstrategy designed to infiltrate systems anywhere in the world to extract information, input false information and control operating systems essential to power grids, nuclear facilities and basic infrastructure in a way that disrupts or destroys their target...The U.S. does not deny it developed the "Stuxnet" digital worm responsible for disrupting Iran's uranium enrichment program and America's current administration has confirmed that their position in the global arena is the 'laws of war' are applicable to cyberattacks...

*The U.S. government recorded over 77,000 "cyber incidents" in 2015...Newsweek*

It's only a matter of time before a nation attacks another with military force after a cyberattack shuts down power grids and infrastructure...The internet is an invaluable tool for a global civilization in monitoring world events and informing every citizen and one day it will be an open transparent communication matrix but it will take a long time...Revealing information released by a U.S. National Security Agency (NSA) contractor revealed that America's spy agency intends to gather information in whatever way possible from every citizen in the country, from foreign embassies anywhere in the world (friendly or hostile), from allies, world leaders and world organizations without regard for privacy or protocol, collecting information from anyone this agency seeks to add to their database and they will defend this intrusion on the privacy on every single human affected as "*necessary and warranted actions to prevent a terrorist attack*" "*completely legal within the framework of congressional laws and oversight*" citing compliance and trust as the proper response to activities having no controls or limits in the global community...An organization who has interpreted "oversight laws" to mean what they wish as they continue to record every communication possible...What is true is future warfare and the threats of enemies real and imagined will spark innovation, new technology and a rapid growth in all areas of human/machine interaction leading to complex integrated systems for things unimaginable today...The human species will not revert to an agrarian society...Science and technology must be the bedrock of any civilization wishing to exist for millions of years...

*No challenge to America's invasive collection of data from any human or organization on the planet has succeeded in stopping the ongoing compilation and storage of terabytes of data at remote sites around the world for analysis as this clandestine game of spy vs spy continues without any real oversight or checks and balances in an opaque system without limits...In real time there is not yet an efficient way to organize and search this vast amount of information in an effective way but that is rapidly changing as new algorithms improve...2016*

*Approximately 200,000 women serve in the U.S. military and one in three have been sexually assaulted, soldiers assaulting soldiers in a male dominated mindset that routinely ignores the crime and blames the woman...In the military command system a victim reports the rape to their commander and the commander is the sole judge of determining if any action is taken...Less than 10% of cases are prosecuted and 90% are by repeat offenders...*

### **PTSD – Post Traumatic Stress Disorder**

It's not yet clear why the obvious negative effects of repeated percussive explosions in the arena of war are not recognized for the damage they cause to a human brain in very real physical ways and demonstrated, debilitating mental ways...The Defense Department in the U.S. continues to downplay the impact of these events, continues to misdiagnose TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury) and still uses outdated diagnostic techniques to clear TBI victims for further military duty ignoring and dismissing a growing body of empirical and documented evidence, testimony by victims and behavior assessments of professionals in an outdated military tradition of 'toughness and silence' that permeates through an aging core of military leaders who put money, duty and pride above the recognition of reality and the welfare and health of soldiers...Treatment for PTSD is stigmatized by the military as an 'emotional problem' or 'a lack of the right stuff' and in many cases the diagnosis is made without testing for actual brain damage with diagnostic conclusions routinely changed and downgraded by doctors or clinicians who have never seen the patient to avoid paying benefits and compensation...

Mental health disorders are estimated to affect over one in five active duty military personnel with many service members not reporting symptoms as they try to 'be a man' and 'deal with it' coupled with the fear of being stigmatized by fellow soldiers and command in a way that restricts assignments and creates perceptions affecting their military career in a negative way...PTSD, called 'shell shock' in World Wars I & II, has been a part of every war in human history and still nobody can define what it is...A current definition is that PTSD might occur after someone has “experienced, witnessed or was confronted with an event or events that involved actual death, threatened death or serious injury”

*There is a recorded history of soldiers returning from World War II with severe problems concerning PTSD and TBI and these soldiers were little discussed and they were not featured in the magazines of that time that profiled and applauded the 'real' warriors...Today there are many stories from families worldwide, familiar stories of men who returned from war and were silent and remote for the remainder of their lives, unable to understand the reality they experienced and unwilling to communicate their confusion and trauma to unsympathetic military structures...*

Research will one day find PTSD is reactionary trauma within intellectual and logical circuits of the brain unable to rationalize and reconcile a deep-seated natural morality with the assigned murder of other human beings in any situation or circumstance...An ongoing and continuing mental conflict as these affected soldiers try to do what their human counterparts urge them to do, insist is the right thing to do and at some point becomes impossible to do...There is guilt, not always over killing another human, but guilt and a sense of failure over their inability to kill as expected...And there is confusion, nightmares, visions, depression and an inability to reconcile their purpose in life with past experiences and a continued existence that seems 'wrong'...War is an extremely primitive stage in the development of a higher and increasingly complex intellect and will not exist in ten thousand years...

*Among all veterans in the U.S., a suicide occurs every 80 minutes...In 2012, 185 active duty military in the U.S. committed suicide...In 2013 the number was 150 active duty and 151 non-active personnel in the reserves...Suicide kills more military personnel than combat and 95% of military suicides are male...*

*\$2.4 trillion, or 4.4% of the global economy “is dependent on violence” according to the Global Peace Index, referring to “industries that create or manage violence”, the industrial military complex and the defense industry...*

*Approximately one of every 169 humans on Earth has been displaced by war, internally or cross-border...*