

SDSA ANTI-WAR CAUCUS CHARTER

As socialists, we recognize that:

- The United States military serves the interests of capitalism and nationalism, not the interests of freedom or democracy
- The primary aims of war waged by the U.S. are to secure conditions for capital accumulation and to enforce imperial hegemony
- U.S. militarism decimates sovereign nations, destabilizes regions, displaces massive populations, and wreaks environmental havoc
- The U.S. maintains its hegemony not only through military occupation and intervention, but by funding and supporting client states such as Israel and Saudi Arabia
- Imperialism reinforces historic colonial relations that perpetuate white supremacy and the exploitation of the global working class
- Enlisted service members and veterans are themselves victims of the imperialist war machine, which propagates nationalist ideology, false notions of freedom, and coerces the vulnerable into service
- U.S. militarism monopolizes public resources that could otherwise serve social welfare through programs such as universal healthcare and free higher education
- Ending imperialism is central to building socialism

We therefore establish the Seattle Democratic Socialists of America Anti-War Caucus to oppose U.S. militarism and build an anti-imperialist movement within DSA, the broader Left, and the public at large. We recognize that the fight against U.S. imperialism must commit to at least three endeavors:

- 1) Ending military aggression against sovereign nations at home and abroad
- 2) Ceasing support for client states engaged in occupations or repression of other nations or their own people
- 3) Providing support and reparations for victims of past and current U.S. imperialism, including for refugees, veterans, and nations devastated by U.S.-led wars