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## **A CLARION CALL:**

### **RE-INSTITUTE A NATIONAL STRATEGY AND POLICY OF “PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH”**

**A message from Brigadier General Donald B. Smith, U.S. Army (Ret.)  
and the American Security Council Foundation**

A *Clarion Call* to arms to urge our national leaders to re-institute a national strategy of *Peace Through Strength*.

As we approach a very special time of year, which includes Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, and the Hanukkah/Christmas holiday season, we should count our blessings that we live in the United States of America, the beacon of freedom, hope, and justice. Our quality of life and standard of living is the envy of the world. The United States is a 239-year-old experiment in democracy that has set the bar for the peaceful expression of human liberty. We have achieved this by adhering to the sacred principles laid down by our forefathers in our founding document, the Declaration of Independence, and our governing document, the United States Constitution.

However, as the Chairman of the Board of the American Security Council Foundation, I am deeply concerned that our beloved country is meandering down the wrong road. Our standard of living is sagging, and our freedoms are under increasing assault. People are losing faith in the government that has led us down this troubling path.

Let me share with you a few examples of why I am so concerned.

How can the United States turn its back on our greatest ally in the Middle East, Israel, and negotiate a fatally flawed nuclear deal with our greatest regional adversary, Iran, that puts our national security at risk and makes our people less safe?

How can the United States allow Russian President Vladimir Putin and the communist leadership of China assume preeminent roles in international relations, overshadowing U.S. global leadership?

How can a great nation continue to outlive its means to the extent that the national debt is approaching 20 trillion dollars?

How can the greatest country in the history of mankind cut its military strength to pre-World War II levels when the world is increasingly unstable and international terrorists are gaining more capability to commit acts of terror right here in our homeland?

“We the People” must take control of our country, stop apologizing for American exceptionalism, and reassert U.S. global leadership. We must set an example for other countries to join us in the fruits of a free market economy, while also building in safeguards to protect the less fortunate in our society.

The United States needs to stop apologizing and start leading. We must return to the strategy of *Peace Through Strength* under which Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush brought about the collapse of the Soviet Union and victory in the Cold War. We urgently need to reshape our foreign and defense policies based on the four pillars of economic strength, diplomatic strength, military strength, and moral leadership.

The American Security Council Foundation urges all Americans to contact their members of Congress and to remind them of the importance of a strong military. We must urge them to stop crippling defense cuts, and to take action to insure that the United States of America continues to foster the best equipped, the best trained and best led military in the entire world.

We urge you to join the American Security Council Foundation in re-instituting a national strategy and foreign policy of *Peace Through Strength*. America’s best days can still be ahead of us, and the United States can remain the beacon of freedom, hope and justice for the entire world. Let’s all work together to keep America free and strong!

**Approved by the Board of Directors of the American Security Council Foundation**

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