



Defense Prisoner of War / Missing Personnel Office



Korean War/Cold War Policy Overview

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Korean War Challenges



- 7,959 unaccounted-for Americans
- Allegations of live POWs
- Identifying remains already recovered & under U.S. control
- Resuming remains recovery operations in DPRK





Korean War Developments in Fall 2011



- U.S.-DPRK Arrangement signed in October 2011
- Provided for resumption of joint operations in North Korea in spring 2012
 - 4 joint field activities (JFAs) (Apr – Oct)
 - Return to Unsan and Chosin
 - Survey/Investigation team
 - Increased number of U.S. personnel in each JFA





Korean War Developments in 2012



- Preparations for operations were on schedule until early March
- What went wrong? DPRK:
 - Linked remains recovery to U.S.-ROK exercises
 - Failed to issue visas to U.S. advance logistics team
 - Refused to meet to receive first U.S. compensation payment
 - Announced ballistic missile launch for April 2012
- USG suspended arrangement on remains recovery





Korean War Accounting The Way Ahead



- Outlook in near term not encouraging
 - U.S. food aid suspended
 - DPRK ballistic missile launch
 - Arrangement will need revision
 - Restarting process for JFAs in DPRK is time consuming
- Continue operations in South Korea & China
- Continue to identify remains already under U.S. control



Korean War Statue - Pyongyang



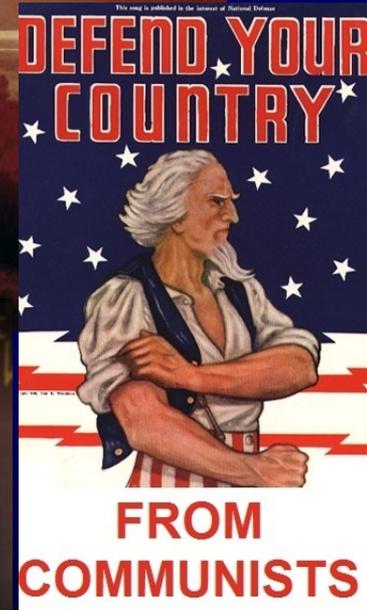
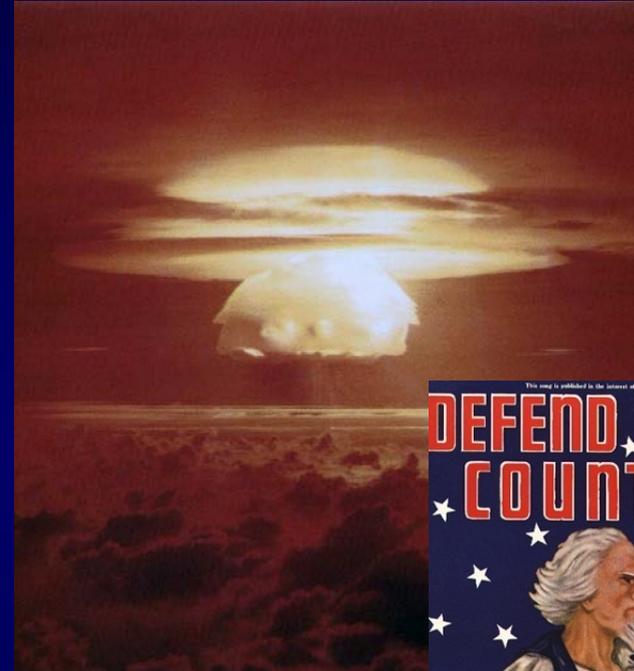
Anti-American Propaganda Poster



Cold War



- Challenges
 - 13 incidents, 125 losses; all over water except one
 - Air losses near borders of China, North Korea, and former Soviet Union
- The Way Ahead
 - Access to Russian and Chinese archives





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