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About the website

The purpose of this commercial-free educational website is to provide an accessible, accurate, principled, and resource-rich history of United States foreign policy. The website was launched in October 2015 by Roger Peace, author of the [Home page](#). The Historians for Peace and Democracy became a sponsor the following month, and the Peace History Society, in June 2016.

The [Historians for Peace and Democracy](#) (formerly Historians Against the War) was founded in 2003 in opposition to the Iraq War. "As historically minded activists, scholars, students, and teachers, we stand opposed to wars of aggression, military occupations of foreign lands, and imperial efforts by the United States and other powerful nations to dominate the internal life of other countries."

The [Peace History Society](#) is dedicated to peace research and education. “The Peace History Society was founded in 1964 to encourage, and coordinate national and international scholarly work to explore and articulate the conditions and causes of peace and war, and to communicate the findings of scholarly work to the public.”

Completed sections:

The [War of 1812](#) – Roger Peace (January 2016)

The [U.S.-Mexican War, 1846-1848](#) – Roger Peace (May 2016)

The [War of 1898 and the U.S.-Filipino War, 1899-1902](#) – Brian D’Haeseleer and Roger Peace (September 2016)

The [Korean War](#) – Jeremy Kuzmarov (September 2016)

The [Vietnam War](#) – Roger Peace, John Marciano, and Jeremy Kuzmarov, with contributions from Howie Machtiger (Veterans for Peace) and Jessica Frazier, Asst. Professor of History at the University of Rhode Island, and readers Anne Meisenzahl, Brian D’Haeseleer, and Tom Clark (June 2017)

“[Yankee imperialism, 1901-1934](#)” – Roger Peace, with contributions from Ann Jefferson, History Lecturer at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Marc Becker, Professor of Latin American History, Truman State University, and readers Anne Meisenzahl and Erin Meisenzahl-Peace (January 2018)

[Central America Wars, 1980s](#) – Virginia S. Williams, Roger Peace, and Jeremy Kuzmarov, with contributions from Brian D’Haeseleer, Richard Grossman, Latin American History Instructor at Northeastern Illinois University, and Michael Schmidli, Professor of U.S. Foreign Relations at Bucknell University (March 2018)

[United States participation in World War I](#) – Charles F. Howlett, Jeremy Kuzmarov, and Roger Peace, with editing contributions from readers Anne Meisenzahl, Tom Clark, and Robert E. Hannigan, Scholar in Residence, Suffolk University (October 2018)

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