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# **War Veterans Are Our Precious Revolutionary Forerunners Who Created the Indomitable Spirit of Defending the Country**

Congratulatory Speech Delivered at the Fourth  
National Conference of War Veterans  
*July 25, Juche 104 (2015)*

Dear war veterans attending the Fourth National Conference of War Veterans,

Other veterans of the Fatherland Liberation War and people who performed meritorious wartime service across the country,

I extend warm congratulations to you as we prepare to mark July 27, V-day for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, our glorious motherland.

And I extend noble respects to the martyrs of the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers who laid down their precious lives in the sacred war for the freedom and independence of the country, and for peace.

The Fourth National Conference of War Veterans held today in grand style to mark the 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War is a celebration demonstrating to the world the glorious tradition of victory of our country that has always emerged victorious in the

anti-imperialist revolutionary wars under the command of the great leaders; it is also a significant meeting that demonstrates the revolutionary determination of all our service personnel and people to achieve a new, great victory of the great Paektusan nation by inheriting the heroic fighting spirit displayed by their forerunners.

Availing myself of this significant opportunity, I extend the noblest tribute and greatest glory to the great Comrade Kim Il Sung who led to victory two revolutionary wars, against the US and Japanese imperialist powers, and to the great General Kim Jong Il who achieved one victory after another in the unprecedented war to defend socialism.

My noblest respects and warm and militant greetings go also to the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters who, faithfully supporting the leadership of the great leaders, safeguarded the people's country and created the miracle of heroic Korea in achieving victory in the war, and to the war veterans attending this conference and across the country and the people of wartime merits who defeated the US-led allied imperialist forces and achieved great victory in the fierce Fatherland Liberation War.

I also offer my noble respects to the veterans of the Chinese People's Volunteers who fought shoulder to shoulder with our People's Army soldiers at the cost of their blood for the freedom and independence of the Korean people and for peace in the East, and thus rendered assistance to us in our righteous revolutionary war.

July 27 is our second Day of Liberation when our people defended with honour their country's dignity and

sovereignty from the brigandish aggression by the US imperialists, and also the day of proud victors that put the US imperialists, who were recklessly attempting to gain hegemony in the world and enslave it, on a downhill passage towards ruin.

Less than two years after its founding, our Republic inflicted an ignominious defeat on the United States that had been boasting of being the “strongest” in the world, thus defending its national sovereignty and global peace and security. This was a military miracle unprecedented in the history of human warfare and a great feat of historical significance never seen before in the nation’s history spanning 5 000 years.

The Fatherland Liberation War, in which the Korean people confronted the haughty US imperialists who had grown fat on aggression and pillage, was in fact a hard fight that could be likened to a bare-handed man facing brigandish robbers. The world’s people did not anticipate that the former would emerge as the winner in this war, which was in effect a confrontation between rifle and atomic bomb.

Contrary to expectations, our service personnel and people safeguarded their homeland in this three-year-long, do-or-die fight, and our country became widely known as a heroic nation, a miraculous nation, that prevented the outbreak of a new world war.

Comrades,

More than 60 years have passed since the day when fireworks were set off in celebration of victory over the

arrogant US imperialists, with their Stars and Stripes burning and the flag of our Republic flying high.

In the long period that has witnessed changes of generations and centuries our country has been at the forefront of the anti-US struggle, with the dark clouds of aggression and war constantly hovering over this land, and the political situation in the world has changed remarkably.

Notwithstanding this, our service personnel and people are demonstrating their dignity as the guardians of independence and our country remains a bulwark of anti-imperialist independence and peace.

The United States has sustained one humiliating reverse after another since the 1950s—this has become its shameful tradition. By contrast, our heroic Korea is proud of its tradition of dealing it a telling blow whenever the overbearing power threatens to run amuck.

Our country's glorious history and tradition of victory have resulted from the Juche-oriented military ideas, adroit strategy and tactics, and outstanding art of command of the heaven-sent legendary generals Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, as well as the heroic spirit and indomitable struggle of our service personnel and people who are boundlessly faithful to their Party and their leaders.

No force can conquer the service personnel and people who, in support of their great leader, have turned out in the struggle to defend their country with confidence in the justice of their cause and their own strength—this is a law and a truth taught by history.

There can be neither today without yesterday nor tomorrow without today.

Our war veterans are witnesses to the strength of heroic Korea and its history that is resplendent with victory; they are also the country's priceless treasures representative of the era named after the great leaders.

Our Party respects them not only as death-defying defenders of the country but also as laudable revolutionary elders and educators who instil the spirit of death-defying defence of the country in the ranks of their successors as they march forward towards final victory, and it pays high tribute to them.

They are laudable heroes of our nation and genuine patriots, in that they dedicated their youth and even their lives to defending the Party, the revolution, the country and the people.

The images of the generation who won victory in the war are etched on the minds of our people, including the young generation, as sung and unsung heroes; among them Ri Su Bok, Kang Ho Yong, An Yong Ae and many others sacrificed their lives for their one and only motherland.

But for the generation of our heroic grandfathers and fathers who blocked enemy pillboxes with their chests and became human bombs to combat the enemy aircraft and tanks in defence of every inch of the country, this dignified and powerful socialist country, where people are enjoying happiness under the leadership of the Workers' Party generation after generation, would not have existed.

Time has passed and rivers and mountains have changed,



but the legendary tales of the feats of arms performed by the People's Army warriors who defeated the aggressors with the unyielding mettle and emerged victors and the bloody footprints they left can never be forgotten or erased, but will shine more brilliantly in the prospering country.

The heroic fighters of the 1950s demonstrated through practice that a people who are strong in spirit are fully capable of defeating an imperialist aggressor army armed even with A-bombs.

What our service personnel and people trusted absolutely and relied on in the confrontation with the allied imperialist forces that were numerically and technically superior was the Supreme Headquarters where the legendary hero Comrade Kim Il Sung was, and the source of their world-startling, unparalleled bravery was their ardent love for their motherland, burning hatred for the enemy and the revolutionary spirit of Paektu of fighting the enemy to the death.

The US imperialists, who had been boasting of the myth of their "strength," launched a series of desperate attacks by hurling in colossal amounts of military hardware and even the troops of their vassal countries, but they could never dishearten our service personnel and people who were filled with trust in and affection for what was theirs; the aggressive barbarians could not avoid staggering political and military, spiritual and moral defeats in the whole period of the war.

The spirit of defending the country created in the flames of the war—this is the most powerful strength that defies

comparison with any physical strength and the most precious asset our new generation should inherit from the war veterans who are strong in ideology and faith.

The great leaders valued and held up the war veterans, who were trained and tested in the crucible of war, as the core of the Party and of the revolutionary ranks.

After the war, the war veterans and people who had performed meritorious service in wartime continuously brought the flowers of the revolution into bloom, devoting their blood and sweat unsparingly for the sake of the prosperity and development of the country, enjoying the great trust of the Party and the leaders.

The epics of heroic feats in the Chollima era when Koreans demonstrated their true mettle once again in the flames of great upsurge and the proud annals recording their endeavours to build a socialist power that is independent, self-sufficient and self-reliant in national defence, tell of the valuable devotion of the generation of victors who faithfully supported the Party's cause, tightening their belts in order to carry out the shares of their fallen comrades-in-arms as well as their own.

War veterans braved the severe ordeals of the Arduous March and forced march, consistently throwing in their lot with the Party both in the days of trials and in the days of glory, and they have imparted to the rising generations the strong faith that they must invariably travel the long road of the Songun revolution, following the Party. Their ennobling spiritual world is an exemplary revolutionary trait which everyone should learn from.

It is our great pride and a source of strength that we have as our revolutionary elders, the war veterans, who performed undying exploits in the great war to defend the country and in the gigantic socialist construction and who are handing such a superb ideological and spiritual wealth down to the coming generations.

As it has such excellent people as you who, like the anti-Japanese war veterans, have gone through fire and water in support of the Party and the leader and encouraged the ranks of the people on the general onward march throughout their life with the attitude as befitting steadfast revolutionary soldiers, our Party always feels assured.

The war veterans have devoted their entire life to the independent reunification and prosperity of their country in single-hearted support of the great leaders and the Party since the days when they braved the flames of war. Their ennobling fighting spirit and splendid patriotic feats will shine brilliantly in permanent golden letters in the history of the heroic struggle of our people.

Comrades,

To glorify generation after generation the immortal exploits of the great leaders in achieving victory in the war and leading the Songun revolution and stoutly to carry forward the heroic fighting spirit, the spirit of defending the country, displayed by our revolutionary forerunners including the war veterans is a major strategic policy maintained by our Party in its effort to put an end to the anti-imperialist, anti-US showdown and hasten the final victory of the Korean revolution.

The spirit of defending the country displayed by the fighters in the 1950s is a great spirit of the times that inherited the revolutionary spirit of Paektu, and the spirit of Songun Korea which imbues all the service personnel and people with ardent patriotism and inspires them to achieve heroic feats.

That we annually celebrate V-day on a large scale is aimed at congratulating the war veterans, our revolutionary forerunners, while adding glory to their heroic life, and at firmly arming all the officers and men of the People's Army and the people, including the younger generation, with the spirit displayed by the defenders of the country in the 1950s so as to encourage them in the grand struggle to create a new speed of Korea.

We should hold fast to the spirit of defending the country displayed in the 1950s as a fine textbook for the anti-imperialist class struggle and an ideological and spiritual weapon for adding lustre to the history and traditions of heroic Korea, and we should fully demonstrate its might in the anti-imperialist, anti-US confrontation and in the final battle for victory in building a thriving country.

War veterans, just as they did in the days when they sang revolutionary songs in the burning trenches, picturing in their minds the Supreme Headquarters, should support the Party and the country with unabated ardour and vigour, and hand down to the coming generations the pure, single-hearted loyalty, the revolutionary faith to be kept to their dying breath and the indomitable spirit of defending the country as their life and soul.

The spirit of defending the country and the revolution displayed by the heroic soldiers in the days of the war should become a pillar of faith for all the officers and men of the People's Army; a revolutionary climate in which the People's Army obeys without question the orders of the Supreme Commander should be firmly established as its first and foremost discipline; and ardent love for the country with which to defend every inch of the land to the death and the fighting spirit with which to annihilate the enemy without mercy should pervade the battle fields and drilling grounds where the campaign for winning the title of Guards Unit is underway.

When the spirit of those who ensured wartime production by turning machine belts by hand and the mettle of those who dedicated themselves to increasing grain production, wartime transport and assistance to the front despite the enemy bombings prevail across the country, successive world-startling, miraculous innovations can be created on all fronts where an economic giant is being built, and the eye-opening reality of the whole country turning into "gold fields," "gold seas" and "gold mountains" can be unfolded.

Our Party attaches special importance to arming the rising generation, the young people, with the spirit of defending the country.

The problem of young people is precisely the problem of inheriting the revolution, and what is most important in carrying forward the revolutionary cause is to hand down the lineage of ideology and faith.

By cherishing the spirit of defending the country created

by their forerunners at the cost of their blood, our young people should respond heartily to their country's call, just as the heroic soldiers did in the 1950s; they should volunteer, with burning patriotism, beautiful hopes and great ambitions, to stand at the frontline posts of the Songun revolution and work at grand construction sites, and display to the full the valour and spirit of the masters of the world's proud youth power and the young vanguard of the Songun revolution.

Respecting the war veterans along with the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters as our precious revolutionary forerunners is a trait and tradition unique to the Korean revolutionaries.

We should ensure that the social climate of giving preferential treatment to the war veterans and looking after them with devotion prevails across the country so that they feel no discomfort in life.

In this way we can ensure that they, who defended our happy life of today, take pride in having participated in the Fatherland Liberation War, become more vigorous even though they are getting older and look back on their career with pride.

The United States and its vassal forces are making a last-ditch attempt to stifle our Republic, seemingly oblivious to their ignominious defeat in the war in the 1950s and the lessons from their complete failure in the decades-long policy of hostility towards our country.

If the enemy, forgetting the tradition governed by the laws of history, commit another reckless act of provocation

against our Republic, our revolutionary armed forces will bury them in the grave of final ruin.

Our strength now is not what it was in the 1950s, when we had to fight with rifles in our hands against the US imperialists who were armed to the teeth.

We now possess the strength with which to fight any form of warfare that may be chosen by the United States.

We have the power to deter the United States from unleashing a nuclear war.

Gone forever is the era when the United States blackmailed us with nuclear weapons; now the United States is no longer a source of threats and fear for us and we are the very source of the greatest threat and fear for it. This is the current reality.

Independence is justice, and it is an inevitable historical outcome that justice emerges victorious.

Our cause is just, and no force in the world can check the advance of our service personnel and people who are marching in high spirits, rallied single-heartedly behind the Party, cherishing as their invincible weapon the revolutionary spirit of Paektu and the spirit of defending the country displayed in the 1950s.

Let us all fight vigorously for final victory.

Respected veterans,

Other veterans of the Fatherland Liberation War and people who performed meritorious wartime service all over the country,

I wish you a long life in good health, and happiness for your families.

## **The Exploits of the Great Victors Will Remain with Us for Ever**

Speech at the Sixth National Conference of War Veterans

*July 27, Juche 109 (2020)*

Esteemed comrade war veterans,

Today is July 27.

July 27 is Victory Day, when all the people born on this land celebrate with surging emotions and by repeatedly crying the word “Victory!” our great, historic triumph in the war.

At this conference held to mark Victory Day, I am once again meeting you, the esteemed war veterans who achieved this great, historic triumph. Such is my happiness that I cannot find the words to express my feelings.

We are honoured that you, our precious teachers, are attending this conference.

In marking the 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary of victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War, I, on behalf of the Workers’ Party of Korea and the government, extend warm congratulations to the participants in this conference and to the other war veterans and people who performed distinguished wartime service.

I also extend my noble respects to the revolutionary martyrs, both sung and unsung, who sacrificed their precious lives in the sacred war for achieving the



reunification and independence of their country and the freedom and happiness of their fellow people.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I also extend my noble respects to the martyrs and veterans of the Chinese People's Volunteers who set such a genuine example of militant friendship by supporting us in our revolutionary war, even at the cost of their blood.

Esteemed comrade war veterans,

We cannot conceive of our country today without recalling the sweat and blood shed by the generation who won the war, the great spirit they demonstrated, and our warriors' noble sacrifice.

We will remember them for ever.

It is our Party's intention always to be mindful of those who performed immortal exploits that are recorded in our country's history, and to make known and honour their heroism. This conference is an important opportunity for demonstrating at home and abroad the unanimous desire and will of our Party and all our people to more vividly hand down to posterity the exploits of the war veterans and to carry forward the fighting spirit of the 1950s so that our forerunners' noble aspirations are translated without fail into reality.

The distinguished exploits performed by the victorious wartime generation of the 1950s under the leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and the spiritual wealth and assets they have bequeathed to the following generations have, with the passing of the years, become so precious that they are now priceless. The major, profound

significance of July 27 Victory Day in modern history goes beyond the fact that a country and nation defended their dignity and sovereignty in a battle against foreign aggressors and created a military miracle that shines in the annals of warfare.

The great Fatherland Liberation War as a grim war in which we defended our nascent Republic and the destiny and future of the tens of millions of our people; moreover, fought at the start of the Cold War that followed the Second World War, it was also the first all-out war between the forces aspiring after independence and those of domination, and between socialism and capitalism. As such, the confrontation was unprecedented in its ferocity and gravity. Our new-born Republic was no match for the enemy in any respect, whether military hardware or economic strength, population or territory; yet in this war we halted the military offensive of the US imperialists, who had boasted of being the “strongest” in the world, and their vassal forces and, at the cost of our blood, defended our territory and sovereignty. No event of such heroic and legendary importance had ever before been recorded in the histories of our nation and the world revolution. July 27 constituted a turning point, when our country and people, which had been reduced to a condition of weakness, took pride of place in history as a heroic state and nation that were admired by the world, and when violent storms of revolutions for anti-imperialist independence, socialism and national liberation were unleashed on the globe.

Without the great July 27, there would not be the

socialist Korea of today that is demonstrating its glory as the most dignified, independent and powerful of countries—a people’s country—in the modern world; and the high-handed attempts of the imperialists to bring Asia and other parts of the world under their domination, would not have been stopped. The great significance of July 27 is also that it defined the orientation of the new, great history of the postwar socialist revolution and construction, created the proud traditions and wealth based on which our country and people could achieve lasting victory, transformed the global political landscape, and forcefully propelled the trend of the times towards independence and socialism.

The victory in the Fatherland Liberation War was the victory of the noble patriotism and mass heroism of the service personnel of the Korean People’s Army and our people, the victory of justice and progress over injustice and reaction, and the victory of socialism, the future of mankind, over capitalism, the dregs of history.

The Fatherland Liberation War made people clearly aware of, and determined never to forget, the aggressive and brutal nature of US imperialism; everyone on this land lost a parent, a brother or sister, a precious comrade-in-arms or friend, and suffered dreadful misfortune and pain. Yet, thanks to the legendary exploits of the victorious wartime generation, who overcame all the trials and agony, the great spirit of defending the country and revolution was forged, and our people developed unrivalled and uniquely powerful traits of heroism, self-sacrifice and fortitude.

Our victorious wartime generation is a proud generation that, by devoting their lives and blood, created a new chapter in carrying forward the Korean revolution, and that developed the revolutionary spirit of Paektu into an all-people ideological spirit. Thanks to the service personnel who defended every inch of their motherland at the cost of their blood, bolstered by the steely faith that they were sure to emerge victorious as long as they were led by Comrade Kim Il Sung, and to the people on the home front who dedicated their all to victory in the war by displaying the spirit of unity around the leader, the unfailing spirit of fighting the enemy to the death, and the revolutionary spirit of self-reliance with which they made weapons with their bare hands, all created by the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners, heroic Korea could display its true mettle. That is why our Party holds in such high esteem and gives such prominence to the victorious wartime generation who triumphed at the cost of their blood amid the flames of war, and honours them as a proud generation who laid the cornerstone on which our revolutionary traditions could be carried forward.

They are the heroes who, true to the Party's call, established a socialist system and laid the foundations of an independent, powerful country in the spirit of Chollima; they are also the great teachers who have implanted the ennobling spirit and soul in the rising generations. In the days when they were playing the key roles in all sectors, our socialist construction witnessed the most eye-opening, rapid advance and upsurge. Tales of their exploits form an

excellent textbook for teaching a revolutionary lifestyle and outlook on life that can sustain the peacetime generations who have not experienced war.

They are truly outstanding revolutionaries and patriots and a priceless treasure of our revolution who, despite the trials they went through, have devoted their all to the rising generations by invariably and faithfully supporting the Party and the leader, from the grim times of the war through to the years of postwar reconstruction and socialist construction. Our Party regards it as a source of great pride and honour to have such revolutionary forerunners as you with your noble attitude to the rising generations and the revolution, and it raises up the victorious wartime generation as models from whom everyone should learn, for all ages.

Esteemed comrade war veterans,

The period of nearly 70 years since the war cannot be called peacetime, since the fierce confrontation with the enemy has continued, and the pressure from the imperialists and their threat to hinder our development and invade and plunder our Republic have been increasing with each passing moment.

Based on the spirit of victory and the will to achieve it inspired by the immortal July 27 and anticipating a bright future for our Republic, we chose the arduous path of making our nation more powerful by our own efforts. In refusing to alter our choice, we have tightened our belts while others vied with one another in the pursuit of instant “prosperity.”

Since we must absolutely be strong enough to prevent and deter war so that we never experience again the pain and suffering of the war in the 1950s, we have, by braving all the pressures and challenges and overcoming unprecedented adversity that would have brought others to their knees a hundred times, advanced along the path of self-development into a nuclear state. As a result, we are now able to reliably defend ourselves against any form of high-intensity pressure and military threat by the imperialist reactionaries and other hostile forces.

War is armed conflict that is invariably unleashed on the weak.

No one can now treat us lightly.

We will not permit others to look down on us and, if they do so, we will make them pay dearly.

Thanks to our reliable and effective self-defensive nuclear deterrent, there will be no more war on this land, and the security and future of our Republic are guaranteed for all time.

Every year, generation after generation, we celebrate July 27, but this year, when our Republic has secured a strategic position the world cannot ignore but must recognize, the day brings us special emotions, and the significance of the victory in the war and the exploits performed by the war veterans have become more valuable and a greater source of pride than ever before.

Comrades,

Many years have passed and much has changed since the guns fell silent, yet the noble spirit displayed by the war

martyrs and veterans remains, encouraging our people to renew their struggle.

Seeing in the faces of you, war veterans, the images of all the comrades-in-arms who failed to return from the front in those grim years, as well as those of the unforgettable martyrs who devoted themselves to socialist construction, we are preparing to redouble our efforts to make ourselves proud before them. You wrote a new chapter in the history of building a prosperous country by brilliantly carrying forward the traditions of the anti-Japanese struggle, and the new generations of today, by inheriting your spirit, will without fail achieve the final victory of socialism of our own style.

Our victory in the war teaches us the philosophical principle that a people armed with a great spirit can work great miracles.

Our Party, by ensuring that the spirit of the 1950s is etched in golden letters on the hearts of all our service personnel and people, will ensure that every one of them becomes a fighter who is undaunted in the face of any adversity and lives as the creator of fresh miracles and victories, so that no one feels any sense of shame in front of the martyrs and war veterans.

We have never forgotten your rancour when, owing to a shortage of arms, you had to turn back, weeping bitter tears after burying your fallen comrades-in-arms on the banks of the Raktong near the South Sea of Korea. Always mindful of the truths that only when our sovereignty and right to existence are guaranteed can we achieve and promote happiness, and that in order to defend the destiny of our

Republic and people we must be independently strong, we will not permit ourselves even a moment's halt on the path of making our defence capability so strong that no one would dare to challenge us.

Comrades,

What those who fought in the war must have pictured in their minds during the many days and nights of do-or-die battles, was a beautiful people's paradise that would be built on our 3 000-*ri* land. Our Party will strive with redoubled courage to realize without fail our forerunners' dream and ideal of a powerful country, so as to make our people the happiest in the world.

All the people, as they advance victoriously along the path of making their country prosperous, should, by viewing themselves in the light of the victorious wartime generation, add glory to their own lives. The present conditions and situation, though difficult, are nothing when compared to what they were during the war.

Our Party will make sure that all officials, all Party members and all the other working people hold high the slogan "Let us live and struggle in the spirit of the great defenders of the country!" and achieve proud victories on all fronts of socialist construction.

It will also train all our service personnel into versatile, a-match-for-a-hundred combatants who, as well as being fully versed in our style of warfare, count among their mental qualities the indomitable revolutionary spirit, valiant militant mettle and noble patriotism cherished by the war veterans.



Recorded in the history of our war victory are the exploits of numerous heroes including Ri Su Bok, Jo Kun Sil and Kang Ho Yong, with whom we associate the word *youth*. The Party is bringing up all the young people as hot-blooded loyalists and staunch revolutionaries who put the Party and their country first and are prepared to devote themselves for the sake of society and the collective, just as those heroes did who, in the face of death, gave their lives without hesitation for their country.

In this way, our Party is ensuring that our great traditions of ideology and system you defended, and the victory you won, at the cost of your blood are carried forward from one generation to the next.

It is also making sure that the climate of respecting, holding up and according preferential treatment to the war veterans and other forerunners of the revolution is established throughout society, and becomes an unshakable national trait.

Our Party will look after you, war veterans, with all sincerity and will take full responsibility for your health and your living conditions so that you can gain in vigour, despite your advancing years, and continue to add lustre to your glorious lives.

It will make sure that Party organizations, government bodies, working people's organizations at all levels and all the people regard it as their noble obligation and duty to take good care of the war veterans as they would their own parents, and do all they can for them.

Time passes and one generation is replaced by another;

yet the heroic fighting spirit and undying exploits of the victorious wartime generation will keep the red blood of our descendants boiling for all eternity, and will for ever accompany the victorious advance of our revolution.

Esteemed comrade war veterans,

You, our staunch war veterans, defeated the US imperialists that had boasted of being the “strongest” in the world and their vassals, weathering the storms of those years and every manner of hardship. But as the saying goes, time and tide wait for no man, and many of the veterans have passed away and the hair of you, present here, has turned grey. This fills me with sorrow and causes me to regret the passage of time.

Comrade war veterans, again I wish you good health.

I earnestly request the respected war veterans across the country to lead a long life in good health, serving as our eternal source of strength and our spiritual mainstay.

Long live the great July 27 Victory Day!

# **We Will Brilliantly Carry Forward the Great Heroic Spirit of the Victorious Wartime Generation**

Speech at the Seventh National Conference  
of War Veterans

*July 27, Juche 110 (2021)*

Esteemed comrade war veterans,

On once again seeing you, the older generation of our revolution whom we always respect and regard as our role models, and celebrating with you the motherland's great Victory Day, I cannot suppress the surge of happiness and emotion.

The historic victory in the war, which our state and people will remember with dignity and pride for generations to come, is their greatest asset that cannot be bartered for anything in the world.

Moreover, it is the greatest blessing and source of glory for our generation to hold regular conferences to see the war veterans, who were the masters and witnesses of that legendary heroic era.

I extend warm thanks and make a deep bow to you, esteemed war veterans, who created the legend of the miraculous victory in the fierce three-year war, who heroically glorified your era and who are now participating in the celebrations for V-day looking hale and hearty, and

also to all the other veterans of the Fatherland Liberation War and those people across the country who performed meritorious wartime service.

I pay noble tribute to the martyrs of the People's Army and all the other patriotic martyrs who dedicated their youth and lives in defence of the sovereignty and honour of their country, and I extend warm congratulations to all the people who are greeting July 27 Victory Day amid a strenuous, powerful struggle.

I also pay noble tribute to the martyrs of the Chinese People's Volunteers who shed their precious blood unsparingly in the same trench with our soldiers in the face of the imperialist invasion when our country was facing its darkest hour, and I extend warm greetings also to the veterans of the CPV.

Esteemed comrade war veterans,

The exploits of the victorious wartime generation, the second generation of our revolution, shine brilliantly as a historic and highly significant landmark in the glorious course of our Republic's development.

All that is worthwhile for our powerful and beautiful Korea is linked to the exploits of the great generation which you represent.

The freedom of our tens of millions of people, our genuine system, our beautiful mountains and rivers, our vast fertile plains and our precious natural resources—all these are inconceivable without the exploits performed by the numerous warriors who defended every inch of their country's territory at the cost of their blood.

Because the courageous defenders of the country in the 1950s repulsed the invasion by the brigandish US imperialists at the cost of their lives, their descendants for several generations have been able to enjoy the dignity of an independent people who are free from suffering as slaves.

Because the victorious wartime generation performed such great exploits in defeating the armed invasion by the US imperialists and their vassal states and bringing about the unprecedentedly significant event of victory in the war, the destiny and future of the country could be assured and we, their descendants, could inherit the great fame and honour of being heroic Korea and a heroic people.

Dear comrades,

The victorious wartime generation's exploits are etched in golden letters in the annals of our country, and the most precious of them is their heroic fighting spirit and mettle.

The fighting spirit which created the great victory and miracle will never fade, no matter how many years may pass, and it constitutes an inexhaustible source of fresh victories and miracles.

When we recall the great heroic spirit displayed by the victorious wartime generation, there is nothing that does not strike the world's people with wonder and move their hearts.

For the sake of the Party and the leader and to carry out the pledge they had made to the leader, the soldiers of the People's Army turned out without hesitation in do-or-die battles and displayed unyielding courage, looking up to the

Supreme Headquarters, even as they confronted death. With their indomitable mental strength they won battles in the war that have gone down in world legend.

Whenever I meet you, war veterans, I can vividly picture the arduous, dreadful image of the Fatherland Liberation War and the fierce hand-to-hand fighting against the enemy, and I wonder whether we are now struggling as the wartime warriors did.

I can only bow to the victors of those great years who gave full play to their indomitable and courageous mental strength in facing the most tremendous challenges and dangers.

Even though they rendered such brilliant service for the freedom and independence of their motherland and for the life of the coming generations, our victorious wartime generation has never demanded any reward for the blood they shed.

It was the victorious wartime generation who readily shouldered the weighty tasks of healing the wounds of war and rebuilding the country on the ruins.

Not only the warriors who had returned from the front, but also those who had fought undauntedly in the rear regarded it as their natural duty, their obligation and their responsibility to overcome the misfortune and suffering and to carry out at higher speed tasks scores of times greater than the norm by fulfilling the share of their fallen comrades-in-arms, mindful of their desire.

In response to the call of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung to display the mettle of Koreans in post-war

reconstruction by building bigger and more splendid things rather than simply restoring them, the victorious wartime generation launched the construction of an independent powerful country from scratch. By taking ten, even a hundred, steps while others were taking only one, they created new things from nothing and made the seemingly impossible, possible.

Thanks to the honourable builders who, in a battle against time, displayed fortitude with their belts still tightened, heroic Korea created the more brilliant image of Chollima Korea and completed the historic task of simultaneously promoting economic construction and strengthening national defence, which represented a shortcut to becoming a rich country with a strong army.

This great revolutionary generation created the splendid tradition of supporting the Party Central Committee absolutely and defending it with a revolutionary upsurge, a tradition of struggle which our Party and people have emulated from one decade to the next; they also cultivated the noble collectivist climate and communist human relations of one for all and all for one.

Thanks to the self-sacrificing and devoted struggle of the victorious wartime generation, the iron truth of Juche that it is possible to create a new life even on debris and to prosper as long as the people, the territory, the Party and the government exist, has been proved to be a brilliant reality.

In every decade of socialist construction, our war veterans and others who performed meritorious wartime

service, always remembering how they lived during the war years when they fought, shedding their blood and braving the hail of bullets and gunfire, have, while working steadfastly at their posts, led the rising generations to live and struggle in an upright and honourable way.

Such is the noble spiritual world of the victorious wartime generation, which we all respect and appreciate.

By inheriting the great heroic spirit of the victorious wartime generation, our Party and people have been able to overcome the arduous trials in the struggle to defend socialism, which were as challenging as several wars, and to perform with credit the great tasks facing the revolution.

The defenders and builders of the country in the 1950s, who safeguarded our glorious DPRK with honour and created an immortal heroic spirit that has to be carried forward generation by generation, are, indeed, our saviours and excellent teachers who deserve to be praised and emulated for generations to come.

Comrades,

As the descendants of the great victorious wartime generation, our people today and the new generations have a special sense of dignity and pride, the like of which cannot be found anywhere else in the world.

It is the honourable mission that has fallen on the descendants of the great victorious wartime generation to make the country, which was defended and built by their forerunners, stronger and eternally prosperous by brilliantly carrying forward the great tradition of victory and the heroic spirit which were created under the



leadership of the great leaders and the great Party.

A generation that is fully aware of this sacred, historic mission and duty will never degenerate or collapse, but will advance valiantly and resolutely.

Whenever we are faced with a new challenge and gigantic tasks, we are reminded of the older generation of the revolution, the victorious wartime generation, who faced, and coped with, challenges and tasks more formidable than the current ones.

Today, the difficulties and obstacles created by the unprecedented global health crisis and the protracted blockade are no less harsh for us than those in the wartime situation.

However, just as the victorious wartime generation displayed the greatest courage and brought about the greatest victory and honour in the face of the greatest national trial, so our generation, by carrying forward their fine tradition, will turn the present difficulties into a fresh, greater victory.

Even if we encounter even worse hardships on the road of building a powerful socialist country, we will never stop, but will rush determinedly forward towards the struggle objectives we set by carrying forward the heroic spirit of the victorious wartime generation.

We will, without fail, turn this land, for which the war martyrs dedicated their priceless lives and the war veterans have devoted their lifelong honest, patriotic efforts, into a prosperous and powerful country where all the people enjoy happiness and have nothing to envy.

To this end, our Party will make sure that the valuable ideological and spiritual wealth of the victorious wartime generation becomes ingrained in all the people, service personnel and rising generations, and is their sustenance in the course of their genuine life and struggle.

We will ensure that the staunch revolutionary spirit with which that generation placed absolute trust in our Party alone and carried out its decisions even at the cost of their lives, the death-defying spirit with which they never hesitated to sacrifice their lives with every confidence in their strength and ultimate victory when the country was at the crossroads of life or death, the indomitable fighting spirit with which they vigorously turned out in the rehabilitation and construction work braving hardships and difficulties, and the ennobling collectivist spirit with which they created a fresh socialist way of life by supporting and caring for one another even in the teeth of adversity, remain alive and pulsate in today's struggle and life.

We will ensure that no one ever forgets the history of brilliant victory and struggle in the Fatherland Liberation War, of post-war rehabilitation and of the era of the grand Chollima upsurge, all of which are an outstanding textbook of ardent patriotism, that every workplace and military post resounds at all times with wartime songs and songs of creation and construction, and that fresh miracles and exploits are constantly created amid the practical struggle for implementing the Party's policies.

Dear comrade war veterans,

With the historic Eighth Party Congress as the momentum, the cause of building socialism of our own style has entered a new dynamic era and the whole country is vibrant with a soaring spirit.

Our revolutionary armed forces are fully prepared to cope with any change in the situation and any threat, and are standing firmly at the outposts of national defence and socialist construction. At the same time they are building up their might and becoming eternally invincible by dint of their heroic combat spirit and ennobling political and moral traits.

Tens of thousands of members of the younger generation are carrying forward the excellent spirit and mettle of the victorious wartime generation by volunteering to work on various fronts at the call of the Party.

The gains of the revolution the victorious wartime generation won at the cost of their blood remain strong, and the future of our state and our socialist cause is bright.

Even if you do nothing more than remain healthy, it is a great inspiration to our Party and people and a great encouragement for our revolution.

On the occasion of the 68<sup>th</sup> anniversary of victory in the great Fatherland Liberation War, I extend once again my heartfelt thanks to our precious war veterans and others who performed meritorious wartime service, and wish every one of you long life in good health.

The great heroic spirit of the victorious wartime generation will shine for ever and be carried forward powerfully.

Long live the great July 27 Victory Day!  
Long live our great motherland, the Democratic  
People's Republic of Korea!

## **Our Combatants in the Fatherland Liberation War Are Our Republic's Most Heroic Generation**

Speech at the Celebration of the 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of the Great Victory in the War  
*July 27, Juche 111 (2022)*

Esteemed comrade veterans of the Fatherland Liberation War,

Comrade lecturers and officials engaged in the management of revolutionary artefacts and sites associated with the victorious war, service personnel, and students from universities and revolutionary schools present on this significant occasion, along with our revolutionary elders,

Dear Pyongyang citizens,

Dear people,

Comrades,

Today is July 27, Victory Day, which we are greeting once again with a sense of great pride and cherished remembrance.

Although as many as 25 203 days have passed since this epoch-making miracle was achieved, our delight and glory in victory in the war remain just as they have always been. Today, as in every year, we are experiencing these same feelings once again, along with boundless emotion and pride.

Comrades,

I offer you warm congratulations on this great Victory Day, which is a source of such lasting glory and honour for our motherland.

Esteemed comrade war veterans,

The country's situation is difficult, and recently we have been experiencing a public health crisis. But you have maintained your precious physical health. I am very grateful for this.

Thank you, indeed.

Comrades,

At this moment the whole country is recollecting the glorious lives of the martyrs of the Korean People's Army and the other revolutionary martyrs who dedicated their youth and lives in defence of the sovereignty and honour of their motherland. We pay noble tribute to them all, and pray for the immortality of their great souls and spirit.

Countless war martyrs, both sung and unsung, have left us, and many war veterans cannot be with us here. But they are all living in the embrace of the country they defended at the cost of their blood and lives, and are marking this glorious evening together with us.

In the hope that you, comrade war veterans, will live in good health and that a conference of war veterans as glorious as this one will always be held, I, on behalf of the Workers' Party of Korea and the government, pay noble tribute to the victors of the 1950s who gave our people the privilege and infinite honour of celebrating the great victory in the war year after year. I also extend warm greetings to

the war veterans and others across the country noted for their meritorious wartime service, who laid the foundations for the existence and development of our socialist state and who are still giving us encouragement as our spiritual pillars.

My gratitude also goes to the families of the war veterans and to all others who are working heart and soul to preserve the health and lives of the war veterans.

I would also like to avail myself of this opportunity to pay noble tribute to the martyrs of the Chinese People's Volunteers who shed their precious blood without hesitation, sharing their destiny with our soldiers and people in the same trenches in the fight against the imperialists' aggression. I also send warm greetings to the veterans of the Chinese People's Volunteers.

Comrades,

Of all the significant and auspicious holidays of our state, July 27 is a particularly proud one, in that we are celebrating victory.

For any country and people, there is no more honourable and splendid source of glory and pride than victory in a do-or-die struggle.

The Fatherland Liberation War was, for our Republic, a struggle for defending the existence of its territory and people, as well as a fierce confrontation, the first of its kind after the Second World War, between two poles—the democratic camp and the imperialist camp.

The fact that the US imperialists hurled not only their own forces but also significant numbers of troops from its vassal states to the Korean front shows the fierce nature and

international character of the Korean war.

The young army of the newly-founded, two-year-old Republic, in confronting the imperialist aggressive army of the United States, the most ferocious army on Earth, and its vassal forces, faced nearly impossible odds.

However, as is recorded properly in history, the arrogant aggressive ambition of the United States to occupy our territory at a stroke and expand the sphere of its influence was met at its first step with an unprecedentedly powerful counterattack and outstanding bravery. After three years of desperate fighting, the signing of an armistice agreement completely frustrated this ambition.

The military capability of the US imperialists and their allies sustained a serious defeat in this war.

We defended the dignity, honour and sovereignty of our Republic, protected the environment for our state's independent development, checked the ambition of the US imperialists for world supremacy, and safeguarded peace for mankind by preventing a new world war. Herein lies the great significance of the Fatherland Liberation War in the history of our nation and the world history of warfare.

The great victory in the Fatherland Liberation War when, in the eastern half of the globe, we staunchly defended the most dangerous frontline in the anti-imperialist struggle, was a victory for defenders over aggressors, a victory for justice and the progressive over injustice and the reactionary, and a victory of great significance in human history. It proved the iron truth that no aggressors, however strong and superior they may be,



can overwhelm an army and people that are determined to resist to the last.

Those who wrought this legendary miracle are none other than you, the war veterans present here, and the numerous comrades-in-arms you still remember.

The numerous battles the brave defenders of the country fought under a hail of bullets and bombs during the war gave rise to the priceless glory of victory. The flag of our Republic, which they held in the vanguard of the advance and which was made redder by the precious blood of the sons and daughters of heroic Korea, became known to the whole world as a symbol of courage, victory and justice and as an immortal banner of the anti-imperialist struggle.

Comrades,

The unyielding spirit of the war veterans, who rose up without hesitation to face the crisis of a life-or-death war in the country's grimmest days, is felt more keenly now when the country is experiencing difficulties.

As everyone well knows, our combatants in the Fatherland Liberation War were ordinary young men and women. But they were also the laudable sons and daughters of the nation, who became anything but ordinary in the battles to defend their country.

Though unpretentious at their workplaces and schools, they had the courage to volunteer for military service and confront the aggressor army of the US imperialist aggressors. This was because they firmly believed in their Party and government and were convinced that they were sure to be victorious, and because they had a strong

determination to safeguard their rights as the masters of their new country and new life.

With love for their benevolent system, home towns, workplaces, parents and siblings, and with hatred for the enemy that was trying to deprive them of all these, our soldiers stoutly overcame the grim trials and heartrending pain of loss and, by displaying unrivalled mass heroism, struck terror and despair in the hearts of the brutal, heinous invaders.

The great Fatherland Liberation War clearly showed that something miraculous can be created when a people, however unpretentious and ordinary, defy death in defence of what belongs to them.

Even after defending the dignity and honour, the territory and sovereignty of their country at the cost of their blood, our war veterans continued to work selflessly, steadfastly, honestly and with devotion for their country throughout their lives, creating a model of a patriotic life for posterity. Herein lie the true features—the ennobling traits—of a human being, which can be found only in them.

Our priceless socialist system and the great, ever-stronger state we have today would be unthinkable were it not for the imperishable feats of the combatants in the Fatherland Liberation War, both sung and unsung, and the pure, devoted service of the victorious wartime generation.

The war veterans are, truly, our most heroic generation as they laid an unbreakable foundation for our Republic in the face of the upheavals of history, and they are models

for the great, unyielding Korean people.

The loyalty, courage and patriotism you have demonstrated throughout your lives are now pulsating in the hearts of our tens of millions of people. Because our revolution has in its genes such great and excellent features, created in the flames of the grim war in the 1950s, it is able to carve out its cause indomitably by its own efforts down through the generations, without succumbing to any setback or retreating, however severe the difficulties.

Comrades,

For us, Victory Day is much more than a day of celebration commemorating and reflecting on a chapter of heroic resistance.

This day serves as a valuable and significant occasion for us to judge whether we can proudly say, before the embodiment and witnesses of history who brought about the greatest victory in the harshest and grimmest of times, that our current struggle has inherited our great traditions, as well as for us to renew our confidence and courage, passion and mettle.

We are now entrusted with the heavy historic duty of exalting to the heights in the current era the brilliant glory and honour of our state achieved by the victorious wartime generation 70 years ago, and of ensuring that they are inherited stoutly by the next generation.

Just as the victorious wartime generation did, so we should exert ourselves ceaselessly for the next generation.

Consolidating the nation's defence capability further on the strength of the heroic spirit displayed during the war is

a fundamental guarantee for defending the national interests of the Republic and its independent development.

Our revolution stands in sharp confrontation with the United States which, ever since the Fatherland Liberation War, has bluntly subjected us to regular nuclear threats. Against this historical backdrop we must, above all else, raise our state's self-defence capability to an appropriate level. We have achieved this urgent historic task through an arduous struggle.

Our Republic has firmly safeguarded socialism and built up a formidable self-defensive strategic potential throughout nearly 70 years of fierce confrontation with the United States since the war. This is a victory which is not inferior to, and even greater than, that in the Fatherland Liberation War.

However, we must not rest on our laurels.

The United States, which did the gravest harm to our nation in its modern history, is persisting with its dangerous hostile acts against our Republic.

The United States, while instigating the south Korean authorities to provoke suicidal confrontation with the DPRK on the pretext of solidifying their "alliance," is continuing to spread groundless rumours of a "threat" from us, in pursuit of its own military confrontation with us.

It is the habitual policy approach employed by the United States to fabricate such rumours and spread them so as to make them sound plausible, and then to use them as justification for its attempts to intimidate us.

Just as they have always done, the US imperialists have

recently been assiduously spreading rumours against the DPRK in the international arena, describing our state as the “main culprit” in undermining regional stability, and as a “dangerous state.”

The United States, while describing all the normal actions of our armed forces as “provocations” and “threats,” is openly waging large-scale joint war games. These are a grave threat to the security of our state. Such double-dealing behaviour—akin to that of a gangster—is driving DPRK-US relations to the extreme, to the point of fierce collision, a course which will be impossible to reverse.

The US imperialists are obsessed with demonizing our state by manipulating international understanding and opinion of it. This stereotypical approach is designed to camouflage their aggressive nature as the enemy of world peace, and to justify their unlawful, hostile policy.

I have made it clear before that we should be ready both for negotiations and for confrontation—although more fully for confrontation—if we are to guarantee the security of our state.

The arrogant nature of the US imperialists remains unchanged.

We must confront the US imperialists to the last, on the strength of our ideology and arms.

I reaffirm that the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea is fully prepared to cope with any kind of military clash with the United States.

If the United States continues with its attempts to impair

the image of our state and seriously infringe on our security and fundamental interests, it will face even greater anxiety and crises.

The government of our Republic takes this opportunity to send a serious warning to the south Korean conservative regime and its hawks, who are going to ridiculous lengths in their acquisitiveness and claims of strength, having positioned themselves in the vanguard in implementing the US's hostile policy towards the DPRK.

Even tonight, at this very moment when fireworks are lighting up the night sky in celebration of Victory Day, the hideous warmongers and rogues on the land south of the 250-kilometre-long front line, in a great military frenzy, are perpetrating various military schemes designed to threaten our state.

The south Korean conservative regime, which took office this year, is guilty of pursuing appalling policies of confrontation towards their fellow countrymen, as well as acts of worshipping major countries and selling out the nation. These policies and acts, which surpass anything committed by previous conservative regimes, are driving the situation on the Korean peninsula to the brink of war.

The new south Korean regime has designated our government and army as their "archenemy." Obsessed with the unwarranted fear that they must prepare to confront their fellow countrymen, they are raising the pitch of their malicious voices and resorting to every manner of evil and unjustified acts.

They are brazenly advocating "peace based on strength"

and “security based on strength.” Putting up a bold front, they are claiming that they would not hesitate to launch a “preemptive strike” to neutralize our war deterrent.

South Korea is now working more frantically to develop weapons and strengthen its defence industry. Its aim is to mitigate even a little of its military inferiority as compared with ours. It is planning to bring in large numbers of strategic nuclear weapons from the United States and, under various pretexts, is stepping up its war drills.

However, we should recognize that the increasingly frequent boasts by the south Korean authorities with regard to their security, and their recent shameful conduct of various hues, are a product of their inevitable sense of unease at having to live under the nose of a nuclear state.

The various boasts of the south Korean authorities may be designed to reassure their people of how reliable and steel-strong are their security and advanced military strength. But I see them only as a sign of fear and helplessness.

Having established the concept of what they call the “Korean-style three-axis system,” the south Korean authorities are making frantic efforts to promote their core fighting capability. But south Korea has no alternative other than to accept their military inferiority to us as their fate—a situation it will never be able to retrieve.

It reveals an unreasonable and highly dangerous, self-destructive attitude to talk about military action against our state, which possesses the ultimate weapons they fear the most.

If the south Korean regime and military ruffians are considering confronting us militarily and think that they can neutralize or destroy elements of our military forces preemptively by resorting to some special military means and methods,

They are making a grave mistake!

Any such dangerous move will be punished at once by a powerful force, and the Yoon Suk Yeol regime and its army will be annihilated.

The conservative regime in south Korea must admit before it is too late that it went too far right at the beginning, and that it should think seriously about any actions that may invite danger on itself.

We clearly remember the things Yoon Suk Yeol has said and done on several occasions before and after taking office.

We have also listened to the recent reckless remarks made by some military ruffians in south Korea, and are observing every significant military action they conduct with the United States.

We can no longer sit back and watch as Yoon Suk Yeol and his military gangsters commit such misdemeanours and follies.

If they continue to commit such acts as to aggravate the military tension by constantly picking a quarrel with our exercising of the right to self-defence and to threaten our security by invoking robber's logic, they will pay dearly.

They are being called a president with his head on the block and a regime exposed to extreme peril, and if they



are to throw off this stigma, they must act with greater prudence and think before they speak. They would also be well advised to refrain from criticizing us now and then. Otherwise, not dealing with us at all may be a better option for them.

Comrades,

Our armed forces are now fully prepared to cope with any crisis, and our state's nuclear war deterrent is also fully ready to demonstrate its ultimate power precisely and promptly, true to its mission.

I affirm that the safety of this land and the system and sovereignty of this country which you, war veterans, defended at the cost of your blood, are fully guaranteed by a more powerful self-defence capability and stout spirit.

We will grow stronger.

The government of our Republic will safeguard our state, people and sovereignty by dint of our ever-growing, comprehensive military capability and our resolute anti-imperialist, anti-US spirit and approach to the south and the enemy.

The situation for our revolution demands a more rapid change in our military capability, if we are to overpower and crush more thoroughly the enemy's desperate manoeuvres towards expansion of armaments and its dangerous military provocations. In order to carry out this historic task responsibly, our Party Central Committee has recently identified the tasks and strategy for developing our national self-defence capability, and is leading the effort for their correct implementation.

War is a merciless conflict between forces. Victory, though, always awaits the side that possesses sincere love and a strong faith. This truth is immutable, even in today's warfare in which a full array of state-of-the-art military technology is enlisted.

Our People's Army will keep channelling its main efforts into displaying to the full its political and ideological superiority, which is the source of its might and invincibility. In this way, it will grow into the world's strongest army—one that demonstrates its formidable strike power with a steadfast revolutionary spirit, unrivalled courage, and indefatigable fighting spirit.

Just as the victorious wartime generation did, so all the people should link their personal joys and sorrows to the destiny of the country, brave every hardship on the way of their advance with the spirit of wholehearted commitment to the patriotic road, and work for socialist construction with an unyielding will.

When we achieve innovations and successes at our posts and workplaces through a conscientious display of class consciousness, always mindful that the anti-imperialist class struggle is a struggle for defending not only our destiny but also our country, we will be able to step up our creation and construction and deal heavier blows to the hostile forces.

Those who must splendidly inherit the heroic spirit of the victorious wartime generation and adorn the country's future with great victories, are none other than our rising generations.

Our Party and government will always give priority to preparing the millions of young people to be ardent revolutionaries and patriotic fighters who will stoutly carry forward the spiritual baton passed to them by the combatants in the Fatherland Liberation War.

Like the war veterans who demonstrated the way to act with courage in the theatres of war and defend their national flag, young people should all devote their burning hearts on the sacred road of national defence. They should also glorify theirs as another heroic era by performing miracles and labour feats with their youthful passion and mass heroism on all fronts of socialist construction.

The lecturers and officials across the country responsible for managing the revolutionary artefacts and sites associated with the victorious war must fulfil their responsibilities and duties as powerful disseminators and educators who implant in all the people, service personnel and rising generations the outstanding exploits of Comrade Kim Il Sung and our Party that led the country to victory in the war and the heroic fighting spirit of its defenders in the 1950s.

Comrades,

Time passes and rivers and mountains change. When one generation is replaced by another, a single living organism with inexhaustible vitality is formed that is connected by a heroic fighting spirit—this is the source of the indomitable strength that is unique to our state and people.

Our Republic, which invariably carries forward the

history and traditions of the great victory in the war, will be ever-victorious.

The exploits of the combatants in the Fatherland Liberation War, who saved our state and nation and defended their future in the grimmest years, will remain forever, along with our Republic that will be eternally prosperous.

Esteemed comrade war veterans,

By carrying forward the souls and spirit of the heroic wartime generation and struggling more powerfully and bravely, we will build without fail a powerful and prosperous socialist paradise on this land which you defended.

I say once again: Even if you do nothing more than remain healthy, that will be a great encouragement to us.

I ask you once again to take care of your health, and I sincerely wish every one of you a long life.

Comrades,

Long live our great July 27!

Long live the Democratic People's Republic of Korea,  
our glorious motherland!

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