

In November and January, Trump laid out his National Security Strategy and National Defense Strategy, which plays to his working class middle class base of xenophobic narrow nationalists who feel repressed by big government. However, from his first administration into the second, Trump makes it blatantly clear that the America he wants to "Make Great Again" is precisely the ruling elite - the US monopoly capitalists who have aligned with him and are helping eradicate the last semblances of bourgeois democracy to steer the country towards outright fascism.

Trump's fascist domestic strategy is mirrored by an international strategy of rejecting the so-called "rules-based order" that past US regimes relied upon to sit at the helm of the global economy during the Cold War and in the two decades of unipolar US hegemony following the Cold War. The US has overstretched itself as a global hegemon - waging imperialist wars to grab more natural resources and gain access to labor power abroad such as in the case of Venezuela, Cuba, Iran, and Palestine. In Asia and the Pacific, Trump continues Obama's "Pivot to Asia" announced in 2009 to counter the US' biggest threat - China's economic rise and geopolitical positioning.

A powerful anti-war movement in the US is linked internationally to the people fighting back against US-led war and imperialist plunder in the global south. In the Philippines, the people are waging a revolution against U.S. imperialism, bureaucrat capitalism, and feudalism. The revolution is a stumbling block to the U.S.'s war with China, as both the U.S. and the Philippine governments know that if the Philippines send their troops abroad, the Filipino people's democratic revolution will advance and free the people from their shackles. We celebrate and honor the sacrifice of the thousands of red fighters.

Today, People Organizing for Philippine Solidarity (POPS) join the Filipino people in celebrating the 57th anniversary of the founding of the New People's Army!

On March 29th in 1969, under the leadership of the Communist Party of the Philippines, the NPA was founded to drive forward the goals of the Filipino people -- towards National Democracy with a socialist perspective. The NPA protects and fights for the people through armed struggle, a crucial component of the fight for sovereignty against U.S. Imperialism, Bureaucrat Capitalism and Feudalism. The NPA represents an essential defense for Filipino peasants in the countryside, as they face near constant attacks from the armed forces of the Philippines (AFP), including bombings, strafing, and military surveillance. Armed struggle against the fascist enemy is not the only way in which the NPA provides for the people. The NPA red fighters are always with the masses, providing necessities to survive and thrive: through production, healthcare, education and much more.

In the past year, the NPA has advanced the armed struggle in the countryside. There were over 100 encounters with the fascist enemy. 66 NPA fighters were martyred last year, while over 133 of the fascist enemy troops perished. On March 8th, a unit of the NPA destroyed the farming equipment of an exploitative company who pays their farmworkers far below the already insufficient minimum wage. The NPA continues to carry out the CPP's rectification plan, deepening and expanding the mass base, helping the masses in advancing their anti-feudal and antifascist struggles, and invigorating their support and participation in the armed struggle. The NPA is made up of all kinds of people from all walks of life: peasants, workers, teachers, nurses, youth, women, fisherfolks, etc. We honor their sacrifice, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The story of Dee Supelanas (Ka Daisy), who was martyred last year, is exemplary of the NPA's spirit. As a trans woman in the Philippines, she was prohibited to wear the clothes she preferred and had to cut her long hair short while attending Catholic school. Before serving as a Red fighter, Supelanas was an activist and student leader at UP-Cebu. She led campaigns for education, social services, democratic rights, and resistance against tyranny and fascism; she joined the New People's Army (NPA) during the pandemic. "Even before I joined the unit, comrades were oriented about my gender. They had study meetings about the LGBT struggle," said Ka Daisy in an interview with Ang Bayan in 2023. She was martyred on April 27 in Barangay Tapi, Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental along with 6 other fighters. "As an LGBT youth, our role is important in advancing the revolution. To change society's perception, we need to transform society itself," Ka Daisy said in the interview.

Let us take Ka Daisy's words to heart and continue to fight to transform society! Today, we celebrate with all the people of the Philippines the waging of the NPA's unwavering revolution, and their persistence in fighting for the people. They have been fighting for 57 years, and they are prepared to fight for as long as it takes to free the people!

The opportunity is ripe to grow the mass movement against US imperialist war. Across different classes, sectors and issues, people can be drawn into the struggle by linking the US' neglect of people's basic needs to the prioritization of war. Students are faced with limited options to continue paying for higher education or serving in the military or becoming ICE agents. Many education fields are also geared towards working for war profiteers or surveillance. Migrants are forced from their homelands as their countries are ravaged by US wars of aggression and corporate plunder. Workers experience the brunt of the economic crisis and have a central role to play in strengthening the anti-war movement in the US. Join FFPS as we to build more solidarity for the Filipino People's struggle for national and social liberation!

U.S. out of the Philippines! U.S. out of Iran! U.S. out of Cuba! U.S. out of Venezuela! U.S. out of Palestine! U.S. out of everywhere!