

Bjorn Handeen's remarks in favor of a Kootenai County GOP Central Committee resolution calling for the USA to extricate itself from the NATO alliance. Motion passed 23-17 on Feb. 23, 2016:

" ...This all comes down to one question: Do we have a nation anymore, or do we not?

We are in this entangling alliance with this super-national government, and it gives very little benefit to our people. In fact, as more countries in Europe turn Islamic, this question will become more and more pressing.

Right now, Turkey expects cooperation from its NATO allies in combating the YPG, a Kurdish militia supported by both the US and Russia. This week Turkey began shelling the YPG in Aleppo because the Islamists who control the city of Aleppo have had their Turkish supply lines cut off by the YPG. The defeat of the Turkish supported Islamist militia in Aleppo and thus the defeat to Turkish designs in Syria is close at hand.

We have no idea what Turkey may do, but I know there is no legal or moral justification to continue to allow ISIS to benefit from our military alliance with their sponsor state.

I understand that some people with misplaced historic grievances may ignore, or just be blind, to these arguments because of some vague notions that NATO is still important as a counter to Russia or China.

But why fool yourself? Any countering can and must be done by us, not NATO. They need us, we don't need them.

What are the NATO accomplishments since the end of the cold war?:

- NATO destabilized North Africa via Libya. Libya is now a failed state with a rapidly growing ISIS presence.
- NATO was key to establishing an Islamic nation of Kosovo, which is now a money laundering, criminal government in the heart of central Europe.
 - That war by the way, waged against Christian Serbia, who were fighting Islamists, is what first internationalized the mujahideen. Before the Clinton war on Serbia, undeclared and illegal, but through NATO, the mujahideen were content to fight in their own backyards in Central Asia. The NATO- Serb War helped the mujahideen go international.
- NATO has become a favored vehicle for warfare instigated by US executive branch dictate with disregard for legislative approval...."