

A Christmas Present

This piece is going to be short, and I hope sweet as far as you're concerned. If you haven't done it yet, read Richard Falk's "Why I Love the Vietnam Syndrome," which came out in Counterpunch Magazine on September 30. It touches both on American militarism in general and the Ukraine War in particular. Its last sentence, which gets to the heart of the matter, is especially accurate and telling, and makes this piece the best on its subjects which I have read so far.

Once you've read it, start figuring out what you'll do with what you've learned, especially now that we know what the next Congress will look like and can guess how the Biden administration might respond. After all, the next State of the Union Address is not too far ahead.

As a bonus, here's another bit. One hundred score years ago, there was a family of poor refugees who fled violence in their own country and took refuge in another, because their newborn son was in immediate danger of being killed. Does that remind you of what is going on at our southern border right now? We celebrate that newborn's birthday every December 25.

And so, a fervent wish for Peace on Earth. May your days be merry and bright, and may 2023 be far happier than 2022.