

Protect our defence and security - Vote to Leave the EU



Brussels plans EU army



According to Colonel Richard Kemp Britain would be forced to join an EU army within five to 10 years if people vote to Remain in the EU.

"An EU army is inevitable. As the EU has declared, it is moving to ever closer union, it intends to become a fully fledged superstate. That's the plan."

"We would essentially be giving up our right to sovereign self-defence. Control of the EU army would not rest with us but in a collective EU decision."

"There would never be consensus for an EU military operation to retake the Falklands. It could not happen."

Colonel Richard Kemp

Vote to **LEAVE** the EU on Thursday 23rd June

EU Militarisation

The Ministry of Defence is becoming reliant on other EU countries for military equipment.

- They are purchasing French artillery, that fires German shells.
- German firms are supplying battlefield radar, built in Sweden, Germany and even Italy.
- Our military vehicles are now built in Sweden.

Surely they should be built in the UK.

- Britain is buying military transports and drones from the French, firing French-made missiles.
- Three aircraft carriers are to be shared between the Royal Navy and France, the French firm Thales is leading their design and build.
- The UK may even rely on purchasing its small arms from the Belgians.

Britain should defend its own defence industry.

The founding myth of the EU is that it prevented war between France and Germany after 1945.

The Schuman Principles of equality in reconciliation – between victor and vanquished - to build peace are good. But that was back in the 1950's. Today, the EU does not apply those same principles. Today's EU is a betrayal of those virtues. After the cold war the EU grabbed the spoils of war and lorded it over others as if Schuman had never lived. As the EU expands ever eastwards, taking over more countries, it shows contempt towards its neighbours. The EU insists on expanding its power and shows hostility towards those that do want to live under its control.

Blair, Cameron, Hague, Juncker, Mandelson and their friends, are the out of touch people that want more EU control over both Britain and other European countries. That could mean more catastrophic adventures like in Iraq and Libya. EU expansion will drag Britain into conflicts caused by the EU; whose militarisation could trigger a new cold-war.

We do not want the EU bringing that back. It is not in the interests of Britain, it is the opposite of peace and stability. When the EU's supporters talk about EU security, they are attempting to justify the EU's provocations, expansion, militarisation and its growing belligerence. We think that peaceful progress is a better way forward. We suspect that Brussels is seeking out external enemies to force an internal unity.

The EU of tomorrow is dangerous; it is not the organisation that they claim built peace in yesterday's Europe.

Tomorrow's EU will have an army of its own. We cannot be part of that:

- The EU says that the purpose is to project its power beyond its borders, like an empire of old.
- An EU army will replace the democratic power of the nation state.
 We will just be vassals of Brussels.
- EU military forces could be used to impose its rule over dissenting popular movements for reform in Southern Europe and perhaps beyond.

EU control over defence policy

The EU's High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy has the authority to propose EU military missions. Currently the UK benefits from its permanent seat on the UN's Security Council. However, this can be taken by the EU.

Other EU states can invoke defence clause 42.7 to embroil the UK into their armed conflicts.

EU controlling military technology

The EU is mandating that our armed forces follow the technical standards of the EU Military Staff, the European Union Force (EUFOR), Eurocorps, the European Gendarmerie Force, European Maritime Force and the EU Battlegroups, the EU's emerging army. Britain's forces will have to work alongside the EU's military.

This will mean the UK's armed forces will only be able to operate alongside those of other EU states with the movement of military products controlled by the EU.

EU military satellites

The EU's satellite navigation system, known as the Galileo program, is not only a major drain on the UK taxpayer costing Britain billions of pounds. It has no practical use that cannot be secured from existing systems, the only purpose must be to coordinate EU military missions.

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The European Union



The EU has already established

- Frontex, a border force that is being deployed to nation states, such as Greece.
- The EU's Common Foreign Policy is trying to interfere in other countries.
- Our armed forces are being standardized by the European Defence Agency so they can be controlled by the FU.

This is just the start.

The EU is planning to create an EU army.

A vote to remain will be taken as consent for more EU power grabs. Next our defence and security will be taken over by the EU.

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