

# Addicted to War

## Why the U.S. Can't Kick Militarism

### Joel Andreas

*Addicted to War* takes on the most active, powerful, and destructive military in the world.

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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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—Father Roy Bourgeois, founder of School of the Americas Watch

"This book analyzes why men are addicted to fighting and killing—an addiction that could, in this the nuclear age, destroy all life on earth, creating the final epidemic of the human race."

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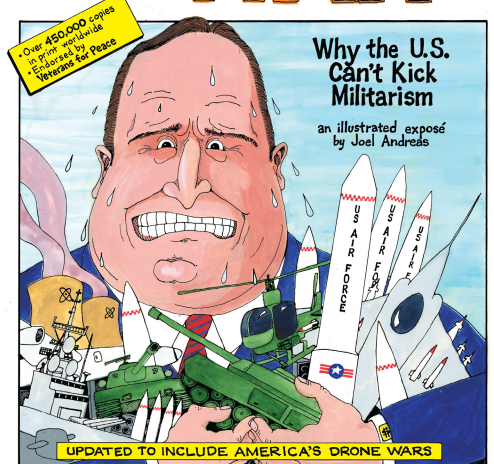
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