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Trump and Putin Shared 'Warm' Memories of Russia-U.S. Alliance in WWII, Kremlin Official Says

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U.S. President Donald Trump and Russia's Vladimir Putin expressed regret over the decline in U.S.-Russia relations during their phone call this week, while also reflecting on their countries' World War II alliance, a senior Kremlin official said Tuesday.

"The leaders spoke at length and warmly about how our countries were allies during World War II against Nazi Germany and militarist Japan," said Russian presidential aide Yury Ushakov, according to state-run news agency TASS.

"Trump remembers this brotherhood in arms and said with regret that our countries are not only no longer together, but very far apart due to strange circumstances," he added.

Ushakov also said Trump was "deeply impressed" by the Soviet Union's wartime losses — an estimated 27 million deaths. The comment followed criticism from Russian officials after

Trump claimed the U.S. “did more than any other country… in producing a victorious result on World War II.”

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“Trump shared [with Putin] that many in America simply don’t believe him, but the fact remains that Russians sacrificed their lives more than anyone else,” the aide was quoted as saying.

The two leaders said their call on Monday “went very well” and was “substantive and quite candid,” but did not mention the World War II discussion in public statements. It was their third conversation since Trump’s inauguration in January.

Putin rejected calls for a 30-day ceasefire, instead proposing a “memorandum” with Ukraine that could form the basis of a future peace agreement. Trump said after the call that Russian-Ukrainian talks would begin “immediately.”

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