

Membership Application Form

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Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State, ZIP _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Signature: _____

Full Member Associate Member

Military service:

Years: _____

Branch: _____

Rank: _____

Please send a copy of your DD 214 or other proof of military service!

Annual National Dues

- U.S. Armed Forces Members currently on active duty - VFP dues waived for 1 year.
- \$25 Regular Dues
- \$50 Supporting Dues
(\$50 or more gets a free copy of the book "Addicted to War" by Joel Andreas.)
- \$100 Sustaining Dues
- \$1000 Lifetime Membership
- I want to be a monthly sustainer for \$_____ (We will contact you by phone to set up a monthly payment plan.)

Make checks payable to:
Veterans For Peace
216 S. Meramec Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63105

Statement of Purpose

We, having dutifully served our nation, do hereby affirm our greater responsibility to serve the cause of world peace. To this end we will work, with others:

- (a) Toward increasing public awareness of the costs of war
- (b) To restrain our government from intervening, overtly and covertly, in the internal affairs of other nations
- (c) To end the arms race and to reduce and eventually eliminate nuclear weapons
- (d) To seek justice for veterans and victims of war
- (e) To abolish war as an instrument of national policy.

To achieve these goals, members of Veterans For Peace pledge to use non-violent means and to maintain an organization that is both democratic and open with the understanding that all members are trusted to act in the best interests of the group for the larger purpose of world peace.

We urge all people who share this vision to join us.



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VETERANS FOR PEACE



**WORKING TOGETHER
FOR
PEACE & JUSTICE
SINCE 1985**

VETERANS FOR PEACE NEEDS YOU !

Veterans For Peace (VFP) is a national organization of men and women veterans of all eras, many of whom served in WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf and Iraq wars and other military conflicts.

We draw on our personal experiences and perspectives gained as veterans to raise public awareness of the true costs and consequences of militarism and war - and to seek peaceful, effective alternatives.

Some major areas of concern and involvement are:

WAR IN IRAQ: When our government threatened invasion, we conducted public forums, met with elected representatives and participated in marches to express our opposition. As the war began, we gathered in Washington, DC, with other veterans groups for Operation Dire Distress. Since then, we joined together with Military Families Speak Out and others in the Bring Them Home Now campaign and supported recently returned vets who formed the Iraq Veterans Against the War. Local chapters continue to conduct educational forums, demonstrations and ongoing Iraq memorial displays, such as Arlington West, to remember the growing human cost of the war, to end the occupation and to bring our troops home now!

AND AT HOME: Members and chapters actively participate in efforts to save VA healthcare and defend of veterans' rights; to protect our civil liberties threatened by the "Patriot Act" and other repressive legislation; to provide counseling through the GI Rights Hotline to active duty military needing assistance; and providing alternative information to counter military recruiters in the schools.

VIETNAM: VFP has worked with other Vietnam veterans to bring medical supplies, help build clinics, hospitals, and schools, advocate for Agent Orange victims and promote reconciliation and friendship between our two countries and peoples.

SOA WATCH: Each year VFP members from across the country go to Fort Benning, Georgia, to demonstrate for the closing of the Army's infamous School of the Americas, a training center for thousands of soldiers from

repressive regimes in Latin America with long records of human rights abuses.

KOREA: After revelations of the massacres of civilians by American soldiers during the Korean War, we sent several fact-finding delegations to investigate these allegations and bring the hidden history of that war before the public. Today we continue to work for an end to that conflict through our Korea Peace Campaign.

VIEQUES: Along with other veteran and community groups, we actively supported the people of Puerto Rico in their struggle to end the US Navy's six decades of bombing and shelling on the island municipality of Vieques. We continue to support current efforts for cleaning up the environment and return of the land to the people of Vieques.

COLOMBIA: VFP sent fact-finding delegations to this violence-torn land and educated U.S. citizens to the US military involvement, the murder of union leaders by paramilitaries and other human rights abuses, including the harmful effects of chemical defoliants used in the "war on drugs".

CENTRAL AMERICA: In the 1980s, we opposed US sponsored wars and continue to support people struggling for their rights and dignity. We regularly send election observers to Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador in support of justice and peace.

Veterans For Peace was founded in 1985, as a non-profit 501c3 educational organization and recognized as a United Nations Non-Governmental Organization in 1990. Chapters and members are active in communities throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. National conventions are held annually and members communicate through quarterly newsletters as well as daily list-serve news, on line discussions groups and the national and many chapter websites.

**We urge all veterans, family members and supporters to join us.
SIGN UP TODAY!**

Membership Classification

Full Membership

Full members are U.S. military veterans or veterans of a foreign nation residing in the U.S. They may also be merchant marines or other U.S. citizens who have served in a professional capacity with or in service to the U.S. armed forces in an area and during a period of war, conflict or other hostile activity.

Full members must submit a copy of their military discharge, DD-214 or other form of acceptable documentation for verification and filing.

Full members must subscribe to the purpose, goals and ideals of VFP, and pay national dues.

All members of the U.S. Armed Forces on **active duty** who wish to join Veterans For Peace will be given **free membership for one year** while on active duty.

Associate Membership

Associate members are non-veterans and are entitled to all the rights and privileges of full members except: (a) voting for and holding office at the national level, and (b) holding office of president or vice-president at the chapter level.

Associate members are encouraged to attend chapter meetings and national conventions and may vote on all resolutions.

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The Arlington West memorial, erected by Veterans For Peace in Santa Barbara, CA, honors fallen U.S. soldiers in Iraq.