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I was sent to Oak Knoll Naval Hospital in Oakland, California, where I took care of guys coming back from Vietnam. I heard their stories, heard how they were trained to be killers and trained to hate people who looked different. They were young; they were 18, 20 years old. It became more and more obvious to me as I watched them get physically better, that I couldn't heal them psychologically, and I certainly couldn't heal their souls. And I thought, "I've become a part of the military. I need to do something about this, and we need to end this war."

—Susan Schnall

Navy nurse, dismissed by the Navy for leading antiwar protests.

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Exposing the True Costs of War & Militarism Since 1985



Building Peace at Home and Peace Abroad

As individuals who care deeply about justice and peace, we recognize the power of community united. Veterans, active duty, and allies working together and supporting one another have the power to do great things.

Veterans For Peace heals the wounds of war and addresses the social and environmental problems caused by militarism and the U.S. military. Motivated by our own experiences, we raise our voices and often put our bodies on the line—from Standing Rock to Ferguson and even overseas—to stand for peace and justice and increase public awareness of the causes and enormous costs of war both at home and abroad.

**Veterans,
active duty,
and allies
welcome!**



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‘Service Before Self’ was drilled into our heads as Air Force recruits as a virtue of good leaders. Yet all I see is U.S. politicians serving their interests and those of the billionaire class. Fortunately, Veterans For Peace exists to push back against U.S. empire and provide support to its members and the challenges we face as veterans. I’m grateful to be in the company of other veterans who possess the courage and integrity to ‘create the more beautiful world our hearts know is possible.’

—Steve Breedlove

USAF Mobility Command, 2008–2014

Allies for Peace

We also know the ludicrous, the tragic, and the absurd experiences of deployments and combat that cause moral, mental, and physical injuries. Many of us have found much-needed healing for ourselves and our communities as we engage with Veterans For Peace.

We need as many allies as we can get in our mission for peace. You do not have to be a veteran to join the organization. Our associate members stand side by side with us, joining us in the streets, providing leadership on our projects and campaigns and building strong chapters across the country. If you want to work for peace, then we have a place for you in VFP.



Join Our Ranks

Since 1985, Veterans For Peace has been a community of military veterans, active-duty military and allies whose mission is to abolish war and build a culture of peace.

If you’re a socially conscious individual who cares about peace, sustainability and our planet, you can have more effect than you might imagine by being in solidarity with like-minded veterans.

We must be propagandized into war because it is unnatural to the human condition. Warmongers send our children across the globe to strike blows for an empire that robs the public coffers and only delivers death, destruction, and decay—at home and abroad. War puts our very existence in peril—poisoning the planet and risking runaway climate change. We will not survive if we continue in such ignorance.

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—Matt Southworth

U.S. Army, Iraq