

VFP Board Candidate Questionnaire

1) I joined the Board of Directors to help VFP live up to its potential as the leader of the Peace Movement, I hope to bring my knowledge and organizational skills learned and practiced in the labor movement

2) All organizations struggle with membership retention, there a few proven helpful tactics that work, transparency, member participation in; decision making, planning of events and actions, allowing members to pick and choose projects they are comfortable with, personal contact with all members in your region, establishing regional geographical divisions with a Board member chairing his or her division.

3) It's Imperative that VFP attempt to establish and maintain a working relationship with every Veteran Organization where possible. Involvement with these organizations as support, and only taking the lead when asked. Building coalitions is essential for any organization.

4) The current Board is in the process of reviewing various documents related to the running of the organization and suggesting edits to conform with present day society. Keeping membership involved and informed has been lacking in the past, but is being addressed by the current Board.

5) PEACE IS THE ONLY SOLUTION!!

6) I am currently serving on the Board as Recording Secretary, and willing to come back for more, knowing what's expected of me, this is how much I want this Organization to live up to it's Full Potential.

7) I retired from the International Brotherhood of Electricians, Local Union 234 Castroville, CA after 13 yrs. of service in the following capacities; 5yr. Apprenticeship, Journeyman Electrician, Recording Secretary, Lead Organizer, Assistant Business Mgr. Safety Officer and President.

8) Yes

9) Committees and Boards; Labor Management, Health & Welfare, Contract Negotiations, Executive Committees, Apprenticeship Board and

The United Labor Council of Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties, and The Building Trades Council of both Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties

10)Yes

11) I was drafted in Houston, TX, 1968 into The US Army, Basic Training at Ft. Bliss TX, Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Gordon Georgia's MP School, Advanced A.I.T. at Lackland AF Base's Sentry Dog School, did not complete training, assigned to Ft. Sam Houston TX 52nd MP Company, Mar 69-70 assigned to 25th MP Company Chu Lai VN, Americal Division, Honorable Discharge, 3 Mar 70

12) Watsonville, CA is our home for the last 32 yrs. my wife and I currently share our home with two dogs and two cats,

13) I am a Black US Citizen

14) Currently serving as, VP/Secretary of Chapter 46 Monterey, CA, Communication Committee and Media Coordinator. National VFP BOD's Liaison for the Golden Rule Project, The Membership Committee and those listed above.

15) I am planning to become the West Coast Regional Coordinator, Chapter 46 routinely participates in actions in the Monterey Bay Area, I am the head of communications for Ch. 46, editor of the following; website, face book, mail chimp, and newsletter

Whether I am re-elected or not I plan to continue to lend my knowledge and experience to the organization in whatever capacity I can.