

## VFP Board Candidate Questionnaire

- 1) Please briefly describe your reason for joining the Board of Directors and what you hope to bring to the organization?

I'm a senior cadre in the antiwar movement, and a trained geopolitical analyst (BA, MA, History and Journalism), without ideological axes to grind. I would figure to be a moderating influence interpersonally. I am also a trained proofreader and would be handy for proofing any VFP Position Papers or other textual needs). I would tout myself as potential Morale Officer, but Dave Logsdon does that job fine.

- 2) Veterans For Peace has a hard time retaining members, what do you think VFP could do differently to keep members who join the organization?

I don't know the answers to questions #2 and #3, never having considered the issue.

- 3) How do you envision helping VFP expand its membership, particularly in terms of Veterans of recent wars, women veterans, and BIPOC Veterans?

- 4) How do you envision ensuring that VFP is a safe space for our members? VFP has passed a Code of Conduct in 2018 and 2019, but this is only a first step. What else can we do?

I am encouraged by the apparent resolution of the Tarak-expulsion/Board-censure dispute today. In general, I lean away from over-regulation of people's words. I don't think I would go any farther than what exists unless I was presented with a lot of first-hand evidence of a safety problem.

- 5) What are your thoughts about VFP's Peace At Home, Peace Abroad campaign?

Haven't studied it yet.

- 6) The VFP Board of Directors is striving to make directorship as accessible as possible. We conduct monthly zoom meetings, and when we meet in person VFP can and will help subsidize travel costs to ensure financial needs are not a barrier. For members who have difficulty traveling for any reason (e.g., due to work or family commitments), it is possible to attend in-person meetings by Zoom as well (which we have been doing through lockdown anyway). Will you have the time and availability to be an active member of the Board of Directors, join committees, and help with the duties and responsibilities of board members?

I'm an unemployed musician. Except for my camera not working (I will go to my puter-repair place and see if it can be fixed), I have this Zoom thing under control. And I don't know where we might meet in-person, but as a retired trucker, if it's really important I will drive it, and bring others if they come out of places down south.

- 7) What do you do, or did you do if retired, for a living?

Retired trucker and laborer (with hiatuses in higher education) turned international recording and performing musician. Coronavirus has stopped my public career until there's a working vaccine and it's no longer irresponsible and dangerous to play for crowds.

- 8) Have you served on any non-profit boards before?

Trustee, VVAW/OSS Legacy Trust

- 9) If so, what board committee(s) were you on?

N/A

- 10) Has your work or non-profit board experience included any responsibilities

in any of these areas?

Human resource/personnel:

Legal:

Development/fundraising:

Accounting/financial management:

I have no formal experience in these fields. I would be capable of consultation in some legal matters.

- 11) When was your military service?  
1969-70, Army, Vietnam Aug. 69-May 70
  
- 12) Where do you live?  
Clarksdale, Mississippi
  
- 13) Do you belong to any racial or ethnic minority?  
As an official widower, I am a declared out gay man, but no racial/ethnic minority.
  
- 14) Are you a member of a VFP chapter, National Project, Working Group, or other entity?  
VFP Action, VFP-All; at-large member
  
- 15) Please briefly describe any other organizing experience within VFP or the broader peace and social justice community.  
VVAW Life Member, 1971-present. Clamshell Alliance 1976-79. Environmental and Social Research projects in Oklahoma and New Mexico with Dr. Richard Hayes Phillips, Ph.D. 1979-1986. Masters' Thesis: "North American Fascism: Transmission of the Virus" (2000).

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I reckon this is as much information as you would like to see, eh? Let me know when you want to make a video. You have my bio, right, and a picture? I can send those things again if you need, Pat.

Solidarity,

Bill Homans