

VFP Board Candidate Questionnaire - Patrick McCann

Patrick McCann lives in Lake Worth, FL where he is Vice President of south Florida chapter 032, He is a past Veterans For Peace national president (2013-14), and current national recording secretary.

He has been a board member for 10 of his 16 years in VFP, bought 4 lifetime memberships (including memberships for others) and is a recurring credit card donor. Patrick has attended 14 national annual conventions, hosted conventions in College Park, MD (2009) and Miami, FL (2012), and presided over them in Madison, WI (2013) and Asheville, NC (2014).

Patrick attended high school on a military base in Japan, and joined the USAF 4 days before turning 18 in July, 1970. He volunteered for Viet Nam and planned to be a career soldier. His experiences, (including attending a Black Panther Party rally as an active-duty GI in December, 1971) caused him to become a life-long freedom fighter. He refused orders to Da Nang AB in 1972, spent a month in the stockade, and received an undesirable discharge. Patrick has spent 48 uninterrupted years of service to the freedom struggle.

He taught high school English for 24 years in MD and FL, before retiring in June, 2018. Patrick brings a knowledge of VFP history, a record of financial contributions and fund-raising, and a large network of allies in the social movements, and hopes to continue to put them to use on the VFP board.

Patrick is 4th generation Irish-American. He visited Ireland in 1980 and marched against the H-blocks in St. Stephens Green in Dublin. He is also a past member of Irish Northern Aid (DC).