

VFP Board Candidate Questionnaire

1) Please briefly describe why you would like to be on the VFP board and what you believe you'll bring to the organization as a board member.

I am offering my service as a member of the board because I feel the need to serve, and I believe I am well-suited to it. This organization has done so much for me in terms of identity and purpose, and I wish to serve its best interest in the way I believed I was serving in the military.

Through my leadership experience in the military, my academic career, my social justice activism and community service, I bring a reasonable temperament, a humble approach, and an enthusiasm for accomplishing the mission and adhering to principles.

It is rare to find a good fit between one's skill set and the things that give life meaning and purpose. This is an obvious opportunity to do that, and if elected, I would be proud to work toward our collective mission.

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

I am an adjunct professor of political science at a local college.

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

Yes.

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

I have been on the executive committee of the Fresno Center For Nonviolence since 2016, and with the Central California Criminal Justice Committee since 2017.

5) Has your work or non-profit board experience included any responsibilities in any of these areas?

Human resource/personnel: Yes. Some responsibilities with hiring staff and overseeing performance and tasks, etc.

Development/fundraising (including grassroots and groups with paid staff): Yes. As an executive FCNV board member, I work toward crafting and maintaining our strategic vision and raising vital funds from local donors.

Legal
Accounting and/or financial management

6) When was your military service?

US Army, 1993-2001.

7) Where do you live?

Fresno, California

8) Do you belong to any racial or ethnic minority?

No

9) Please describe some of the tasks/projects/responsibilities you've undertaken for VFP.

As a chapter organizer, I have:

- **Founded and grown the Fresno chapter.**
- **Organized several well-attended community events, including the My Lai Memorial Exhibit and the Armistice Day Commemoration in 2018, and the Deported Veterans Workshop in 2019**
- **Have delivered several guest lectures and presentations at local colleges, universities, high schools and houses of worship, as well as appearances on local radio and public access TV outlets, representing VFP.**
- **Worked to earn a space in the local activism community as a representative of VFP and our purpose. Our group is now considered a principal stakeholder in the collective of local activist organizations.**
- **Maintain and oversee our chapter website and chapter fundraising efforts.**