

I enlisted in the Army reserves as a 17-year-old high school student—not even old enough to vote for the administration that would be my commander in chief. After 6 years I refused orders to report with my unit to Operation Desert Storm. Veterans For Peace supported me in so many ways during that time, and I'm happy to call myself a member of this community.

Stephanie Atkinson

—— Courage to Resist and member of Veterans For Peace, Army Reserve 1984-1990

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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 is active in healing the wounds of war and addressing 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.



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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. imperialism 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 experienced finding much-needed healing for ourselves and our communities as we engage with and as 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.

Serving on the USS Abraham Lincoln,
I witnessed George Bush's famous "Mission
Accomplished" speech and knew I was hearing yet
another lie. I realized that every death of a civilian
child or adult and every death of a fellow service
member could be laid at the president's feet. There
was no plan, no purpose, and certainly no exit
strategy for the war machine to ever end. Joining
Veterans For Peace has given me a purpose.



Louis Raprager
—— U.S. Navy, 1999-2003