



# Membership Application Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**From Rogue Valley, VFP Chapter 156**

Full Member (ex-military)     Associate Member (no prior service)

Full Member Service Branch: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Years: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send a copy of your DD 214 or other proof of military service with this panel and your check to the Home Office!**

## Annual National Dues:

- U.S. Armed Forces Members currently on active duty - VFP dues waived for one year.
- \$25 Regular Dues
- \$50 Supporting Dues (\$50 or more gets a free copy of the book "Addicted to War" by Joel Andreas.)
- \$100 Sustaining Dues
- \$1000 Lifetime Membership
- I want to be a monthly sustainer for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (We will contact you by phone to set up a monthly payment plan.)

**Make checks payable to:  
"Veterans For Peace"**

## Veterans For Peace Statement of Purpose (National)

We, having dutifully served our nation, do hereby affirm our greater responsibility to serve the cause of world peace. To this end we will work, with others:

- (a) Toward increasing public awareness of the costs of war
- (b) To restrain our government from intervening, overtly and covertly, in the internal affairs of other nations
- (c) To end the arms race and to reduce and eventually eliminate nuclear weapons
- (d) To seek justice for veterans and victims of war
- (e) To abolish war as an instrument of national policy.

To achieve these goals, members of Veterans For Peace pledge to use non-violent means and to maintain an organization that is both democratic and open with the understanding that all members are trusted to act in the best interests of the group for the larger purpose of world peace. We urge all people who share this vision to join us.



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We, the members of VFP Chapter 156, work toward embracing peace within ourselves and pledge:

- (a) To be a nonpartisan, multi-Service organization in which each member is treated with respect;
- (b) To use non-violent means to make our positions known;
- (c) To use the power of reason to educate the general public about the realities of war;
- (d) To tell our youth the truth about military enlistment, training, service - the obligations, in-service benefits and veterans' benefits;
- (e) To present the idea that peaceful solutions are positions of strength.

**Toward that end, we sponsor a highly informative website, no-strings pre-enlistment advice/support and school, and PTA presentations for parents and prospective enlistees.**

**1-866-801-3930**

# From our Well-Documented “Straight Talk” On Military Enlistment Presentation:

**Military Recruiters are trained to be salesmen - their Main Promises are:**

## Money?

- As an “employee” you'll pay Federal Income Tax, Social Security, Medicare, and State Taxes on your low basic pay.
- Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) status (a "hidden contract") obligates you to not less than eight years.
- Civilian charities for service members and veterans say they are swamped by the desperate needs of recent years, with requests far outstripping ability to respond.
- Why do recent veterans earn between 11% and 19% less than non-veterans for simple job placements?

## Training?

- Very few of the over 800 military jobs have any equivalence in industry.
- Which job you wind up in is at the needs of the respective service and your ASVAB score. Even "written guarantees" on your contract yield to the “needs of the service” (and BEWARE of that enlistment contract!).

- From an SF Chronicle interview of a veteran job placement agency:  
“... corporate HR types note the veterans' box checked off on an online application and see damaged goods. Service in the military is seen as a negative, not a plus. Businesses also are afraid that a newly returned vet might be called back into service (IRR). A VA survey found a 10-point drop in the percentage of employed recently returned veterans who work for private companies since 1990.”
- Why do various sources estimate that between 28% and 40% (not just 1/3 as Obama's 2<sup>nd</sup> news conference stated) of homeless adults are veterans?

## Service?

- There is growing testimony that so many of the wars that this country has engaged in have been started and fought for corporate interests, not for national security.

Let us help you decipher the enlistment contract, the DD Form 4.

## Adventure?

- As veterans, we can assure you that, for most, war is NOT an adventure!!!
- There are some adventurous places to be stationed, but far more dreary, out-in-the-sticks places very few have ever heard of, or want to!
- Even in the Navy, most jobs are below deck and foreign port visits are generally very brief.

Education? The "new" GI Bill does have promise, but under the "old" Montgomery GI Bill, *designed for recruitment*: Less than 50% of all recruits ever received education benefits, while only about 14 to 19% ever obtained a Bachelor's degree.

## Women in the Military?

- One in three military women will experience sexual assault, compared to one in six women in the civilian world.
- "Command Rape" has become a familiar term.

## Miscellaneous:

- Vietnam experienced KIA 58K+, 150K Suicides during and since.
- The Army, in particular, has experienced a suicide problem, particularly among recruiters.