



Bob Handy retired from the U S Navy in 1970 after serving twenty-two years on active duty. Donna and their four children moved to Santa Barbara where they still live. They immediately became active in Democratic Party Politics speaking out against the Viet Nam War. Among other things, Bob chaired Jimmy Carter's and Bill Clinton's first campaigns in Santa Barbara County. He was one of the 55 Electoral College voters for President Obama.

Bob is the immediate past Director of Region 10 of the California Democratic Party. He was elected for seven terms, serving in that position for fourteen years. He is the cofounder of the first Veterans Caucus and currently is serving his fourth term as its chair. Bob is a long time member of the California Democratic Party Platform Committee and currently chairs both the Veterans Plank and the Criminal Justice Plank of the 2010 Party Platform.

Bob has authored several resolutions to eliminate the death penalty and replace it with life without parole. Currently at the State Party meeting next weekend in San Diego there will be another resolution considered. In 2005 he co-founded Veterans United For Truth, Inc. when the Veterans Caucus decided that veteran issues had to cross party lines. VUFT is now active across the country and in several foreign nations. He is the chair of VUFT. VUFT is now suing the Veterans Administration in the federal court for lack of adequate and timely care of veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. What some Americans do not know is that our soldiers have the highest Traumatic Brain Injury and the highest rate of suicides, which Handy would like to see our nation address.

