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Bill Christofferson is a Vietnam veteran who has retired after a career in journalism, government and politics.

For the last several years he has served as member of the board of directors of the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative (MHVI), a non-profit charitable organization dedicated to helping homeless and at-risk veterans to reach and maintain their highest levels of independence. He is the immediate past president and current development chair of MHVI.

Christofferson spent 12 years as a newspaper reporter and editor in several Midwestern states, and was a Marine Corps combat correspondent in Vietnam during a 17-month tour in 1966-67.

He has served as chief of staff to the mayor of Milwaukee and as director of research and information for the Wisconsin Department of Justice. He served five years as a member of the board of Milwaukee World Festivals and as a commissioner of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District.

For much of the last 20 years before his retirement he was a political campaign consultant to candidates for federal, state and local office in Wisconsin.

He is the author of a biography of the late Wisconsin Gov. and U.S. Sen. Gaylord Nelson, "The Man From Clear Lake: Earth Day Founder Gaylord Nelson," published by the University of Wisconsin Press.

He and his wife, Karin Borgh, have lived in Bay View since 1996.