

Guardmount

October, 2000

Volume 6, Issue 2

VIETNAM SECURITY POLICE ASSOCIATION

Business Meeting Minutes of 7 October 2000

President Kevin Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 0810 hours.

Kevin Fitzgerald lead the Association members in saying the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of the 9 October 1999 business meeting were read by Steve Ray, Secretary. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Terry Austin, seconded by several members. Motion passed.

Steve Ray gave the treasurer's report. The report covered the period 31 October 1999 to 30 September 2000. The balance was \$3885.02 for the period. A motion to accept the report was made by Jack Roberts, second by Ed Wilson. Motion passed. Each member was given a copy of the report and is included in these minutes as an attachment.

Old Business: There was no old business to discuss.

Vice-President Steve Gattis made opening remarks and spoke on dues, membership, supporting memberships, the availability of membership rosters, the need to recruit new members, and informed the

members the newsletter is published quarterly.

A motion to send out a separate dues notice to members and pay the extra-required postage to do this was made by Al Habercorn and seconded by Don Graham. Motion passed. Dave Dobson should mail the notice to members in early January, separate of the Guardmount, due also in January. Members were reminded they could pay dues for three years in advance

A motion was made by Joe Bouback to change supporting dues to \$1.00 per supporting member. Seconded by Owen Lamb. Motion passed.

Mike Daoust reported the Association would take over the product sales of Association merchandise from John Langley. The cost of the merchandise is \$1697.00. A check for \$1697.00 was issued to John Langley. The Association now owns all Association merchandise and Mike Daoust will handle the sales. Profits will go into the Association bank account. Mike stated new items would become available for members to order. A motion was made by John Zolondz to fund the up front cost of \$750.00 in making an Association coffee mug. Ed Wilson gave the second. Motion carried. A motion was requested to fund the up front cost of \$750.00 for the die cast fee for a QC ring. No motion was made. It was noted that there would be no die cast fee if 25 or more orders are received. Anyone wanting a QC ring should contact Steve

(Continued on page 4)

HISTORIAN REPORT

(1 OCT 1999 – 30 SEP 2000)

VIETNAM SECURITY POLICE ASSOCIATION

1. New modular office furniture for the curator's offices were donated to the SP museum on 28 Jan. 2000. (See attached report)
2. VSPA donated special coins to commemorate the retirement of B/Gen. Richard A. Coleman. (See attached report)
3. A Shadow Box was purchased to house the medals and awards for Horace Holbrook. Ken Record presented the Shadow Box to the family of Holbrook who was KIA in 1967. (See 1999 minutes of VSPA business meeting for additional details on Horace Holbrook).
4. Donation of \$250.00 was made to the AFSPA for the SP Bronze Statue that will be placed at the USAF museum in Dayton, Ohio in October 2000.
5. VSPA sponsored dinner meals for award recipients at the SP Symposium Week held at Lackland AFB, Texas. The awards are given to active duty, reserve and National Guard members.
6. VSPA provided a four volume set of CD's produced by the Tan Son Nhut Association on the battle for the 051 bunker to the 51st SFS, Osan Air Base, Korea. The 51st wanted the CD's to use in a training course for the unit.
7. Continued to sponsor the SGT. Louis H. Fischer Award at the SF academy, Lackland AFB, Texas. Eleven awards were given to the most outstanding students during this reporting period.

Charter Member Certificates were sent to all VSPA Charter Members.

(Continued from page 1)

Gattis. Anyone wanting to purchase an Association jacket should contact Mike Daoust. The following persons/organizations donated merchandise for the VSPA raffles: VVA Chapter 494, Tony Morris, John Zolondz, VSPA, Steve Gattis, Frank Yarbaro, and Ed Wilson.

Historian Report – Steve Ray provided members with a copy of the 1999-2000 historian report. The report was read to the members and is included in these minutes as an attachment. Motion was made by Bruce Hadley to accept the historian report as read. Second by Tony Morris. Motion carried.

Terry Morris (Membership Director) presented a report on membership. Terry stated 1152 former SP's have been contacted. He stated there is approximately a 33% response rate to his membership information mail out's. There was a discussion on how to increase recruiting. Terry will provide free membership rosters to any member who agrees to contact those SP's on the roster that have never joined VSPA. Several members volunteered to undertake the task and a separate off-line meeting was scheduled with Terry Morris to discuss the matter.

Public Relations Report – Steve Gattis reported he is staying in touch with current active duty squadrons and has put several links on our web site. He would like to provide certificates of appreciation to those that assist the VSPA. Members requested the patches that appeared in the last reunion booklet also be included in this year's reunion book. Steve Gattis will see that the patches are included. Steve would like to make a poster of all the patches and have the poster available for purchase by members. He also suggested that if the poster is made a copy should be given to the SP/SF museum at Lackland AFB, Texas.

Reunion Site Selection for 2001 – A discussion was held. Members voted to go to Langley AFB, VA for the 2001 reunion. The reunion will be held Oct 4-7. The Reunion Brat was approved to assist

(Continued on page 10)

(Continued on page 10)

VSPA in the 2001 reunion coordination efforts.

Election: An election for all offices was held. Mike Daoust presided over the election. The slate put forward was:

President:	Kevin Fitzgerald
Vice-President:	Stephen Gattis
Secretary/Treasurer:	Denis Cook
Membership Director:	Terry Morris
Historian:	Don Graham
Chaplain:	Steve Janke
Mike Daoust:	Past President and Trustee
Steve Ray:	Life Board member Emeritus

A motion was made by Owen Lamb with a second by Bill Wright to accept the slate of officers. One vote was cast for the slate and they were duly elected. The term of offices will expire in October 2002.

A motion was made to adjourn. Motion passed. President Kevin Fitzgerald adjourned the meeting at 0940 hours.

Steven F. Ray
Secretary/Treasurer

(Continued from page 4)

9. Several names were added to the valor medal list at the SP museum and on the VSPA web site as a direct result of VSPA research efforts.

Several names were added to the VSPA Purple Heart List as a result of VSPA research.

Assisted several VSPA members by doing research for VA claims and on missing decorations on DD-214's.

Received a reply from Dr. Richard P. Hallion (USAF Historian) expressing appreciation for VSPA's research efforts in documenting eight attacks not listed in the Fox or Vick books. (See 1999 VSPA business meeting minutes).

Steven F. Ray
Historian