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## A TRIBUTE TO THE TWIN TOWERS FATALITIES

September 11, 2001 is now a date of American history. The terrorists struck our nation hard at our economic, and military centers. What they don't understand is that is not what made America great. That is a byproduct of our greatness. The things that make America great are found in the preamble to the Constitution along which and not the least of which is our acknowledgment and dependence on God. Some people hate what they want but cannot have for themselves. What must puzzle them is what has happened as a result of their attack. What must they think of the selfless heroic policemen, firemen and ambulance personnel? What must they think of the nations unity and resolve? I ask them to think back when World War II was over. We could have if we wanted to take over the entire world with our nuclear weapons if it was our goal instead of freedom. There are people in this world that the Bible speaks of. "And some men love darkness rather than light because

their deeds are evil, nor will they come to the light." What they see and must puzzle them is how good is overcoming evil.

For war veterans it is overly painful to see this trouble come to our shores for it is one of the reasons we answered to the call years ago. Yet America offers her very best sons and daughters again to defend freedom and with God's help they will succeed. Those that lost their lives on September 11 did not die in vain. Their sacrifice causes the freedom loving people of the world to work together to disrupt, cut off and starve out terrorists wherever they hide. We as veterans can empathize and help a nation who now must cope with fear, survival and can say with meaning I know what you're going through.

*Chaplain Steve Janke*

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Brothers:

The events of September 11<sup>th</sup> have placed a burden on us all – I had to miss our reunion as a result. I can share what has been given to the media. There were guests at the Hilton that had some unusual behaviors – 5 all together – paying in cash etc. I was alarmed enough to notify the FBI – I was able to make copies of many documents - - phone numbers etc. Two agents took all of this – plus copies of what I made - - - three weeks before September 11<sup>th</sup>. I can tell you that the leader of the group was an accomplished pilot – born in Iran and now a Saudi citizen. Naturally on September 11<sup>th</sup> I received calls from the FBI and gave them even more information. I know my training as an SP helped me in identifying a threat. I can later update this.

Hope you all are safe – we had Hazmat at the hotel last Saturday – all clear.

My thoughts and prayers are with each member – I will be at Wright-Patterson next year – if I have to walk!!!

God Bless us – God bless America.

### Dues is due in January with a new option this year.

#### Life

Age 41 - 50, \$180.00  
Age 51- 60, \$160.00  
Age 61 - 70, \$130.00  
Age 71 - 80, \$ 90.00  
Age 80 + \$ 55.00

#### Annual Pay

Dues for 2002	\$15.
Dues for 2002 & 2003	\$30.
Dues for 2002 & 2003 & 2004	\$45.

Mail Renewal Notice and check to;

Send check or money order made out to VSPA or pay on-line at [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com). A fee of between \$2 + \$6 will be added when paying on-line depending on total amount.

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# VIETNAM SECURITY POLICE ASSOCIATION

Business Meeting Minutes of 6 October 2001  
(Chamberlin Hotel - Hampton, VA.)

Vice President Steve Gattis called the meeting to order at 0810 hours.

Steve Gattis lead the Association members in saying the Pledge of Allegiance

Steve Gattis read a statement from Kevin Fitzgerald, President VSPA who was not able to attend the reunion.

**MINUTES READ:** Minutes of the 7 October 2000 business meeting was read by Steve Ray (acting on behalf of Don Cook - Secretary/Treasurer who was not able to attend the reunion). A motion to approve the minutes as read was made by John Zolondz, seconded by several members. Motion passed.

**TREASURER REPORT:** The Treasurer's report was given by Steve Ray. The report was dated September 2001. The beginning balance was \$3885.02 and the ending balance was \$10,967.31. A motion to accept as read was made by Tony Morris, seconded by Jack Roberts. Motion passed. A copy of the report is included in these minutes as an attachment.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business to discuss.

**MERCHANDISE SALES:** Mike Daoust, product sales coordinator, reported all product sales records are on file and available for member reviews if desired. Mike stated the order form will be updated and some product lines will be dropped due to slow sales. By contacting Mike you may customize all shirts you purchase. Mike stated he felt a separate bank account was needed to handle transactions for merchandise orders and purchases. Steve Ray made a motion to allow Mike to open a bank account and send a monthly statement to the Secretary/Treasurer for inclusion in the Treasurer's record keeping to be reported with the annual Treasurer's report. Discussion followed and Steve Ray amended his motion to include the requirement for two signatures on the merchandise sales bank account and to keep \$500 minimum in the account.

Rex Hare will serve as second signature authority. Ed Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Vice-President Steve Gattis made remarks on recruitment and membership and reminded everyone that dues are payable and due in January of each year. There was general discussion on recruitment. Steve next spoke on the newly approved Life Membership program (information on Life Membership's is attached to these minutes in a separate report). Steve spoke on VSPA outreach efforts to reach potential members and reported good response received from ads in veteran magazines. There was a general discussion by several members on how to conduct outreach but no motions were offered. Some things mentioned were: put an ad in the publication "Tiger Flight", use web links, run advertisements in reunion publications, run a notice in the newsletter "Afterburner", and using the VSPA website to make contacts.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Terry Morris, Membership Chairman, reported that of the twenty rosters given out last year only six people who received the rosters actually took part in contacting people. Of the six who contacted people, Don Graham and Vaughn Hull each were able to get three members each to renew their membership in the Association. Terry stated the Association brings in 10-15 new members a month on average. He further reported 684 members on the paid roster with 104 of those not paid up for 2001 leaving 580 as the actual 2001 paid roster. Terry reported as of October 01, 2001: 1324 former AP's/SP's have been contacted by membership thus far. This represented 174 additional contacts for the period from October 2000 to October 2001. This would indicate a member sign up rate (using 580 as currently paid) of almost 44% and 52% if the 684 number is used.

**HISTORIAN REPORT -** Don Graham presented the Historian report as follows: VSPA continues to support the Louis Fischer Award at the SF Academy at Lackland AFB, Texas. The names of the 2001 recipients have not been received yet but will be reported later. Don has supported the SP museum at Lackland AFB by providing pictures from members who served in Thailand. Don further reported the updated Purple Heart recipients list has been sent to John Bandy, curator at the SP museum, and also posted on the VSPA website by Don Poss. Don has made up a binder for each base with information on the individual bases included in the binders such as duty rosters and mobility lists.

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## CHAPLAIN 'S CORNER



## YOUR VIETNAM WAR — A NECESSARY EVIL?

### Post Traumatic Stress Affects Family And Friends

Neither can do well in an emotional vacuum. Both are key relationships needed for emotional and spiritual well being. And like a precision machine when one part gets out of order, all parts readjust to compensate or break from damage. Many times a wife of a veteran is under excessive stress trying to control the uncontrollable—all people, all situations involving the family. Demands on family can result in isolation. P.T.S. may cause her to have few friends or be unable to relate to friends, as she would like to because her spouse has alienated them with his negative attitude and actions of the past. She may have alienated friends because of constant family hassles. Many times she keeps things together and others become dependant on her to do all things and they do little or nothing. If you want more information about PTSD write me and remember that Proverbs 15:1 says.. "A SOFT ANSWER turns away wrath but grievous words stir up anger."

*Steve Janke, Chaplain  
483rd SPS, Cam Ranh Bay*

(Michael Lind's Vietnam, the Necessary War, The Free Press.)

Reviewed by Paul Kaser

Was the service and sacrifice of Security Police and other Americans in "America's Longest War" all in vain, a mistake from beginning to end?

After decades we are asked, or ask ourselves, "Was it all meaningless?"

A recent VSPA survey of members shows these vets answering by a more than eighty-percent majority that they would serve again proudly. That's a higher percentage than a national survey of Vietnam vets in general found, but not by much (see below). Many Americans are shocked by these percentages.

After decades of books, films and TV documentaries that tended to show it was all a waste, several historians have taken a new look at how and why America got into and out of that war. Are these revisionist histories (Unheralded Victory, Stolen Valor, etc.) more honest and objective?

To get a bigger picture of the Cold War politics that sent us to Vietnam, you might want to check out Michael Lind's Vietnam, The Necessary War. Lind believes that given the high Cold War stakes, Presidents Kennedy and Johnson had no reasonable choice but to commit increasing numbers of U. S. troops to the Indo-China fray.

He argues that failure to take a strong stand against communist aggression in Southeast Asia would have resulted in an early and possibly fatal loss of prestige for the West in the "First Cold War." Global politics, including China's and the

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USSR's running this "client war" and Ho's hard-line Maoist-Stalinist worldview made inevitable, and logical, U.S. military involvement.

### **Anti-Vet Propaganda**

Whether or not they buy into all of his theories, veterans should appreciate sections of his work such as "The Myth of the Disturbed Vietnam Veteran" where he offers statistics showing that psychiatric casualties in Vietnam were 12 per thousand as opposed to 37 per thousand in Korea and 28 to 101 per thousand in W W II, despite the fact Vietnam soldiers spent a greater percent of their time in the combat zone (it was all combat zone) than did W W II veterans (though, admittedly, the latter were in "for the duration").

Lind also notes that despite popular misconception, the suicide rate for Vietnam veterans is no greater than that for nonveterans. He demolishes other myths of the anti-war leftists who colored their arguments against the war with scare stories about hordes of crazed and demoralized veterans unleashed on America.

The author states that in 1980 seventy percent of Vietnam veterans agreed with the assertion: "Looking back, I am glad I served my country," and that they consistently show greater support than do nonveterans for military intervention overseas.

### **The Weakness at the Top**

Although defending Kennedy's and Johnson's decisions to continue a strong stand in Southeast Asia, the author joins in the criticism of top military leaders in Vietnam, including the much-battered Westmoreland and the Air Force chiefs with their eagerness to "carpet bomb" in what was, at least initially, a guerilla/civil war. Also he notes how badly LBJ and Nixon miscalculated the public's low tolerance for body counts and other costs of the war.

Vietnamization and U.S. withdrawal, Lind insists, led to a series of worldwide political defeats for our side in the "First Cold War." Perhaps the SEA domino effect did not play out exactly as predicted, but a global "bandwagon effect" did, as smaller nations, doubting U.S. resolve, aligned themselves with the Communists in a red floodtide that rolled through Africa, Asia, and South America until the Reagan-Thatcher-Kohl coalition reestablished the West's determination to win a "Second Cold War."

VSPA members who were "on the line" during the war may find the author's approach a bit too cool and distant ( he was too young to serve during that time), but they will certainly appreciate his nailing of the Washington wonks and number-crunchers who, in their air conditioned offices, tried to calculate how many dead and mangled bodies the public would tolerate. The "MacNamara factor" still angers Vietnam vets who have "seen the elephant" -- and the body bags. (See, for instance, the poem on the VSPA Restricted site.)

Vietnam, the Necessary War is carefully researched and documented. Lind tries to correct many of the myths about the Vietnam War and about us, the Vietnam veterans. His review of the Vietnam interlude of the Cold War should be welcomed by veterans who seek to better understand the causes behind the blood, bravery, and betrayal of those years.

*Paul Kaser*  
3rd SPS  
Bien Hoa 69 - 70



## I Am With You Still

By Marie C. Eckard  
26-June-2001

On that last day,  
I drank from your face your flowing pain,  
And heard you whisper lovingly,  
One last time,  
The sweet sound of my name.  
On that last day,  
Our names were etched,  
There in the Book of Fate;  
As we sat eating acrid memories dipped in blood  
Served up on a shattered plate  
What I didn't know,  
As I watched you turn and leave Is, that of the  
Saddest tears you had cried,  
The most bitter were for me.  
They had sent us both,  
And slayed our innocence as sacrifices  
on the altars of Gehenna,  
To march with guarded footsteps  
along the plotted schemes  
Into Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia,  
Orange fire-rains and hellish dreams.  
A boy and a dog were sent to war,  
Some 30 years now gone.  
On silent pledges made of glass  
Each for the other would take a stand.  
Oh, I have no regrets for promises made  
For you lived to become a man.

Lay down the heavy mantle  
That has caused your heart to break.  
I know now the choices of betrayal made  
Were not yours to make.  
Grieve no more for me.  
I am at rest these many years.  
Gone to a place devoid of bombs and bullets,  
Where there are no days of loneliness,  
Or nights of white-hot fears.  
And, I am unwearyingly waiting  
For the time when you are here with me.  
When we can roll in sweet green grasses  
And play for eternity.  
Till then my spirit walks beside you,  
Just as I did back then.  
There - along the "Delta,"  
In Phang Rang and Phnom Penh.  
And, oh! How I am waiting!  
To show you have been forgiven  
And set your soul at peace.  
What elation to have you here beside me!  
No battlefields to roam.  
And to know that  
At long last,  
Together,  
We may finally both go home.

*Written in dedication to the war dogs and their handlers throughout the world. MCE*

**BUNKER OH FIVE ONE**  
BY ED WILSON  
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Air Policemen every mothers' son  
Manned the portals with their guns  
It was dark; there was no sun  
When the enemy hit them on the run  
The name of the bunker was Oh Five One

Flares went up all over the place  
Muzzle flashes and tracers were the case  
Outgoing , incoming were shot in haste  
Bodies went down, what a waste  
And tears came down from each face

Fear took over as the battle begun  
Dark shadows coming toward them on the run  
Flares lit up as if there was sun  
They continued firing with their guns  
The name of the bunker was Oh Five One

Get on the radio one of them cried  
We need more ammunition before we die  
CSC send ammo we're getting dry  
We're trying to get to you came the reply  
A rocket hit and one cop died

Another was wounded he stayed at his gun  
They stood their ground, they weren't done  
Another went down and the blood did run  
These were air policemen every one  
They were dying in bunker Oh Five One

Dead and wounded they couldn't hold  
All but one were now laying cold  
None of them ran they had set the mold

These Air Force cops of the days of old  
This is the story that must be told

The battle raged on and when it was done  
Out of the bunker a tough tiger had come  
Bleeding from wounds many more than one  
This Air Force cop staggering into the sun  
Out of the bloody bunker of Oh Five one

We go to DC to visit the Wall  
With names of our comrades one and all  
Who fought the battles and met the call  
They worked in security and also the law  
Those Air Force cops who we hold in awe

Air police, security police, security forces one  
Never forget those who served before you with the  
gun  
Protecting the Air Force a job you've just begun  
Keep up the tradition, of those mothers' sons  
Who fought the bloody battle of bunker Oh Five  
One

This is dedicated to all those who follow in the  
footsteps of the Air Police, Security Police, and Se-  
curity Force. It is especially dedicated to those who  
made those footsteps.

*TSgt Edward J. Wilson, Jr., USAF (Ret)*  
*Security Policeman*

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Hey troops,  
I have a new member by the name of Albert Handy.  
He was TDY with the 831st APS. from 6/65 to  
7/65. He wrote on his application that he understood  
people were looking for him about 7/1/65 at Danang  
with Sgt. Jensen. Was the 831st APS at Danang and  
does anyone know anything about this? His email  
address is  
aehandy@sierratel.com Thanks

**REUNION:** A motion was made by Brian Thorne and seconded by Rex Hare to use the services of the "Reunion Brat" for the 2002 reunion. There was discussion with members wanting to know how much the "Reunion Brat" received from each registration. Motion passed.

\*Members requested that the final itinerary be mailed out to each member prior to the reunion. The actual times, dates, and activities, along with the location should be spelled out so members will know what time to arrive on Thursday and for all the other activities.

**REUNION SITE SELECTION 2002:** Several sites were nominated from the floor and then a vote on each site was taken. The top three were then voted on. The top three were (in order of votes received)

1. Wright Patterson AFB, OH.
2. Kirkland AFB, New Mexico
3. Maxwell AFB, AL.

Members then agreed to hold the 2002 reunion at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio. The date of the reunion will be October 10-13, 2002.

**SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:** Mike Daoust recommended VSPA begin a Scholarship award for the children, grand children, great grand children, and spouses of VSPA members in memory of JJ Chestnut. One member suggested VSPA try and contact the families of those AP's/SP's that died in service in Southeast Asia and see if they have children or grandchildren that are in need of a Scholarship. The initial Scholarship will be for \$500. Discussion was held on where the money would come from. Suggestions: add a check off of \$1.00 to the dues notice each member receives or use money from product sales. A motion was made (member who made motion not recorded) to begin the Scholarship fund named in honor of JJ Chestnut. Seconded by Rex Hare. Motion passed, however, no funding source was specified.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made to adjourn by David Adams and seconded by several members. Meeting adjourned at 0950 hours.

*Steven F. Ray*  
*Acting Secretary/Treasurer*

## HISTORY PROJECT

I have put together a binder for each base, both Vietnam and Thailand. These binders hold all the info that has been collected to date for each base. We have info on Squadron lineage and history for many of the squadrons.

There are also personnel items in these binders. Some of these items include orders, duty rosters, photo's and mobility lists. I am still looking for more items to add. Anything contributed will become a permanent part of our archives.

Items such as orders can be scanned and sent via email. If you want to send it via USPS I can make a copy and send back the original. Whichever way is easier for you. I would like to get as many names as possible into these binders. That's why items such as duty rosters and mobility lists are very important.

Please help with this project to preserve our history and the names of those who served.

Thank you,

*Don Graham*  
*Historian*

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Gentlemen: It is my understanding that Handy is the Airman that was with SSgt Jensen on July 1, 1965 when Danang was attacked by sappers. As you know, SSgt Terance Jensen (Silver Star) was KIA, but not before directing Hansen to cover. Jensen fired his .38, was twice wounded before being executed from behind by one of the sappers. If I am correct, Hansen fired his M16 at the sappers, and later interrogation of POWs revealed they thought he was an unknown machinegun bunker, and broke off their attack...but several C-130s and A/C were destroyed. Had they continued down the flightline, the next bunker to have received satchel charges contained 25 aircraft maintenance workers. I do not think Handy received any award, but he should have. A lot of rumors floated around about who he was, but no one seemed to know.

*Don Poss*  
*Webmaster,*  
*Danang Air Base 1965-66,*



# VSPA BX PRODUCT SALES



**Patches:**

- a. VSPA Patches \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 5.00
- b. QC Patches \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 5.00
- c. SP Badge Patch \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 4.00
- d. Air Force Vietnam Vet Patch \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 4.00
- e. Tet 68 Survivor Patch \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 4.00
- f. 7th Air Force Patch \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 4.00
- g. POW/MIA Patch \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 4.00
- h. QC Back Patch (9") \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00
- i. U.S. Air Force Back Patch (10") \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00

**Pins:**

- a. QC Pin \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 4.00
- b. 7th Air Force Pin \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 4.00
- c. Air Force Vietnam Vet Pin \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 4.00
- d. Tet 68 Survivor Pin \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 4.00
- e. POW/MIA Pin \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 4.00
- f. Vietnam Base Pins (Bien Hoa, Binh Thuy, Cam Ranh Bay, Da Nang, Nha Trang, Phan Rang, Pleiku, Phu Cat, Ton Son Nhut) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 4.00
- g. U.S. Air Force (Generic) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 4.00
- h. Vietnam Service Ribbon Pin \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 4.00
- i. Vietnam Veteran With Ribbon Bar Pin \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 4.00
- j. New Air Force Security Forces Pin \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 4.00
- k. Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) Pin \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 4.00

**Stickers:**

- a. VSPA Bumper Sticker \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 1.00
- b. 7th Air Force \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 3.00
- c. POW/MIA \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 1.00
- d. Vietnam Service Ribbon \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 3.00
- e. U.S. Air Force \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 3.00

**Hats: (Baseball Style Black) \$12.00**

- a. VSPA Association
- b. QC
- c. Security Police Shield
- d. U.S. Air Force Vietnam Veteran With Ribbon Bar

**Miscellaneous:**

- a. Security Police Mini Shields (Numbered) \_ \$10.00
- b. Security Police Qualification Badges \_\_\_\_\_  
(Lg \$4.00 - Sm \$2.00)
- c. 7th Air Force Coin \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.00
- d. Paper Weights  
    Marble with QC Patch and VSPA \_ \$ 15.00  
    Lucite With Security Police Shield \_ \$30.00
- e. VSPA Black Satin Jacket Embroidered \_ \$85.00
- f. USAF Black Laminated Wood Clock \_ \$45.00
- g. Vietnam Memorial Black Laminated Wood Clock \_\_\_\_\_ \$45.00
- h. Belt Buckels (Vietnam Veteran with Service and Campaign Ribbons) \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.00  
(U.S. Air Force Generic) \_\_\_\_\_ \$12.00

*Please add \$3.00 shipping and handling for all orders under \$50.00, orders over that are only \$4.50 for Shipping and Handling. Please make checks for merchandise payable to Vietnam Security Police Association (VSPA). Sorry no Credit Card Orders. Send checks and orders to Mike Daoust, 401 N. Kiesel St., Bay City, MI 48706*

**Membership Application (send Copy of DD 214 and \$15.00 fee)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Unit in S.E.Asia \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of S.E.Asia Duty \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Duty \_\_\_\_\_

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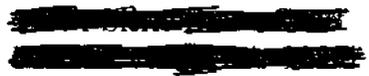
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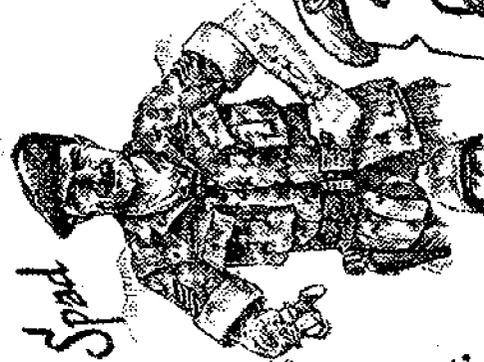
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