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MIKE DAoust

At the suggestion of Brian, I flew to Cleveland, Ohio where he picked me up at the airport after he drove in from Baltimore. He drove us to Ann Arbor, Michigan where we spent the night. The following morning, we were greeted by a couple of inches of beautiful snow, and a good drive to Bay City. We met with Mike's family at 0900 and then met many of his friends, cousins and brother Vietnam Veterans. Everyone thanked us for coming. Mike's Mom and Dad, his cousins and the veterans surprised Brian and me by talking to us about us. Mike met with the veterans almost every morning at a local 7-11 where they had coffee. He told them stories about Brian and me and the VSPA. These people welcomed us with open arms as if we were members of their family. What a reception and what a beautiful funeral! There were a lot of people and even more at the viewing. The funeral director had to add several pages to the guest book three different times and said he had never had that happen before. Mike was loved and respected by many, many people.

Being at the funeral was an honor. Brian and I were pall bearers along with Mike's Stepson and three of Mike's cousins. The VVA had an honor guard. At graveside, the American Legion, VFW and the DAV all had a joint color

guard. The rifle team fired a 21 gun salute and they presented the flag to Betsy. No one seemed to care that we were in the snow because Mike loved the snow and had been waiting for the first big snowfall.

The family gave me the opportunity to speak at the funeral service in the cathedral. The following is from my notes:

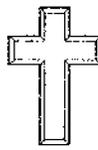
"I am here today with Brian Thorne. We had the honor of serving with Mike in Vietnam. We met him during a time know as TET. Mike had already been in-country a month when we were assigned to his hootch. We spent the next 11 months with Mike, virtually ever day . . . sleeping during the day and working along the base perimeter during the night.

We were members of Phantom Flight. We all had training and prior assignments, but now we were in Vietnam, part of a unit that proudly proclaimed, 'We own the night.' Mike took us under his wing, guided us around the base and talked about being on post, which, for us, was airbase ground defense and constant waiting to repel an attack.

Mike was good at everything. He could handle an M-16 like it was an extension of his arms and hands. He was incredibly accurate with a grenade launcher and soon worked his way to a position as a

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A belated Happy New Year to you and yours. Isaiah 41:1 says, "Let the people renew their strength." All things on earth need to be renewed. No created thing continues by itself. "Thou renewest the face of the earth," says the Psalmist. Even the trees that do not worry or work must drink of the rain and absorb the hidden treasures of the soil. Neither can man's life be sustained without renewal from God.

Just as we repair the waste of the body by the frequent meal, so we must repair the waste of the soul by feeding on the Book of God or listening to it. Happy New Year and lets change those batteries on the smoke alarms and make sure our life insurance policies are up to date. Most policies are taken out with the intent to pay for our funeral expenses. Let's make sure the beneficiary is current, meaning alive and a part of our life or we may end up burdening loved ones if or when our time is up.

Chaplain Steve

DISMOUNT

Once again we must gather to pay our last respect to two brothers who have DEROS'ed to that great Guardmount in the sky where we will all meet someday.

Richard Berghorn passed on 8/24/02 of a heart attack. He served in the 633rd SPS at Pleiku, 1966-1968

Mike Daoust our second President passed on on 11/22/02 loosing his battle with cancer. Mike served in the 12th SPS at Cam Ranh Bay, 1968—1969

Life Member Daniel W. Schuricht died 12-22-02 from a fall. He was in the 37th SPS, Phu Cat 67 and 633rd, Pleiku 67-68

Our prayers go out to the families of these brothers.

Remember, it's a new year and 2003 dues is due!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Happy Holidays to all.

Thank you for entrusting your association to me for the next two years. I assure you that the members who were able to attend the business meeting elected an outstanding group of men to serve on the Board of Directors with me. As individuals and as a group, we know how important the association is to you. We also know that the VSPA has given us and many of you the first point of contact with our brothers who served with us so long ago

The officers for the next two years are:

Steve Gattis, President
Brian Thorne, Vice President
Steve Ray, Secretary
Denis Cook, Treasurer
Don Graham, Historian

Kevin Fitzgerald remains on the Board as Past President along with John Langley, who was our first President. Mike Daoust, our other past President, had remained on the Board until his recent death. We will miss Mike greatly; however, his spirit and energy continue to live in the VSPA.

All of the appointed positions remain the same with the addition of Tony Morris, our photographer.

Dave Dobson, Editor and Publisher of Guardmount
Steve Janke, Chaplain
Terry Morris, Membership Chairman
Tony Morris, Official Photographer
Don Poss, Webmaster of the VSPA Web Site
Van Digby, Product Sales. (Van Digby lived next door to Mike Daoust and easily took over Product Sales when Mike died).

We have a wonderful opportunity to expand our membership in 2003 with our next reunion in San Antonio, Texas. The reunion will be held from October 16 through October 19 in conjunction with the reunion of the Air Force Security Police Association. The AFSPA has several Vietnam Veterans who have not had the pleasure of attending one of our reunions. We hope that they will join us to reunite with members who served in

the same units and the same bases in Vietnam and Thailand. The Defender Challenge will also be held at the same time at Lackland. I have been in touch with the Reunion Brat and with Jerry Bullock of the AFSPA. Jerry is also a member of our association. Great plans are under way for an incredible, joint reunion. Your association has also established a committee that includes Bruce Hadley, Sheila Cain, Janet Weiss and Kim Bayes to plan an event for the wives and adult children next year. You will not be disappointed. They have great experience and incredible heart. The reunion for 2004 will be in Tucson, Arizona.

Finally, I want to tell you about an extraordinary opportunity for all of us to fulfill the mission of the VSPA: The preservation of our history and the hard lessons learned in Vietnam and Thailand. For those of you who have been fortunate enough to attend one of our reunions, we have consistently experienced the thankfulness of young Security Forces personnel who thank us for what we did and how the hard lessons we learned have kept them alive today. We have also experienced the loudmouth Vietnam Veteran of other services who had little understanding or knowledge of what we did in Vietnam and Thailand. Your association has entered into a partnership with Turner Publishing to write the history of the Vietnam Security Police Association, our service in Vietnam, our unit histories, our patches, autobiographies, and a memorial to those who did not come home. You will receive more information in the next Guardmount. Until then, get your personal information together and a photograph of yourself in Vietnam or Thailand. Get prepared for a very special opportunity and a legacy that you can leave to your children and grandchildren. Don't miss your opportunity to write our own history!

Your Board of Directors and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. We thank you for entrusting the association to us. Please help us get the word out regarding the VSPA. We need new members. We need you to pay your dues of \$15 in January and we want you to come to the reunion next year. Take a few moments to tell other Air Force Veterans about us, and share your copy of Guardmount. And, on Christmas Day, say a small prayer for the Security Forces personnel who are currently deployed to defend our bases around the World. They know that what you did so many years ago is keeping the them alive today. My best to all of you and your families.

*Steve Gattis, President
Life Member #49
Cam Ranh Bay 68 - 69*

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grenadier on a boat that patrolled the waters of Cam Ranh Bay. While working the Neptune boats, Mike was commended numerous times for capturing suspected Viet Cong after he had sunk their sampans . . . all during the night which was so dark you couldn't see you own hands.

Mike was really good at everything. From football in the sand to making sure there was enough beer for everyone, Mike was a great friend to everyone in our unit. And, when it came time to relax, he played a mean 'air guitar.'

As things go in wars, we lost friends. We also said goodbye to our brothers as they left to return to what we called the World, knowing that we would probably never see each other again. Mike left Vietnam in January, 1969. Goodbyes were tough, but you got through it because it happened almost every day. Brian and I lost touch with Mike. In fact, none of us had contact with each other until 1997 when Mike made it possible through his dream of the Vietnam Security Police Association.

Mike and a very small group of other Air Force Air Policemen and Security Policemen gathered in a hotel in Atlanta in 1995 and formed an incredible association that now has almost 700 active members, all who were Air Police or Security Policemen in Vietnam and Thailand. Mike was the President of the association from 1996 through 1998. I'll never forget the phone call I received from him in 1997 to welcome me to the association and to talk about the time we had been apart. The first time the three of us were together again was in 1998 in Washington, D.C. The three of us have been together at every reunion since then, living Mike's dream of the VSPA and our motto, 'We take care of our own.'

When you understand the way the military works, you have to ask, what are the odds of three guys being together in 1968 and then meeting again 30 years later to lead an organization dedicated to the preservation of our history in Vietnam and to pass-on the hard lessons we learned through our experience in Vietnam? All thanks to Mike and his dream.

The Vietnam Veterans of America gave Mike their National Veteran's Award in 1998 because he cared so much and did so much for so many veterans. Vietnam veterans have a saying, 'All gave some, some gave all.' Mike gave all the time, not just when it was convenient or when he had to.

No matter what we do in life, it is always hard to lose someone we love. It is much easier if we understand that in grieving, we grieve for ourselves and the fact that we feel a deep loss. If we preserve Mike's dream and the memory of his life and achievements, we both honor him and reach out to others just as Mike did. It also becomes easier for us if we imagine Mike as he approaches the gates of Heaven to have his first conversation with St. Peter. Standing in line, Mike watches a Marine approach St. Peter who says, 'What did you do on earth?' The Marine answers, 'Sir, I defended my country, Sir.' St. Peter then says, 'Very good, Son. Welcome to Heaven.' A Soldier from the Army approaches next and St. Peter asks the same question. The Soldier responds, 'Sir, I defended my country.' St. Peter then says, 'Welcome to Heaven, Son. You may pass through the gates.' The next to speak to St. Peter is a Sailor who also says that he defended his country and is welcomed into Heaven by St. Peter. When Mike walks forward, St. Peter asks him what he did on Earth. Mike responds, 'I was an Air Policeman and Security Policeman in the United States Air Force.' St. Peter smiles and says, 'Welcome to Heaven, my Son. Would you mind doing me a favor before you enter Heaven? Would you guard the Gates of Heaven for me while I take a break?'

It is much easier for me to know that when it comes my turn to approach the Gates of Heaven, that Mike will have all of the Vietnam Vets organized and waiting to say, 'Welcome home, Bro. Welcome home.' Thank you."

Thanks to all for your support and kind words. Betsy Daoust sends her love and thanks.

My best to all of you.

Steve Gattis

VIETNAM LAW ENFORCEMENT TOUR

What was really unique about Tuy Hoa AB is the fact that it was the first AB built entirely under Air Force Management and supervision. The AB was built in record time under a single-package construction program called Project Turnkey. The contract to construct Tuy Hoa was signed on May 31, 1966. The base became fully operational in December 1966. Less than a month after workmen installed the first 2' X 12' aluminum panel on a 9,000' initial runway, F-100 Super Sabres of the 31st TFW landed at Tuy Hoa.

On the morning of 15 November 1966, two T-39's set down at Tuy Hoa. On board were General Hunter Harris, PACAF commander and General William W. Momeyer, Commander 7th Air Force. Since I was one of the first Security Policemen assigned to Tuy Hoa, my primary responsibility for the first two weeks was filling sand bags. The arrival of the VIP's was a welcome sight. Primary base security was previously assigned to the Army during the initial construction process. The VIP's arrival meant that we were finally becoming operational and I was once again an AP (shortly thereafter designated SP).

I had a great job. I was assigned to law enforcement "Town Patrol" unit. It was a joint Army/Air Force operation. There were three Air Force personnel assigned to the unit (An E-5 and two E-4's). Since we worked directly for the area Provost Marshall, we had orders that detached us from the 31st SPS and reassigned us to the 18th Military Police Brigade, 504th MP Company. The duty was as varied as any assignment I could ever imagine. We worked a 12 on 12 off schedule with no days off for 186 days straight. Although Charlie made his big push during the 68' Tet offensive, there was significant intelligence that he had targeted our facility during Tet of 67. This kept us all on pins and needles.

Since we were billeted in a combination operations center/barracks arrangement in downtown Tuy Hoa, we were required to pull security at night. This meant working at least a 10 hour day shift and then splitting up the nighttime shifts into 2 or 4-hour shifts. This included manning one of the three M-60's posts on the roof or foot patrol in the immediate area of the building. Having never been in a "combat zone" and not knowing what to expect, the walking patrol always made me extremely nervous. Since we had no specific boundaries other than the building itself, it made it hard to defend. Even though we had the building literally encased in

concertina wire and sand bags, my pucker factor remained high.

The Provost Marshall had imposed a curfew and everyone was required to be off the streets by 9:00 PM. As usual, there were always those who ignored the curfew and made for some very dicey moments. We maintained a mobile patrol in the town till midnight. During the hours of darkness we also had a walking patrol that covered our building. Walking down the alley behind the facility one night we were startled by a Vespa that came flying down the alley with its lights off. My partner and I immediately shouldered our weapons and shouted halt using our best Vietnamese. It was obvious that the driver wasn't going to stop as he continued down the alley directly at us. The driver saw us just about the same time we screamed halt for the third time and simultaneously started to take the small amount of slack out of the triggers on our M-16's. I can imagine his reaction upon suddenly seeing two guys with rifles pointed directly at him. He immediately turned to avoid us and crashed his scooter into the wall. He and his passenger were pretty banged up but un-hurt for the most part. A couple of locals who disregarded the curfew and almost paid the ultimate price. They were questioned by our interpreter and eventually released. I doubt if they knew how close they came to assuming room temperature that night? Although it was relatively "light weight" security duty, there were also a few locals who occasionally took "pot shots" at our guys who were sandbagged in on the roof. Nobody was ever hit but it sure afforded the opportunity for the guys on the M-60's to "respond in kind". There were a few times when the night sky in downtown Tuy Hoa was a fireworks extravaganza!

Tuy Hoa was the base camp for the 4th Infantry Division. Needless to say we had our hands full when the troops came back to base camp. We responded to bar fights, motor vehicle accidents (many of them fatalities usually involving indigenous personnel), self-inflicted gunshot wounds and several suicides. I always tried to give all the troops who visited town the benefit of the doubt. Some of these guys had been out in the bush for months without the benefit of a beer or a bath. I knew I had it soft and the last thing I wanted to do was lower the boom on a worn out soldier or Airman. Unfortunately, sometimes things just got out of hand and the fur would fly. On more than one occasion I found myself receiving a free flying lesson from some exuberant trooper resulting in a few bruises and contusions. Even though at the time I was 6'5" and weighed 230 lbs., I learned quickly

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OCT 11, 2002
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
DAYTON, OHIO

VIETNAM SECURITY POLICE ASSOCIATION

1. Call to Order - The annual meeting was called to order by VSPA President Kevin Fitzgerald at 0810 hours.
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Kevin Fitzgerald lead the Association members in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Reading of the 2001 minutes - Steve Ray read the business meeting minutes of the 6 October 2001 business meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as read was made and seconded. Motion passed.
4. Treasurer's Report - Steve Gattis read the treasurer's report in Den Cook's absence. Ending balance as of September 30, 2002 was \$21,964.62. A motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed. A copy of the treasurer's report is on file with the VSPA secretary.
5. VSPA Incorporation - Steve Gattis reported he had received legal advice from a law firm in California concerning the incorporation of VSPA. The law firm recommended incorporating in the State of Delaware. A retainer fee of \$1500.00 would be required for the law firm to begin work on the incorporation process. There was discussion with suggestions from members offering to do some further research. Because our business meetings only occur one time per year, Steve Gattis requested we go ahead now with a motion to retain the California law firm. Motion made by Vic Lebsack and seconded by Brian Thorne. Motion passed.
6. Membership Report - Steve Gattis gave the membership report in the absence of Terry Morris. There are 663 paid members currently. Life memberships are now available. Statistics were provided on member renewal rates and months of highest/lowest new member sign-ups. Dues are payable in January of each year and can now be paid on line. There are Gold Pins available for paid Life Members only. We currently have only two Associate Members (non-voting). Family members may join (non-voting) for
7. Historian Report - Don Graham presented the History Report. A disk of his complete report is on file with the secretary. Don has made up 21 binders with information on the bases from Vietnam and Thailand. Don requested volunteers to assist him in writing the Air Force archives to obtain additional information. Don gave members an opportunity to sign up to assist him after the meeting. Motion made and seconded to accept the Historian Report. Motion passed.
8. Turner Publishing Company Presentation - Mark Thompson, the CEO of MT Publishing, made a presentation on publishing a VSPA book. The book would have three sections: 1. History of Southeast Asia operations, 2. Stories, photographs, maps, charts, etc. and 3. Bio's of VSPA members with 150 words free. The book would cost \$54.00. The publisher needs a minimum of 300 orders. The VSPA would receive 50% of proceeds for all pre-ordered books. The VSPA would be able to offer any left over books to new members coming into the Association. Mr. Thompson stated there is no financial risk to the Association for doing the book. If there are not enough orders, the VSPA can cancel and members pre-ordering will receive a refund. The VSPA must provide a point of contact to work with Thompson Publishing. Motion made and seconded to begin work on the book. Motion passed.
9. Scholarship Committee Report - Mike Daoust (Chairman of the Scholarship Committee) gave Steve Gattis a status report on the JJ Chestnut Memorial Scholarship. Mike was in attendance but could not make the report due to loosing his voice.

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Steve Gattis reported that five applications had been requested and sent to members for the \$500.00 scholarship; however, none of the applications were returned to Mike or the VSPA. Members are encouraged to apply for this next year. Members of the scholarship committee are Mike Daoust (Chairman), Jim Lebowitz, Brian Thorne and Steve Ray. (Brian Thorne will chair the committee due to the recent death of Mike Daoust).

10. Merchandise Sales – Discussed Challenge coins, pins, and jackets. Pins with date (year) of reunion will be available. The new Challenge coins are \$12.00 and will be available through the BX sales in Guardmount and on the Internet. Jackets are \$85.00 and are also available. Mike Daoust, Van Digby and Rex Hare will have the merchandise available in the Hospitality Room during the reunion. (Van Digby will handle the BX due to the recent death of Mike Daoust).

11. Web Site Report – Steve Gattis presented information for Don Poss on the VSPA web site. Currently, 1100 hits a day are made on the site. VSPA has purchased and provided firewall software for the VSPA web site. The site is secure and has never been hacked. Motion made, seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

12. Reunion Services Contract – Steve Gattis explained the services to the VSPA by the Reunion Brat. Steve read a letter that was provided by the Reunion Brat that detailed their services to the Association. A motion was made and seconded to retain the Reunion Brat for all future reunion planning unless the VSPA votes to make a change. Motion passed.

13. Reunion Site Selection – A motion was made and seconded to select the reunion site for two years (2003/2004) so that members could plan their vacations. Motion passed. A list of prospective reunion sites were offered by the membership and then voted on. Members voted to hold a joint reunion in San Antonio, TX for 2003 on October 16-19 in conjunction with the Air Force Security Police Association. The Defender Challenge will also be held at Lackland on Oct. 16-18, 2003. There would be a joint reception dinner, a joint Banquet Dinner and joint attendance for the Lackland Tour and Defender Challenge events. The AFSPA and

the VSPA would hold separate business meetings, have separate but very close hotels and separate Hospitality Rooms.

Members then voted to hold the VSPA reunion in 2004 in Tucson, Arizona. No date was set, however, it typically would be held in October. 2004 will mark the 10th anniversary of the VSPA reunions.

14. Nomination/Election of Officers – The following were nominated/elected to the office indicated for a period of two years:

President:	Steve Gattis
Vice-President:	Brian Thorne
Historian:	Don Graham
Secretary/Treasurer:	
(A motion was made/seconded to make the Secretary a separate elected office from the Treasurer. Motion passed)	
Treasurer:	Denis Cook
Secretary:	Steve Ray

The appointed positions of Membership Chairman (Terry Morris), Chaplain (Steve Janke), Guardmount Editor (Dave Dobson), Merchandise Sales (Mike Daoust - now, Van Digby), and Web-Master (Don Poss) will remain the same. A motion was made and seconded to add an Association Photographer. The motion passed and Tony Morris was appointed to the position.

15. Adjournment – Kevin Fitzgerald adjourned the meeting at 1010 hours after a motion was made and seconded.

Editor's note: I want to thank you all for the beautiful plaque that I received. It came as a surprise and is Greatly Appreciated. Guardmount has become a labor of love and I hope everyone enjoys it as much as I enjoy putting it together. Again thanks to all of you.

As an added note, I am always in need for material to put in Guardmount. I try to keep it to information pertaining to Vietnam related issues. We are all SP/AP's but we are unique and separate type, bonded together by our common experience.

Dave Dobson
Cam Ranh Bay 70-71

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that you couldn't win them all. There was also a Marine contingent stationed near by in Phu Hiep. These guys had a real penchant for partying and raising hell in general. However, they also had a Master Gunnery Sgt. by the name of Greenwood. This guy was so hard he was brittle. Every time we picked up one of his guys, we would call him at his HQ directly (no matter what time of the day or night). The incident was never entered in the "Day Log". He would come down and pick them up and transport them back to their barracks. The down side for the poor Marine who had stepped over the line was that Sgt. Maj. Greenwood would take them behind the barracks (literally) and just knock the snot right out of them. We never detained the same Marine twice. Eventually they became our most respectful visitors.

About every two months a Special Forces contingent would come to town. These men were all assigned as advisors throughout the II Corps area. If you looked up the word *Snake Eater* in the dictionary, their picture would be there. They were the gutsiest, best trained and efficient soldiers I had ever come in contact with. Some of the stuff these guys were involved in made the hair on the back of my neck stand up. Two of them were involved in CIA Blacks Ops incursions into Laos and Cambodia. I have never passed on the majority of these stories because I could never substantiate them. If only half of these stories were true, their intestinal fortitude would be off the scale. However, many of the incidents became common knowledge due to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). These stories really opened my eyes as to what was going on behind the scenes. These men were truly in harms way.

The other contingent that we frequently came in contact with was the ROK (Republic of Korea) Marines. I must say that next to Sgt. Maj. Greenwoods Marines, these guys were also extremely well behaved. During my tour of duty, I had absolutely no negative contact with the Koreans. Their detachment was located next to the air base. On numerous early AM scrounging missions to the base supply dump (dehydrated shrimp in a #5 tin were worth gold) we observed the Koreans doing calisthenics. Their senior NCOs and officers would conduct the exercise ritual, which was a combination of martial arts and strenuous exercise. On more than one occasion we witnessed An NCO or an officer strike one of the soldiers for incorrect form or sloppiness. When I say strike, I mean stomp on his bare foot with their boot or smack them quite briskly around the face and head. The soldier who was struck never so much as gasped. Their resolve was almost frightening. Anytime I became disenchanted with my current

situation, I just had to think of those ROK's and I felt much better. All in all, it was an exceptionally interesting tour of duty. It ran the gambit from hilarious to horrific.

In Memoriam:

During frequent visits to the airbase I had the opportunity to meet and become friends with A2C Jerry Moon. Jerry was from Lanett, Alabama. He was a very likeable down home southern boy who couldn't wait to get back home to his wife and new baby. On the night of September 7, 1967 Jerry was killed by hostile fire during an assault of the north perimeter of the airbase. God bless you Jerry and all of our fallen comrades in arms who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. I think of you often my friend. God speed.

(Would the author of this please contact me so I can give credit, the computer ate your name and I forgot it.)

377TH SPS REUNION

TO ALL 377 SPS (TAN SON NHUT) ALUMNI
We are attempting to see if there is enough interest to have a 377th Security Police Sqdn. Reunion the end of January 2004 in Albuquerque, NM near Kirtland AFB the present home of the 377th SFS. If you are a 377 SPS alum and are interested in a reunion, please email me with your name, postal address and email address so we can start a database to contact everyone. If you have the same info on other 377 SPSers who might be interested please send that too.

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Montrose, MI

Notice

If you are planning any VSPA activities in your area and would like them to be mentioned in *Guardmount* please send me the information with enough lead time to print it in an issue that will come out before the event. The above item arrived on 6 Feb for an April event.

Editor



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. I've Been There Vietnam Patch _____ \$ 4.00
- i. Brothers Forever Patch _____ \$ 4.00
- j. In Memory Patch _____ \$ 4.00
- k. Vietnam Service Ribbon Patch _____ \$ 4.00
- l. QC Back Patch (9") _____ \$15.00
- m. 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. POW/MIA Pin w/Eagle _____ \$ 4.00
- g. POW/MIA Cross w/Black Ribbon Pin _____ \$ 4.00
- h. In Memory Pin _____ \$ 4.00
- i. Vietnam Tab Pin _____ \$ 4.00
- j. Vietnam Base Pins (Bien Hoa, Binh Thuy, Cam Ranh Bay, Da Nang, Nha Trang, Phan Rang, Pleiku, Phu Cat, Ton Son Nhut) _____ \$ 4.00
- k. U.S. Air Force (Generic) _____ \$ 4.00
- l. Vietnam Service Ribbon Pin _____ \$ 4.00
- m. Vietnam Veteran With Ribbon Bar Pin _____ \$ 4.00
- n. New Air Force Security Forces Pin _____ \$ 4.00
- o. Pacific Air Forces (PACAF) Pin _____ \$ 4.00

Stickers:

- a. VSPA Bumper Sticker _____ \$ 1.00
- b. 7th Air Force _____ \$ 3.00
- c. Vietnam Service Ribbon _____ \$ 3.00
- d. U.S. Air Force _____ \$ 3.00
- e. POW/MIA (Inside or Outside) _____ \$ 1.00

Hats: (Baseball Style Black) \$12.00

- a. VSPA Association
- b. QC Plain
- c. QC w/Flight Tab above QC (Ranger, Tiger, Phantom, Cobra)
- d. Security Police Shield
- e. U.S. Air Force Vietnam Veteran With Ribbon Bar
- f. QC w/K-9 Tab above QC and Dog Embroidered on side of the hat \$14.00

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 _____ \$2.00
- d. Paper Weights Marble w/QC SP Shield or VSPA _____ \$15.00
- e. VSPA Stoneware Coffee Mugs Coblt Blue W/Logos _____ \$12.00
- f. VSPA 1 3/4 oz. Shot Glass w/Logos _____ \$ 6.00
- g. Stainless Steel USAF Travel Coffee Mug _____ \$10.00
(U. S. Air Force Available Only)
- h. U.S. Air Force Magnate (Size Approx. 3") - \$ 3.00
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(U.S. Air Force Generic) _____ \$12.00
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I want you to close your eyes and picture in your mind the soldier at Valley Forge, as he holds his musket in his bloody hands. He stands barefoot in the snow, starved from lack of food, wounded from months of battle and emotionally scarred from the eternity away from his family surrounded by nothing but death and carnage of war. He stands tough, with fire in his eyes and victory on his breath. He looks at us now in anger and disgust and tells us this...

I gave you a birthright of freedom born in the Constitution and now your children graduate too illiterate to read it. I fought in the snow barefoot to give you the freedom to vote and you stay at home because it rains. I left my family destitute to give you the freedom of speech and you remain silent on critical issues, because it might be bad for business. I orphaned my children to give you a government to serve you and it has stolen democracy from the peo-

ple. It's the soldier not the reporter who gives you the freedom of the press.

It's the soldier not the poet who gives you the freedom of speech.

It's the soldier not the campus organizer who allows you to demonstrate.

It's the soldier who salutes the flag, serves the flag, whose coffin is draped with the flag that allows the protester to burn the flag!!!

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen."

When you receive this, please stop for a moment and say a prayer for our U.S. ground troops in Afghanistan, and the ones facing deployment to Iraq at this very moment - AND all over this world.

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