



**Policy for Inclusion of deceased names**

**The Dedication for VSPA Life Member 111 reads:**

*"In Memory of Vietnam Security Police Association, Inc. (USAF) Members  
who served honorably in the United States Air Force as  
APS/SPS, or AP/SP Augmentees,  
in Vietnam or Thailand, during the Vietnam War,  
and... Have now Joined Those Who Fell Before Them."*

The long standing VSPA policy for Life Member-111 inclusion is to include only current or prior VSPA members on any VSPA Membership Honor Rolls, Life Member-111, or mass-email notification of his passing. The Life Member-111 is designed to honor the memory of those whom we knew as fellow members, and is not meant to be an obituary listing, as they pass away, of the more than 20,000 Air/Security Police who served in Vietnam and Thailand during the Vietnam War.

Non VSPA members are not included simply because, in life, they did not join VSPA, nor contribute stories, photos, fellowship, attend reunions, nor ask to receive a *gratis* membership based on financial hardship. That does not take away from a deceased relative or friend's memory at all, in fact he may be mentioned in posted stories by men they served with, or listed in various rosters that are not membership centered. We invite relatives or friends who knew the deceased AP/SP, who otherwise qualified for a VSPA membership, to write a tribute page mentioning his Vietnam War service and we will post it in his memory.

Of the more than 20,000 AP/SP who served in Vietnam and Thailand during the war years, about one in ten have a current membership or affiliation with VSPA. Purchasing a Retroactive or Honorary membership for a deceased friend is not authorized. We cannot add non-member names to VSPA's membership only Life Member-111 deceased lists -- to do so would defeat the purpose to honor our VSPA Deceased Members.

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