



# GUARDMOUNT

## VIETNAM SECURITY POLICE ASSOCIATION

*"We Take Care of Our Own"*



### FALL EDITION – 2021



### *'AIM HIGH ... FLY - FIGHT - WIN'*



## **26<sup>th</sup> VSPA REUNION**



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



**JERRY NELSON, CMSGT (RETIRED)**  
**PRESIDENT, LIFE MEMBER #668**  
**PHAN RANG, PHU CAT, TUY HOA 69-70**

My VSPA Brothers and Sisters,

What an exciting time of the year! After having to cancel the 2020 reunion, we are finally on the verge of the 2021 reunion at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. I am fielding some questions regarding our status due to the increase in the number of cases of COVID-19 throughout the nation. I am constantly in touch with CMSgt Allen and MSgt Nick Lewis, our contacts at the Academy, and they keep me updated on their situation at the Academy. They have assured me that the Academy is open for business and all is a go! I am excited and anxious to see all my Brothers and Sisters in October. We have a large group of members that have made reservations. Our plans continue to move forward! As I have discussed previously, we have an election scheduled for this year's reunion. We received Bio's from those seeking office and they are published in this issue of Guardmount. First of all, I would like to thank the members of the Board of Directors for serving an additional year after the cancellation of last year's reunion. Their service to our Association is commendable. The ballot will be available for those not attending the reunion. Please vote and mail in your ballot. Please ensure that you do not delay that action as we are within two months of the reunion. Additionally, those attending the reunion will receive a ballot, in case they did not vote through the mail. They can only vote once. This is important and I would like everyone to participate.

I would strongly recommend that if you are flying into Denver, Colorado and intend to shuttle to Colorado Springs, that you contact Groome Transportation Service at the Denver Airport. Their phone number is 877-587-3456. I talked with them and they shuttle from the Airport to the Hotel Elegante, Colorado Springs, and provide a return trip to the Denver Airport. The price for round trip is \$100.00 plus tax per person. That is a great price and less expensive than renting a car.

Again, I am looking forward to seeing each of you and look forward to an exciting adventure in Colorado for all of us. If I can be of assistance or if you have questions or concerns, please give me a call at 210-273-4777 or email me at [jnel1423@aol.com](mailto:jnel1423@aol.com).

Safe Travels!

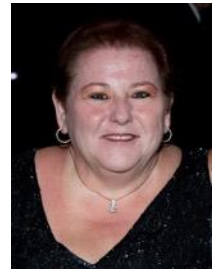
Jerry Nelson, President





## THE VSPA SISTERHOOD

Sheila Cain, Sisterhood President



*Dear Sisters and Brothers of the VSPA,*

*With the hot and humid days of summer quickly fading we look forward to the Fall of 2021.*

*Having missed seeing you all last year, this year's reunion will be a time to reconnect and renew our friendships. I am hopeful that we will also form new friendships with those attending for the first time.*

*Brothers and Sisters, if you have had a loved one that has passed since the last reunion, could you please notify me with their name and date they passed as we would like to remember them at the Memorial Service during the Sisterhood meeting. Please send the information to my email.*

[smgervase@yahoo.com](mailto:smgervase@yahoo.com).

*In the past, the Sisterhood elected officers on the opposite year of the VSPA. Because we did not have a reunion in 2020, the VSPA will hold elections this year. To keep with tradition, the Sisterhood will have our election in 2022.*

*There will be plenty of events planned in Colorado Springs to insure that a wonderful time will be had by all.*

*In closing, I hope you are all happy, healthy, and keeping safe.*

*As always, if any Sister or Brother needs to contact me, I am available by cellphone at 716-480-9101 or at the above email address.*

*God bless you all.*

*Loyalty,  
Sheila Gervase-Cain  
Sisterhood President*

*Wife of Greg Cain  
Binh Thuy 67-68*







We are again looking for items to be placed in our Saturday night raffle.

The raffle helps to fund the snacks and beverages in the Hospitality Room.

Also *Sisters*, don't forget the raffle we have in our meeting.

## *“Taking Care of Your Own”*

Words cannot express how grateful we are for all outpouring of love shown to us after Sheila's car accident.

The prayers, cards, calls, flowers, and well wishes were unbelievable.

We really do “Take Care of Our Own.”

God bless you all.

*Greg and Sheila Cain*



**Vietnam Security Police Association**  
**26th Reunion**  
**Colorado Springs, Colorado – October 6-10, 2021**  
**United States Air Force Academy**

The 2021 VSPA reunion will be held at the **HOTEL ELEGANTE**, located at 2886 S Circle Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80906. The contract room rate is \$135 per night, plus tax for one or two people, \$145 for three people, \$155 for four people. The room rate includes a hot breakfast (for TWO) with an additional fee of \$10 per person for breakfast for a third or fourth person in the room, as shown. The rooms include a refrigerator. The room rate is locked-in; however, for the three days before and three days after the reunion, the room rate is based upon room availability. You must book early to ensure that rooms are available. **DON'T WAIT!** Complimentary airport transportation is available to and from COLORADO SPRINGS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT ONLY. The airport in Denver is 55 miles away and has shuttle service available for a separate fee. Hotel SELF-parking is FREE. RV Parking is subject to a charge of \$35 per night. Use the following link to see more information about this beautiful hotel: <https://www.hotelelegante.com/>

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** Call Phone *toll-free* 1-800-981-4012 by **Sunday September 5, 2021**. You must identify yourself as a member of the **Vietnam Security Police Association** or reference Group reservation #2739313. All reservations must be guaranteed and accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card. **The deadline for reservations is September 5, 2021. After that date, rooms will be space available only and AT THE HOTEL'S PREVAILING RATE. Make your reservations early!** Check-in time is 3:00 PM and check-out time is 11:00 AM. If you encounter any difficulty with hotel reservations, reserve the room, obtain the confirmation number and contact the Reunion BRAT at 1-360-663-2521. Explain the problem and she will correct it for you.

**AIRPORT INFORMATION:**

Book your flight to COLORADO SPRINGS MUNICIPAL (**AIRPORT CODE: COS**). Some airlines do not fly into Colorado Springs or require transfer flights. You may also book to DENVER INTERNATIONAL (**AIRPORT CODE: DEN**) which is approximately 55 miles away. **YOU MUST BE AWARE OF AIRLINE COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS. BRING A MASK!**

**REUNION REGISTRATION FEE:** SEE FOLLOWING PAGES.

**AGENDA:** The agenda is generally accurate, but is subject to change due to Air Force Academy operational requirements for the 10<sup>th</sup> SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON:

- Wednesday, October 6: On-site Registration and Reception Dinner at the hotel.
- Thursday, October 7: **EAT A FREE BREAKFAST. IF YOU ARE GOING ON THE OPTIONAL TOUR, BE SURE TO EAT BEFORE YOU BOARD THE BUS.** Optional Tour to Manitou Springs for shopping (with time for lunch on your own) for the Sisterhood. Spouses are welcome to attend. The tour includes a bus tour of the Garden of The Gods. Dinner and evening are open for squadron and base dinners or gatherings.
- Friday, October 8: **EAT A FREE BREAKFAST BEFORE YOU BOARD THE BUS** for a tour of the USAF Academy. Lunch will be with the 10<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron Defenders. Dinner and evening are open for squadron and base dinners or gatherings.
- Saturday Morning, October 9: **EAT A FREE BREAKFAST BEFORE** the 1000 hours VSPA Business Meeting. Afternoon open.



- Saturday Morning, October 9: EAT A FREE BREAKFAST BEFORE the 1000 hours VSPA Sisterhood gathering of wives and companions. Afternoon open.
- Saturday Evening, October 9: 1730 hours: Banquet dinner with guest speaker, awards and raffle.
- Sunday Morning, October 10: EAT A FREE BREAKFAST BEFORE the 0900 hours Memorial service, reading of the names. End of reunion.
- The Hospitality Room will be stocked with FREE snacks & beverages and will be open as much as possible so that you can visit with each other and make new friends.
- The VSPA BX Store will be open as much as possible.

## **CRITICAL INFORMATION!!! PLEASE READ!!!**

### **ROOMS IN THE AREA WILL GO FAST DUE TO AN ACADEMY CLASS REUNION AND A FOOTBALL GAME AT THE ACADEMY!!! MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY!!!**

Our hotel has been inspected TWICE! The first inspection occurred last year by VSPA Life Member Jim Costello and his wife Angie. They live locally and stated that the hotel is large and beautiful. The second inspection just occurred, was highly detailed, including contract space verifications and a stay in the hotel by VSPA Vice President Larry Fleming and his wife, Martha. Their report was OUTSTANDING! The Fleming and Costello families have attended numerous VSPA reunions and know our requirements in detail.

We conducted a survey of members who attended our last reunion in Washington, D.C. We have spoken with many of our members about fatigue and the length of time for our tours. Members who attended our last two reunions expressed concern regarding early start times, as well as fatigue and the extended day while on base. More and more of our members have difficulty walking; however, some walking may be required on Friday due to the Academy facility. Therefore, our planning for events will reduce walking time at the Academy. The tour on Thursday is a shopping tour for the Sisterhood and will necessarily include some walking. They will also have a bus tour of The Garden of the Gods. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for a reunion with less physical demands and more time to visit with each other.

*Our registration fee DECREASED this year! The REGISTRATION FEE will be \$190 per person. For comparison purposes, the registration fee for our 2019 reunion in Washington, D.C. was \$210 because it is our most expensive venue. We always work hard to control cost and sincerely hope that the registration fee is not something that will impact your ability to attend our reunion. The registration fee includes an EARLY BIRD CREDIT of \$25 for those who have a registration postmarked by **September 3**.*

**THE FOLLOWING IS A CRITICAL CHANGE TO OUR REUNION REGISTRATION PROCESS. PLEASE READ!**

The Reunion BRAT and your VSPA Board of Directors experienced severe impact on planning and preparation FOR THE 2019 REUNION by **late and incomplete registrations** that were received long past the deadline.

The impact on the Reunion BRAT and the 2019 REUNION was founded on the long standing VSPA requirement that she prepare the Entry Authorization List that we submit to the base. Andrews



AFB needed that list so that they could check each name for valid entry. That database also affected the Reunion BRAT's ability to create name badges, work with the hotel on meal requirements, room availability, handle last minute additions, assist members with cancellations due to medical issues, and schedule buses on contract for various events based upon the number of participants that varied consistently up until the last few days. The incomplete registrations required the Reunion BRAT to track down members for additional information that was either omitted, or the entire Entry Authorization Data Entry Form was not sent to the Reunion BRAT. In many cases, Board members had to do the tracking and contacting of members.

The impact on the VSPA Board and Reunion Planning Committee consisted of delaying plans with the base, including the meal at the base, working with outside entities who had approval authority over our ability to visit like the U.S. Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery and multiple units at Joint Base Andrews. A variety of other problems occurred we had to resolve on behalf of our members by contacting them for the Reunion BRAT.

WHEN THIS INFORMATION WAS PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP DURING THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, THEY UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT THIS PROBLEM MUST BE CORRECTED FOR ALL FUTURE REUNIONS DUE TO THE LAST MINUTE WORKLOAD FOR ALL INVOLVED WITH PLANNING AND COORDINATING A SUCCESSFUL REUNION. THEREFORE, WE ARE IMPLEMENTING AN EARLY BIRD CREDIT ON YOUR REGISTRATION OF \$25 IF YOUR REGISTRATION IS POSTMARKED BY SEPTEMBER 3. FOR REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED AFTER THAT DATE, THE REGISTRATION FEE WILL INCREASE BY \$25. THIS WAS APPROVED BY ACCLIMATION OF ALL ATTENDEES.

*If you have a question or need some more information about this reunion, please contact VSPA President Jerry Nelson [JRNEL1423@aol.com](mailto:JRNEL1423@aol.com) or call him on his cell phone at (210) 273-4777. We hope to see you in Colorado Springs, Colorado for our 26<sup>th</sup> VSPA Reunion! It will be so great to see you after having to postpone the reunion last year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.*

**“We Take Care of Our Own!”**





**VIETNAM SECURITY POLICE ASSOCIATION  
REUNION REGISTRATION FORM**



**26<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
Colorado Springs and the Air Force Academy  
October 6 - 10, 2021**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

RVN or Thai base \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron \_\_\_\_\_ Years 19 \_\_\_\_\_ to 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Do not list bases outside of Vietnam or Thailand)*

RVN or Thai base \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron \_\_\_\_\_ Years 19 \_\_\_\_\_ to 19 \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of your guests(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet meal selection: BEEF \_\_\_\_\_ CHICKEN \_\_\_\_\_ VEGETARIAN \_\_\_\_\_

List any special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, notify: \_\_\_\_\_

*Is this your first VSPA Reunion? YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_*

**REGISTRATION FEES**

Are your annual VSPA dues current? **Dues Renewals Only** ..... \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Not for new members - to join the VSPA, please see "VSPA Membership" on the instructions page).

Number of persons attending the Reunion including you # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$190 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**(EARLY BIRD CREDIT OF \$25 INCLUDED if postmarked by September 3)**

Number of persons attending the Reunion including you # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$215 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**(LATE FEE OF \$25 INCLUDED if postmarked AFTER September 3)**

**OPTIONAL THURSDAY TOUR**

Manitou Springs Shopping and Garden of the Gods \$30 per person # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED = ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT IS DUE NO LATER THAN **SEPTEMBER 8, 2021**

SEND PAYMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS, AND MADE PAYABLE TO:

THE REUNION BRAT  
16817 Mountainside Drive East  
Greenwater, WA 98022 (360) 663-2521

[TheReunionBRAT@hotmail.com](mailto:TheReunionBRAT@hotmail.com)



# PLEASE READ

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE REGISTRATION FORMS

1. The information that you provide on this form is critical for a successful reunion. All name and base information will be placed on your reunion identification badge. Guests will also receive reunion identification. The reunion ID will serve as your identification throughout the reunion and must be worn, especially while we are in all military or government facilities.
2. PLEASE PRINT or type all information clearly. Do not use abbreviations on any portion of the registration form.
3. RVN OR THAI BASE INFORMATION: Please list only those bases where you served in Vietnam or Thailand. When listing bases, do not abbreviate. When listing squadrons, please indicate Air Police, Security Police, or specific detachments. The information will be used on your reunion ID.
4. HOME ADDRESS and MAILING ADDRESS: for your confirmation letter. **THE CONFIRMATION LETTERS WILL BE MAILED BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2021.**
5. TELEPHONE AND EMAIL ADDRESS: Your contact information is vital to a successful reunion. You will also receive a copy of the attendee roster upon arrival at the hotel.
6. NAMES OF YOUR GUESTS: Please provide the first name, middle initial and last name of your guest(s) on the Registration Form.
7. RENEWAL OF ANNUAL DUES: For existing VSPA members only - you can renew your dues at the time of registration if they are not current. VSPA membership must be current in order to attend the reunion or bring a guest. Life Members have paid their dues for life.
8. VSPA MEMBERSHIP: If you are not a member of the Vietnam Security Police Association, please do not send \$15 with this registration form. For information on how to become a member, contact Paul Shave at 505-831-9401 or email him: [Paul\\_Shave@hotmail.com](mailto:Paul_Shave@hotmail.com). You will have to submit a completed application form and a DD-214 showing service in the USAF as an Air Policeman, Security Policeman or an Augmentee in Vietnam or Thailand 1958 to 1976, and a discharge under honorable conditions.
9. REUNION COST: The registration fee is \$190 per person **UNLESS YOU MISS THE EARLY BIRD DEADLINE WITH A POSTMARK OF SEPTEMBER 3**. The registration fee will be \$215 per person for all registrations postmarked after September 3. **THIS IS CRITICAL** because of the work that must be completed by the Reunion BRAT and your Board of Directors. The following work must be completed by the Reunion BRAT after registrations are received: A full audit of all names, base names, squadrons and fees paid. The audit of names must be correct in order to print reunion ID badges, develop the Entry Authorization List for the Security Forces personnel at the Academy, and pay advance fees to the hotel and bus transportation company based upon the number of people attending the reunion. Only then can the confirmation letters be mailed to our members. All of the registration and identification information must be assembled in Registration Welcome Packages that have to be mailed in bulk to the hotel with enough time for delivery no later than Tuesday, October 5, the day before registration opens at the hotel. Shipping and delivery is very difficult to guarantee with the current delays in mail systems and shipping. Once the packages arrive at the hotel, another audit must take place so that reunion specific items may be placed in each welcome package, including reunion pins, patches, meal tickets, bus tickets, raffle information and local restaurant information. **PLEASE DON'T DELAY.**

# 2021 ELECTION OF VSPA OFFICERS CALL FOR BIOS AND PHOTOS

The VSPA's By-Laws call for elections of officers every two years, with all current members being given an opportunity to vote. Current members may vote in person by attending the business meeting at the annual reunion, or by mailing in a written ballot, which will be printed in the next issue of Guardmount. Each member may submit only one ballot. There are six positions up for election: President, Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Historian. The other positions on our board of directors (President Emeritus, Past President and Communications Director) are permanent positions as recognized by our Constitution and By-Laws. All other positions in the VSPA are staff positions appointed by the president and board based upon expertise and willingness to serve the members of the VSPA. Elected officers will be confirmed and installed after the voting is completed at the reunion in October. The term of office of all positions is two years. The positions do not receive a salary and are entirely on a volunteer basis.

VSPA members have until **August 13, 2021** to declare their intention to run for an elected VSPA position and must submit a bio and photo for publication in Guardmount. Each person who runs must have been a regular member or life member in good standing for at least two years prior to the election. Board members must have the ability to attend future business meetings that are held at our annual reunions. They must communicate via the Internet and by phone on a regular basis, and must make the commitment to provide the time necessary to serve in the position - none of these are ceremonial positions.

If you want to run for an office on the VSPA Board of Directors, you'll need to submit a photo and one-page biography. Send your bio and photo to VSPA's Guardmount Editor, Mike Kennedy, electronically (mike3sps@verizon.net) or by surface mail (14766 Foxfield Lane, Fontana, CA 92336) soon enough so that he receives your information by **August 13, 2021**. The bios and a ballot will be made available in the next issue of Guardmount.

The duties of the elected board positions below are from the VSPA By-Laws:

**PRESIDENT** - The duties of the President shall include, but not be limited to:

- A. Act as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors.
- B. Cause to be called all regular and special meetings of the organization.
- C. Preside over all regular and special meetings of the organization.
- D. Enforce the Constitution and By-Laws.
- E. Direct and supervise the operation of the organization.
- F. Prepare and present the Board of Directors Annual Report at the annual business meeting.
- G. Coordinate the confirmation of all appointed staff members with the Board of Directors.



- H. Keep a current folder that includes all official correspondence, records, and official materials assigned to his care and turn over the folder to his successor.
- I. Be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the “Nominations Committee.”

**VICE PRESIDENT and SECOND VICE PRESIDENT** - The duties of the Vice President and the Second Vice President shall include, but not be limited to:

- A. Assist the President in the discharge of his duties.
- B. Assume the duties of the President in the event of his absence, illness, or call to eternal Guardmount.
- C. Execute the powers and authority of the President, when required, in the absence of the President.
- D. Serve as elected members of the Board of Directors.
- E. Serve as Chairman and member of the Public Relations Committee if a committee is necessary.
- F. Serve as a member of the Scholarship Committee.
- G. Prepare and present annual reports relative to the operation of their respective office at the annual business meeting.
- H. Keep a current folder that includes all official correspondence, records, and official materials assigned to their care and turn over the folder to his successor.
- I. The Second Vice President shall provide oversight for all record keeping activities and assist the President by maintaining hard copy records when necessary.

**SECRETARY** - The duties of the Secretary shall include, but not be limited to:

- A. Officiate when required in the absence of the President and Vice President.
- B. Serve as an elected member of the Board of Directors.
- C. Serve as a member of the Membership Committee.
- D. Be the clerk of the organization.
- E. Be the custodian of all business-related non-financial records and materials, with the exception of: those records which are created and maintained by the VSPA Historian, the VSPA Membership Chairman, the VSPA Treasurer and VSPA Communications Director Don L. Poss; or those records which are required for performance of the duties of the registered agent and liaison with VSPA’s tax accountant and tax attorney. All such records shall remain property of the organization.
- F. Take minutes and keep permanent records of the proceedings of all annual Business Meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors.
- G. Prepare and distribute election ballots, if necessary and as required.

**H.** Ensure that only members in good standing vote on organizational business. The Secretary will be assisted by the Membership Chairman and the Sergeant-at-Arms.

**I.** Serve as official organization correspondent.

**J.** Keep a current folder that includes all official correspondence, records, and official materials assigned to his care and turn over the folder to his successor.

**TREASURER** - The duties of the Treasurer shall include, but not be limited to:

**A.** Serve as an elected member of the Board of Directors.

**B.** Act as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee if the committee is necessary.

**C.** Be the Chief Financial Officer of the organization.

**D.** Be the custodian of all financial records of the organization.

**E.** Receive and be responsible for the collection of all monies due and payable to the organization.

**F.** Have custody of all organization funds, and shall provide for the safekeeping, retention, disbursement, and investment in a manner acceptable to the Board of Directors.

**G.** Receive donations on behalf of the organization.

**H.** Issue letters in acknowledgement of all donations as required by tax codes.

**I.** To work with the President to make such reports and returns as are required by Federal, State and local governments, the Articles of Incorporation, the Constitution, and these By-Laws, including the disbursement of appropriate taxes and fees.

**J.** Maintain accounts appropriate to the structure and activities of the organization and in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and principles.

**K.** Keep a current folder that includes all official correspondence, records, and official materials assigned to his care and turn over the folder to his successor.

**HISTORIAN** - The duties of the Historian shall include, but not be limited to:

**A.** Serve as an elected member of the Board of Directors.

**B.** Serve as Chairman of the Historical Committee if a committee is necessary.

**C.** Prepare and present a report at the annual business meeting regarding the history projects completed during the preceding year.

**D.** Keep a current folder that includes all official correspondence, records, and official materials assigned to his care and turn over the folder to his successor.



## For President:

**Jerry Nelson, CMSGT (Retired)**

Life Member #668; Phan Rang, Phu Cat, Tuy Hoa 69-70



Nine years ago, I was asked by the VSPA leadership to fill the vacated position of Secretary of the Association. It was a privilege to be asked and to become involved in the leadership of this Association. I was elected for two more terms as Secretary. Once involved and fully engaged with the planning of reunions and the management of the VSPA, I decided to seek the position of VSPA President. It has been an extraordinary honor to serve the last three years as your President. While the last year has been difficult due to COVID-19, leading this Association and being intimately involved with the activities of the Association and Board of Directors has allowed us to meet the challenges and remain strong.

I truly have enjoyed my relationships with my Brothers and the Sisterhood, working to make the VSPA better for every member. The members of the VSPA mean the world to me and I will do anything to protect and improve the VSPA to ensure the future of our Brotherhood and Sisterhood.

After discussions with my wife, Sherry who is a member of the VSPA Sisterhood, and with many, many members of our Association, I have decided to seek reelection as your President. I do not take this endeavor lightly and can promise that if I am elected again, I will do everything in my power to fulfill all responsibilities of that position to the best of my ability. I certainly appreciate all of the former Presidents and their efforts to keep the VSPA strong. I will continue to work hard to increase membership, always working with the Brotherhood to ensure its vitality and ensure that the Board of Directors (BOD) works together to make certain that this organization is strong and vital for everyone. There are always important issues facing the Association that must be addressed professionally and handled by the BOD. I believe in a strong, active BOD that works issues as they arise and therefore, I believe that the delegation of responsibilities is imperative. If reelected, I will work tirelessly to ensure that happens.

For those of you who are new to the VSPA, I would like to provide a brief background of my qualifications and why I feel that I am suited to be your president. I retired from the USAF as a Chief Master Sergeant after a 27-year career. I served in Security Police for 12 years in many supervisory positions. I also served 15 years in the Air Force Recruiting Service. My last position was as the Superintendent, 367th Recruiting Group where I was responsible for slightly over 1,000 recruiters. After retirement, I immediately entered the business world on the Field Audit team with Primerica. I was with the Company for 23 years and retired in 2019. I supervised a Field Audit team for Primerica that covered the middle part of the US and have been in supervisory positions almost my entire career.

I have also served as the President of the Safeside Association from 2006 to 2018. During those years, we increased the size of the organization significantly and also incorporated as a tax-exempt organization, similar to the VSPA. We designed a Safeside memorial bench that was dedicated at the Defender Memorial located at the National Air Force Museum. Working with the cooperation of the Safeside Board of Directors, we achieved many great things for our Association. I am very proud of our record of accomplishment during my tenure; therefore, I established a plan of succession for the Presidency of the Safeside Association to ensure that there would be no conflict of interest between Safeside and the VSPA.

I was also selected to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Security Forces Museum and have been very involved with the update and modernization of the Southeast Asia Section of the Museum.

All of these positions have provided me with the depth of knowledge and insight to the inner-workings of these organizations, enabling me to embrace a broader vision. I believe that every position I have held or do hold has made me qualified to meet the future challenges facing the VSPA and would love to have your support to lead our Association for another two years.

I am available and willing to discuss any issues or concerns that you may have. Please contact me at [jrnel1423@aol.com](mailto:jrnel1423@aol.com) or call me at 210-273-4777. I look forward to discussing issues and/or seeing everyone in Colorado Springs, Colorado for our reunion in October. As I say Welcome Home to our Brothers, I also extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to our Sisterhood for their everlasting support as they Take Care of Those Who Take Care of Their Own!

Jerry R. Nelson  
Life Member #668

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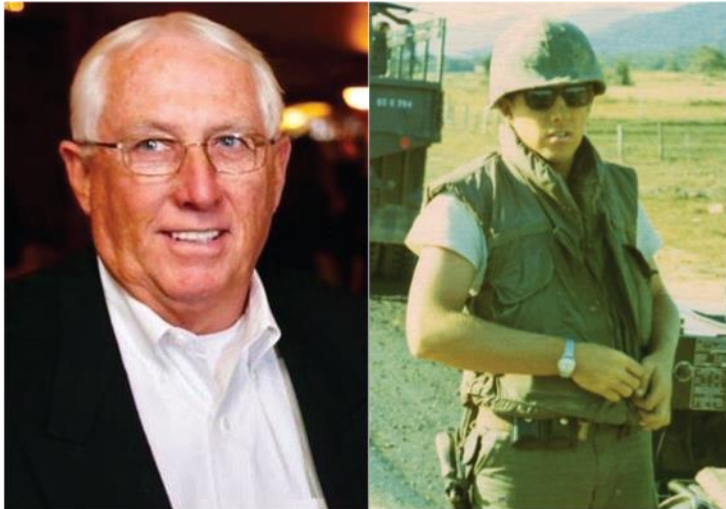




## For Vice President:

### Larry Fleming

Life Member #131; Nha Trang 68-69



I am running for reelection and seeking the office of Vice President of the VSPA. I have been a life member since 2004. I served in the USAF from 1966-1970. First serving at Minot AFB, North Dakota, volunteering for Southeast Asia to escape the freezing North, I was sent to Nha Trang AB arriving on 31 January 1968 with a welcoming barrage courtesy of the enemy. After Viet Nam I was sent to Hamilton AFB, California, where I was honorably discharged in 1970.

I worked in management positions for cities and water utilities for almost 40 years. First as

Director of Public Works for two cities, followed by Director of Operations and Project Manager for a newly established water district in Texas. I retired for a second time in 2014, after overseeing multiple capital projects in excess of 25 million dollars. I coordinated work with contractors, engineers, state agencies and the Water District. All contracts were finished on time and within budget. I feel my experience qualifies me to serve as a board member.

My first reunion was Washington D C. in 2007. If you were there, you were probably moved as much as I was by the parade, the visit to Arlington National Cemetery and other activities. That year changed my life and I was welcomed into a brotherhood that will be with me until I die. I have not missed a reunion since.

In 2015 I was honored to participate in a “Wall Washing” at the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial in Washington, D.C. along with several of my buddies from Nha Trang and other VSPA members.

I am deeply connected with the VSPA and feel this is my time to become more involved in our organization. I hope to make a difference for the betterment of the entire membership. I am running for reelection and asking for your vote for Vice President in the upcoming election. **THANK YOU AND WELCOME HOME!**

Larry Fleming, Life Member #131

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## For 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:

**Robert “Deke” DeCubellis, Colonel, USAF (Ret.)**  
Life Member #347; Bien Hoa 1970-71



I seek this office with the intent of bringing my 36 plus years of active and reserve USAF service and post-retirement contributions to my community, to the benefit of our membership and our stated objectives. For those who don't know me, I'm a mustang mosquito winger who spent most of my career in the cops before assuming command of a multi-faceted Regional Support Group. I also have some time on the street as a reserve Police Officer and learned how to master a forklift in our church community food pantry. Since I "retired" in 2006, I've been a Public Safety and Traffic Commissioner and Mayor's Steering Committee member. For the past 13 years I have been the charter President of the Murrieta Veterans Memorial Foundation Inc. We've raised several million dollars, designed and constructed a series of truly unique monuments in our Town Square Park that honor the service and sacrifices of our veterans. We've also forged a partnership with the City, School District, regional educators and the Rotary Club Field of Honor. Each Veterans Week in November we host over 3000 5th grade students

where our veteran docents teach them about patriotism, good citizenship and an appreciation for the freedom our veterans have earned for them. We will dedicate our Vietnam Memorial in this next year now that it's gone out for contract/build, and I will soon turn over the reins to the next group of veterans as President Emeritus. They will begin designing their monument to honor our most recent SW Asia veterans of the past 20 plus years.

If so honored to represent you as your Vice President, it's my intent to partner with our leadership, our members and our Sisterhood. I'm hopeful that my extensive Total Force contacts and experience can help us with reunion site selections, support, preparations, and execution. I can also help with my public relations, scholarship/fundraising skills plus my experience "scars" in keeping a non-profit street-legal. We're all marching on toward that "Centurion Club" --- I'm very sensitive to our special needs. I would be seeking your input on what our legacy as an Association could and should be as we move forward! Last of all, pray that as a former "Horrendous Hamiltonian", my 50 + year affiliation with Steve Gattis, Larry Fleming, and Jaime "LQ" Lleras, won't be held against me when you vote! Be Proud. Be Safe!

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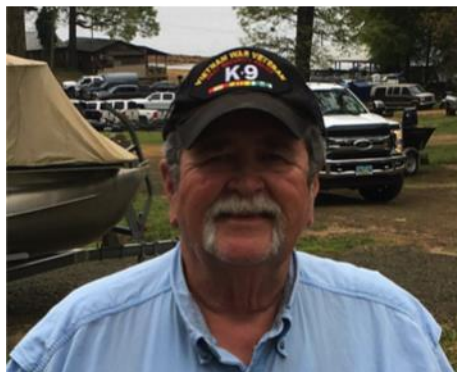




## For Secretary:

### Charlie Blood

Life Member #372; K9 Udorn, Thailand 70-71



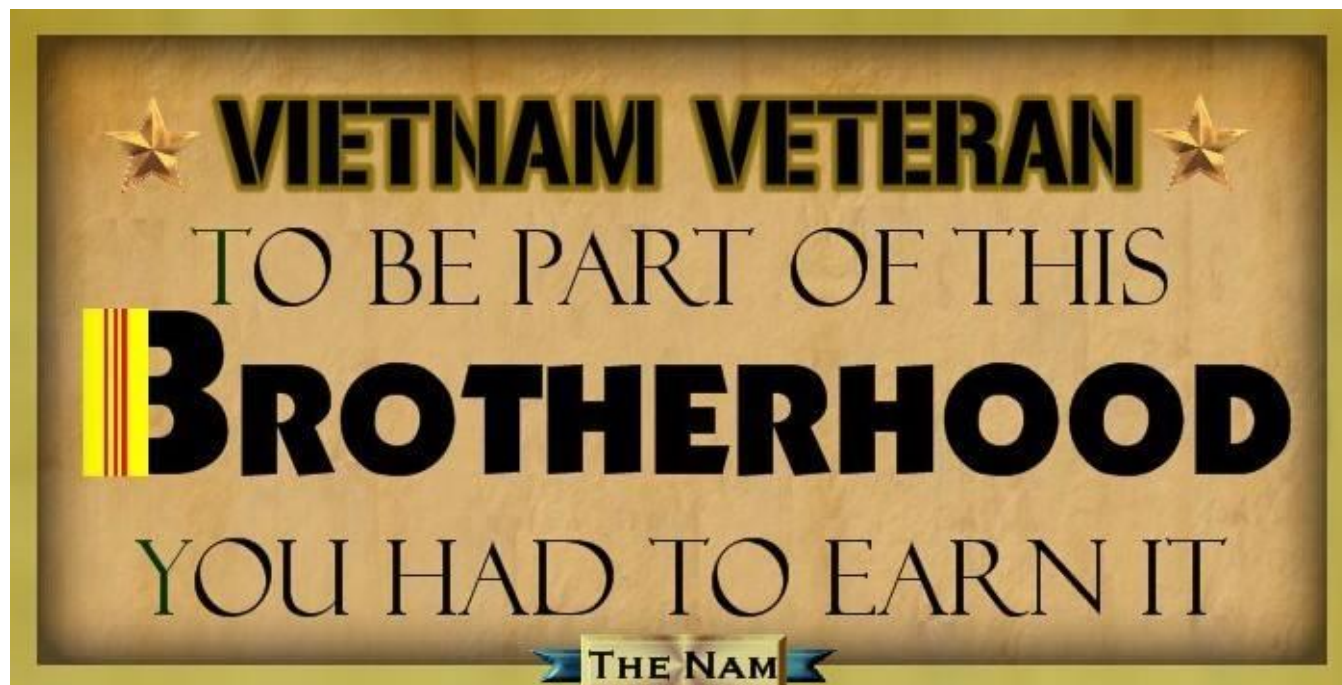
I volunteered to fill the VSPA Secretary vacancy in 2019 due to the resignation brought on by medical conditions affecting Bill Marshall and his wife, Karen. VSPA President Jerry Nelson appointed me to fill Bill's position on the Board of Directors and my appointment was later confirmed by the Board. I have served as Secretary continuously since 2019.

I have enjoyed working with the Board of Directors and have attended many of our reunions. I assisted in the planning for our reunion this year in Colorado Springs, as well as our 25th Anniversary Reunion in Washington, D.C. I am happy to continue serving our brotherhood and sisterhood and seek your vote for the position of VSPA Secretary.

I was a K-9 handler at Udorn RTAFB, Thailand in 70-71. I handled K-9 Chris, #77M3 and am VSPA Life Member #372.

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## For Treasurer:



### Richard Garcia

Life Member #82; Phan Rang 69-70

I have served as the Treasurer of the VSPA since 2009 (twelve years).

I enlisted in the United States Air Force in April 1967. Basic Training, Security Police School, Combat Prep Course at Lackland AFB 04/67-07/67. After Lackland, I went to Francis E. Warren AFB, Cheyenne, WY 07/67-01/69, guarding Minuteman Missiles/Nuke Warheads.

I served at Phan Rang AB, RVN with the 35<sup>th</sup> Security Police Squadron in heavy weapons, Tiger mortar pit. I completed my service commitment with the 370<sup>th</sup> SPS Bangor, Maine, and was honorably discharged in April 1971.



- Retired seven year ago as a Billing/Collections manager with the Episcopal Church.
- Received the “Vietnam Security Police Association Mike Daoust Award” in 2011.
- Received the “Vietnam Security Police Association Warriors Medal of Valor” in 2014.

#### Associations:

- Vietnam Security Police Association (VSPA) Life Member #82
- VFW
- American Legion, Massapequa Post 1066
- DAV Life Member
- Vietnam Veterans of America Life Member

It would be an honor and a privilege to continue serving this great association of USAF Air/Security Police brothers.

Welcome Home!

Richard Garcia

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## For Historian:

### Steve Shelt

Life Member #157; Pleiku 67-68



I have had a very diverse career within the federal government as well as private business and industry. My career began in 1966 when I enlisted in the Air Force. As a Security Policeman, I was assigned to the 410<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing, 410<sup>th</sup> Combat Defense Squadron, K.I. Sawyer AFB, Michigan; 633<sup>rd</sup> Combat Support Group, 633<sup>rd</sup> Security Police Squadron, Pleiku AB, Vietnam; and the 81<sup>st</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, 81<sup>st</sup> Security Police Squadron, Bentwaters RAF, England. My most memorable experience in the Air Force was defending Pleiku Air Base during the 1968 Tet Offensive in Vietnam.

I separated from the Air Force in 1970 and pursued my college education while working as a warehouse manager for a pharmaceutical and hospital supply company. After graduating from Tiffin University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, I made the decision to rejoin the military and entered the Army as a Military Policeman. I was assigned to the 554<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company, 385<sup>th</sup> Military Police Battalion, 18th Military Police Brigade, Patch Barracks, Germany; Headquarters U.S. European Command, Protective Service Detachment, Germany; and Forces Command, Law Enforcement Activities, Fort Sheridan, Illinois. My most memorable experience in the Army was leading protective service missions with the Multinational Peace Keeping Force in Beirut, Lebanon.

In 1987, I started my civilian career in federal service with the Department of Army, assigned as the Director/Physical Security Officer, Physical Security and Crime Prevention Division, Office of the Provost Marshal, Ft Sheridan, IL. My responsibility included facilities and installations in six mid-western states assigned to the 4<sup>th</sup> Army. In 1989 I was recruited by the U.S. Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office (DOE-SR). During my tenure at the DOE-SR, I was assigned as a Team Leader, Branch Chief, Program Manager, and Division Director. I managed and directed a wide range of programs to include: Physical Security, Protective Force Operations, Intelligence/Counter-intelligence, Fire Protection, Aviation, and Emergency Management. I also directed the security mission for nuclear spent fuel being transported via ocean vessels from foreign country reactors to the U.S. as part of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty. After 9/11, I was assigned a collateral duty to the FBI's Southeast Joint Terrorism Task Force, CSRA Joint Agency and Midlands Weapons of Mass Destruction Working Groups representing DOE Savannah River Operations Office.

I retired from federal service in 2007 and became a consultant to both private industry and the federal government on nuclear and petroleum security, terrorism, emergency services, and aviation safety and management. I completely retired from the work force in 2012. Post retirement I have volunteered with the Augusta Historical Society working on the National Veterans History Project collecting (videotaping) personal accounts of American war veterans for a better understanding of the realities of war. Those accounts are sent to the National Achieves so that future generations may hear directly from the veterans. I am a member of the county Community Emergency Response Team and volunteered 3 years at the Charlie Norwood Veterans Medical Center, Augusta, GA. I have also provided lectures to the current Air Force Security Forces on the emergence and tribulations of Air Base Defense in the Vietnam War. My favorite activity is backpacking on the Appalachian Trail and singing karaoke with friends. I am active with veteran's organizations such as the American Legion, Post 192, Vietnam Veterans of America, Vietnam Security Police Association (Life Member #157), and the Pleiku Air Base Association.

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Vietnam Security Police Association

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INSTRUCTIONS

If you are attending the reunion, you may mail your ballot, or you may wait to meet the candidates and submit your ballot at the reunion. You may only vote one time.

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PLEASE COMPLETE THIS BALLOT AND MAIL TO MIKE KENNEDY WITH A POSTMARK NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 27, 2021.

Completed ballots can also be emailed to Mike Kennedy at: mike3sps@verizon.net

Place a check [X] in the box next to the name of the Candidate(s) of your choice below.

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FOR VICE PRESIDENT

[ ] Larry Fleming

FOR 2nd VICE PRESIDENT

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[ ] Charlie Blood

FOR TREASURER

[ ] Richard Garcia

FOR HISTORIAN

[ ] Steve Shelt



**Vietnam Security Police Association**  
**J.J. CHESTNUT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

<http://www.vspa.com/t-rip-chestnut-1998.htm>

Jim Lebowitz, Life Member #241, Bien Hoa AB – 66-68

**Deadline: October 1, 2021**

The VSPA has established a scholarship in memory of J.J. Chestnut. J.J. was a career Security Policeman who served in Vietnam and after completion of his military career became a member of the U.S. Capital Police. In 1998 while on duty he was killed by a deranged individual who shot several others. He was brandishing a weapon and was attempting to gain access to sensitive areas at the capital building. J.J. is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

All VSPA members, spouses, children, grandchildren, step-children/step grandchildren, and great grandchildren are eligible to compete for this scholarship. Normally one \$1,000.00 award is given annually. The award will be granted to those seeking education beyond the high school level and may include trade schools, community colleges, junior colleges or four-year college or university.

The deadline for submission of scholarship applications the first day of October each year. The basis for the award will be Grade Point Average (GPA), recommendations and the applicants response to one of the below listed topics.

VSPA members should request applications on behalf of applicants via the public bulletin board on the VSPA Web Site or by contacting Jim Lebowitz at 949-855-8901. Relatives of deceased members may also request applications.

Please complete the biographical data and recommendation. On a separate piece of paper, please respond to one of the following questions, in 500 words or less:

1. In what instances do you feel that the United States is justified in taking military action?

*Or*

2. May people feel that the military today is alienated from the general population? How can this alienation be eliminated or prevented?

Submit the completed application via e-mail to [jimlebowitz@yahoo.com](mailto:jimlebowitz@yahoo.com) or regular mail to:

Jim Lebowitz  
2144 Ronda Granada  
Unit G  
Laguna Woods, CA 92637

**Vietnam Security Police Association  
J.J. Chestnut Memorial Scholarship Application**

**APPLICANT'S BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Name of VSPA member: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of school currently attending or last attended:

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Current degree/education level: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of school currently or planning on attending:

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Grade point average: \_\_\_\_\_

- Note:** 1. Please attach a copy of your most current transcripts.  
2. Recommendation of school official, principal, university administrator, department chair, or guidance counselor.

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments concerning applicant's qualifications and potential:

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Signature/Title of person making recommendation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# SARGE'S CAFÉ, INC.



Dear VSPA family,

Greetings from beautiful Northeast Alabama! Thank you so much for your support of Sarge's Café, a non-profit organization established in 2014 in memory of Alvin W. Matthews, MSgt. USAF (retired). Sarge served in the 483<sup>rd</sup> SPS Cam Ranh Bay, 1971-1972 and later as an instructor at the Security Police Academy. He is VSPA Life Member #127. This year marks our seventh year of service providing for school children!

As you know, Sarge's Café has no paid employees. 100% of all donations go directly to providing for school children. The directors donate their time, vehicle and provide gas for picking up and delivering non-perishable foods and bottled water for school children battling food insecurity.

While the 2019-2020 school year was a challenge due to the pandemic, we persevered, and our loyal supporters continued sending their donations. We have committed to providing bottled water, after school snacks with bottled water and weekend food for the 2021-2022 school year. We remain flexible in all that we do, especially this year with potential unexpected school closings. Should that be so, our contact at Bryant School knows that we will do what we can to provide non-perishable, child friendly items if there is a need.

We returned to work August 9, 2021. Our projects are described below:

1. Provide 16.9-ounce bottles of water for 80 students at Lincoln Academy, Huntsville, to serve with their lunch. The cost for water is approximately \$60.00 weekly.
2. Provide afterschool snacks for 24 students in the Lincoln Academy's Learning Lab afterschool program. By request we are now providing chips, rice Krispy treats and gummy snacks, as well as bottled water. The lab meets Tuesday through Friday each week. The cost for snacks and water is approximately \$125.00 weekly.
3. Our weekend lunchbox program provides for 30 students at Bryan School, Bryant, in Jackson County, Alabama. We provide enough for 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 3 dinners. The cost for weekend lunchbox food per child is approximately \$25.00, or a total of \$750 weekly.

Thank you again for honoring LM# 127 through Sarge's Café in our mission to defeat food insecurity one child at a time.

Welcome Home! HUGS!  
Janet Matthews "Sparkplug"  
Daughter of LM #127

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# IN MEMORIUM



Reunions are important for many reasons. One of those reasons is that we gather to honor the 111 brothers who did not survive the war in Vietnam and Thailand. We also honor every member of the VSPA who has stood their final Guardmount since our last reunion. As of this date, in addition to our 111, we will honor 34 VSPA members, including three members of the VSPA Sisterhood, who have passed away since our last reunion in 2019...and, those are just the ones we know about! 34 is an extraordinary number of brothers and sisters who have passed away in two years, friends who shared our hard life experiences in Vietnam and Thailand as well as the joy of our shared brotherhood and sisterhood at reunions. 34 lost in two years is 31% of the 111 that we lost in the ten years between 1965 and 1975. If you know the name of a member who is not on this list who passed away since our last reunion in October of 2019, please let us know so that we can honor them at the reunion this year. Consider attending a reunion to meet with brothers and sisters as we honor those who have shared our lives.

- Mickey Adams, Da Nang
- Gary Allison, Nakhon Phanom, Thailand
- Clevio “Monk” Angelo, Phan Rang
- Ernie Childers, Udorn K9, Thailand
- David “Charley” Chunn, Bien Hoa and Tan Son Nhut
- Jimmy Clark, Phan Rang, Safeside
- Tim Clifford, Tan Son Nhut
- Ken Diller, K9 Cam Ranh Bay
- Bernie DeNisio, Silver Star Recipient, Tan Son Nhut
- Sebastian “Mike” DeTuccio, Tan Son Nhut
- Jack Leroy Eckert, Bronze Star w/V Recipient, Nha Trang and Phan Rang
- Marshall Gott, Bronze Star w/V Recipient, Bien Hoa
- Mitchell “Butch” Hamdeed, Binh Thuy
- David Hardenburgh, Phan Rang
- Mel Hecker, Jr. Da Nang, China Beach and Dong Ha
- Richard Huskey, Da Nang
- Nugent Jackson, Tan Son Nhut
- Jackie Kays, Da Nang

- Victor Lebsack, Pleiku
- George Martin, K9 Nha Trang
- William “Mac” MacDonald, Tan Son Nhut and Nha Trang
- Francis “Mickey” McMillan, Phu Cat, Pleiku and Korat, Thailand
- Bob Mitchell, Phan Rang, Da Nang, Phu Bai (Bob made reunion button pins for us).
- Robert Parise, Bien Hoa, an airman who rose through the ranks to Brigadier General and Commander of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard
- Steve Ray, Cam Ranh Bay and Korat, Thailand. Charter Member and Founding VSPA Secretary
- Jack Roberts, Tan Son Nhut, Vung Tao and Phan Rang
- Phil Savage, K9 Phan Rang and Tuy Hoa
- Edwin “Jack” Smith, Former VSPA Vice President, Tan Son Nhut
- Robert Sullivan, Phu Cat, Phan Rang and CINC DOG as Nemo’s Handler throughout the United States
- Robert Throneburg, Bronze Star w/V and Purple Heart Recipient as Nemo’s Handler at Tan Son Nhut
- Gregg Sheerer, Bien Hoa

WE HAVE LOST THREE MEMBERS OF THE SISTERHOOD WHO PASSED AWAY SINCE OUR LAST REUNION, WOMEN WHO STOOD BY AND TOOK GREAT CARE OF THEIR HUSBANDS.

- ♥ Sharon Busboom, wife of Stanley “Buzz” Busboom
- ♥ Debbie Kennedy, wife of our Guardmount Editor, Mike Kennedy
- ♥ Debbie Marcelain, wife of Mike Marcelain







*Need to talk to someone? Call Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 and press 1*

**NOTE:** All Officers and Staff are unpaid VSPA members who volunteer to serve their brothers in the association. Officers were elected in 2018 for a two-year term and extended for one year due to COVID-19. Staff members were appointed to assist and advise the officers of the association as needed.

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**Wash "The Wall" In Washington D.C. Coordinator:** Gary Jones (See WEB QRT Troubleshooter Above)



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## **DONATIONS AND ESTATE PLANNING BEQUESTS TO THE VSPA**

The VSPA is an IRS recognized 501(c)(19) military association whose membership is over 95% War Veteran. Therefore, all donations are tax deductible. Donations, Employer Matching Funds and Estate Planning are an essential part of our lives that provide for our families as well as the entities that have meaning in our lives. Donations and Employer Matching Funds provide resources to support our VSPA daily activities and annual operations. Planned giving in the form of a bequest to the VSPA in your will or trust ensures the future of our mission while also expressing your commitment to that mission and our brotherhood. Because the VSPA is a tax-exempt charitable association, your bequest may also reduce estate taxes. As an alternative, you may also make a gift that may avoid probate by naming the VSPA as a beneficiary on an IRA, insurance policy, other retirement plans or securities.

When making your donation or bequest, you may designate that the funds be used by our general fund in support of our mission, or you may specifically designate that the funds be used by one of our programs like the Jacob J. Chestnut Memorial Scholarship Fund to provide educational scholarships to our members and their descendants, or to assist a member in need. You and your employer can make the arrangements for your donation and their matching donation by sending your donations in a check made payable to the Vietnam Security Police Association.

Your attorney or financial planner can make the arrangements for your estate-planning bequest. Our Treasurer, Richard Garcia, will provide you, your employer, and/or your estate with a letter of acknowledgement for tax purposes.

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YOU HAVE ALL NIGHT TO DECIDE...**

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**WAR DOGS WERE A GREAT ASSET!  
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