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**The *Vietnam Security
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Inc. (USAF)***

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• VSPA 501(c)(19) -- [Don Poss](#),

12:28:09 07/03/07 Tue

[1] ([cpe-76-167-254-68](#).

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Gents:

Steve Gattis' below detailed account regarding VSPA's incorporated status is correct. If you haven't done so, please read it. Some may have a buddy friend attorney who "laughs" and thinks the tax exempt world is a box-of-chocolates, or whatever, however, he will not pay for VSPA's defense should our tax exempt status be revoked (IRS does not warn nor challenge – it revokes tax exempt with the stroke of a pin). Some may have knowledge of another veteran group that is politically active and has a tax exempt status, such as the VFW, however, they are not incorporated under a 501(c)(19) status, and they may do so to their hearts delight. VSPA could have chosen another type of incorporation, but I would guess the cost factored in and the thought was that status was unnecessary and not a part of what the association is trying to accomplish.

Once more, as a private party, I offer to set up a non VSPA website (with or without a password) with VOY for those wishing to continue political debate and opinions elsewhere. The only requirement is that someone is willing to monitor it (as Bill Marshall monitors VSPA's BBs) and have his email and name as the responsible party. So far, no takers, although I am not surprised, as no one wants responsibility and accountability for anything, let alone for running a bulletin board – even one without restrictions. But many demand capability to voice opinions and give themselves permission to bash anyone or any idea or belief they want on any BB without accountability or censorship.

An alternative could be for someone to volunteer their personal bulletin board for such use.

Bottom line: no one is denied their right to talk about whatever they want – just not on VSPA bulletin boards. Send all the emails you want to whomever you want regarding a point of view, pro or con, on any subject. Recipients are free to blacklist you, reply, debate, or visit your house late at night. If you feel strongly about this, then get your own bulletin board – again, I will help you set it up. If you don't want to do so, that's fine (you don't feel that strong about it after all), but don't expect the IRS-World to adjust to what you want or what you think is a travesty and trampling of your First Amendment rights as an injustice: IRS does not agree with that point of view -- the US Supreme Court does not agree with that point of view – regardless of what a good lawyer friend thinks. Remember that 99% of all lawyers give 1% a bad name: and "they" are all lawyers, politicians, and bureaucrats running the system we must tread through as incorporation.

Don Poss

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. **POLITICAL COMMENTS AND TAX STATUS -- [Steve Gattis, VSPA](#)**

[President](#), 01:17:48 07/03/07 Tue

[11] (h34.61.155.207.

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[alltel.net/207.155.61.34](#))

There are two terms that must be defined and understood before we can move forward with any

discussion regarding the VSPA in the world of taxes: Those terms are "Tax Exempt" and "Tax Deductible." Both are significantly different and both affect the VSPA in different ways.

"TAX EXEMPT" means that as an organization of war veterans, we do not have to pay taxes, providing that we maintain our status (membership and purpose) within the requirements of 501(c)(19).

THE PURPOSE within 501(c)(19) is:

- A. Promoting the social welfare of the community (We have accomplished this by providing the J.J. Chestnut Memorial Scholarship, speaking within the community and linking with current Security Forces Personnel, attending Memorial Day events and Veteran's Day events to provide information and displays, and by assisting the Arizona Attorney General with a Capital Murder case).
- B. Assisting needy and disabled veterans, widows, or orphans of deceased veterans (We have accomplished this through our donations and contributions to assist our less fortunate brothers with their membership fees, by members providing gift life memberships, contributions to the J.J. Chestnut Scholarship Fund and the Bayes Children Fund, and by making it possible for families to contact members through our web site and bulletin boards who may have served with a lost loved one).
- C. Providing entertainment, care and assistance to hospitalized veterans or members of the Armed Forces of the United States (We have accomplished this through our Old Dawgs and Pups Program, through direct donations to the Jamie Dana Fund, through contributions to the Proud Warrior Program and the Moving Wall, and by our members personally adopting Security Forces troops who are deployed in Afghanistan, Kuwait, Iraq, Korea and Africa).
- D. Perpetuating the memory of veterans and comforting their survivors (We have accomplished this through our web site, through direct contact with surviving families of those we lost in Vietnam and Thailand, by holding a graveside memorial service in conjunction with our reunion if possible, by holding a memorial service at each reunion, by preserving our history, and through actual testimony by VSPA members in an Arizona Capital Murder Case).
- E. Conducting programs for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes (We have accomplished this through the outreach of our Chaplain Program, through the web site publication of our stories and poetry and through the use of our bulletin boards to provide information and knowledge regarding the VA Claims Process, information regarding Agent Orange, and the dissemination of historical information for the families of those who did not survive the war, and to respond to direct questions from students who are currently studying the war).
- F. Sponsoring or participating in patriotic activities (We have accomplished this through our member participation in patriotic events throughout the country including the reunion in Kokomo, Indiana, Reunion at The Wall of the South, other Veteran reunions, Memorial Day activities and Veterans Day ceremonies. The reunion in D.C. is a prime example that will satisfy this requirement).
- G. Providing social and recreational activities for members (We have accomplished this through our reunions, our membership lists that are used to reconnect our members and through our web site with its various bulletin boards that are used by members to communicate with each other).

MEMBERSHIP: Organizationally, the IRS mandates that we maintain files proving that a minimum of 75% of our members are Veterans. Previously, the IRS required that members be war veterans. That requirement was relaxed due to the mortality rate in the majority of Veterans groups. The percentage factors are critical and subject to examination at any time by the IRS. We currently have over 1,000 Charter Members, Regular Members and Life Members who are all war veterans of the Vietnam War as mandated by our Constitution and By-laws. We also have Affiliate Members who are our immediate family members consisting of our wives, widows, children, grandparents, brothers and sisters who are generally automatic members if they desire to become active. The active Affiliate Members comprise the VSPA Sisterhood and cannot exceed 25% of our total membership without jeopardizing our tax status. The Affiliate Members may inherit the VSPA when we have 25 or less war veteran members so that the Affilliate Members can manage the organization for the benefit of the war veterans if they are no longer able to manage the organization. We also have nine Associate Members who received that title as an award honoring them for their service to the VSPA. The nine Associate members are the only members of the public who are allowed to belong to the VSPA. We currently meet all membership and purpose requirements, including the required records by name and dates of service in Vietnam or Thailand. The records requirement is why we must have an application and a DD Form 214 on file.

"TAX DEDUCTIBLE" means that what is given or donated to the association MAY be deductible from personal or corporate income taxes IF the VSPA satisfies all requirements for membership and purpose as stated above under Tax Exempt requirements.

Your dues are not deductible. However, a donation that provides payment of dues for someone else is deductible, just as donations of money for the J.J. Chestnut Scholarship Fund and the Bayes Children Fund are also deductible. The cost of the VSPA Web Site and bulletin boards has been donated as a service cost to the VSPA by Larry Poss (Don's brother) who is both an Affiliate Member and an Associate Member of the VSPA. To date, the value of Larry's corporate donation is approximately FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS. Larry's donation has been tax deductible to his corporation because we satisfied all requirements of membership and purpose. If we fail to satisfy the requirements of membership and purpose in the future, he could lose that tax deduction and have to pass the cost on to the VSPA which is something that would break the VSPA in that one area alone. There is no way that we could recover that amount of money by raising member dues or charging web site subscription fees over the next five or ten years.

The bottom line regarding political comments and what the VSPA can do politically: We can and do review current Veterans legislation and lobby Congress for the benefit of our members regarding Agent Orange recognition in Vietnam AND Thailand. There is an extraordinary project that was worked on by several of our members regarding the use of Agent Orange in Thailand. Those members are in direct contact with Congress on a rountine basis. However, the VSPA and those members cannot say "Thank You" by campaigning on behalf of those members of Congress who support us without jeopardizing our Tax Exempt status and the subsequent Tax Deductions that are being granted to the people who are so generous with their donations.

Of course, our members can support them privately, but we cannot support them on behalf of the association, nor can we make a political contribution from the VSPA. Our political activity is limited to the review of

legislation affecting Veterans and testimony by our own subject matter experts before Congress. On a highly professional law enforcement level, our members provided affidavits and testified under subpoena in the Arizona Capital Murder case in which the Arizona Attorney General needed our expert assistance regarding air base ground defense operations in Southeast Asia and specific combat activities at Phu Cat Air Base in 1968. The result was that a vicious murderer lost his Stolen Valor PTSD appeal and remained on Death Row when the death sentence was a very political issue.

Back to politics and our tax status. Nothing is easy. After Don Poss contacted me regarding this issue, I contacted our attorney who has never charged us a dime. I also contacted a tax accountant who deals with the IRS on a routine basis. They were both in agreement that organizationally, the VSPA cannot evaluate a candidate or platform, develop a political action plan, recommend a platform or endorse a candidate, slam a candidate, solicit contributions, or make contributions to any political activity without jeopardizing our tax exempt status and the subsequent tax deductibility of ALL donations made to the VSPA. Our members may do anything they want privately, but not as a representative of the VSPA.

SUMMARY:

It all boils down to what is related and what is not related to why we exist as an organization. We are not organized as a political entity. Political comments, political activities and the use of our bulletin boards for political purposes on anything other than Veterans Health and Benefit Legislation COULD jeopardize our tax status because the political comments are not related to anything within the requirements of 501(c)(19) as stated in A through G above. The CORE ELEMENT of that issue is the use of the Web Site servers that are donated by Larry Poss and the bulletin boards that are donated by VOY. If the IRS determines through a review of the Free Fire Zone that any part of a donation is earmarked by the VSPA (creation of the FFZ) for lobbying or political purposes, then the donation is not deductible.

This is not about free speech. The Supreme Court is not saying that you can't make political comments. They are saying that the United States Government and the people of the United States will not subsidize your ability to do so and that the IRS is the regulating agency that protects the taxes. In other words, if you want to make the statements, the VSPA must pay taxes AND the people who make donations to the VSPA will not be allowed to deduct what they give to the VSPA.

Don Poss, as our Web Master, is very much on the mark when he raises concerns about political comments. While we are not a political entity in any way, if one were to read our bulletin boards, ESPECIALLY THE FFZ, it could be construed that we are, in fact, political and that our members use the boards to formulate political action plans, and to press for votes for or against a person or platform. The FFZ was never intended for the sole purpose of politics, although it has been used in that manner by many of our members. We cannot afford to give the appearance that the FFZ is a place for our members to gather, evaluate and formulate plans for the defeat or support of a candidate, especially with the coming elections. Don's responsibility is to protect our ability to use the web site and the bulletin boards. Protecting our ability to use the web site and bulletin boards includes protecting our tax status and the deductibility of the donations that make it all possible.

As far as the IRS is concerned, the threat and weight of a subpoena are nothing compared to the threat of losing

a FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLAR TAX DEDUCTION. We do not have the financial resources to challenge an IRS ruling, nor do we have the funds available to begin the horror story of billable hours to attorneys and accountants.

The time has come to concentrate on why we were formed as an organization of war veterans. Help preserve your ability to make a tax deductible donation to the VSPA that will help our less fortunate brothers who cannot afford to pay dues. Help keep our web site and bulletin boards in the best possible condition. If it does not relate to A through G above, don't post the message on our bulletin boards. Send all the messages you want privately to the member(s) of your choice and engage in a round robin email at no cost to anyone. If that is not enough, there are thousands of political blogs and web sites that do not count on our tax exempt status and the generous donations that allow us to have something very special.

Remember, it's not about free speech and your first amendment rights. It's about whether or not the U. S. Government will subsidize your ability to make political comments by not collecting taxes from the VSPA and whether or not they will deny a tax deduction to the people who made it all possible.

Steve Gattis, VSPA President

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- [Re: POLITICAL COMMENTS AND TAX STATUS -- MarkBrooks,](#)
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 -  [Re: POLITICAL COMMENTS AND TAX STATUS -- Pat Houseworth,](#)
06:02:32 07/03/07 Tue
(cpe-76-190-30-82.woh.
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 -  [Re: POLITICAL COMMENTS AND TAX STATUS -- Bob Mitchell LM301,](#)
12:06:35 07/03/07
Tue (ip68-14-6-65.ri.ri.
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- [Re: POLITICAL COMMENTS AND TAX STATUS -- Bill McGraw,](#)
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Tue (cache-rtc-ad11.
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- [Re: POLITICAL COMMENTS AND TAX STATUS -- Jim Durham, LM-267, Burns,](#)
TENNESSEE, 07:07:19 07/03/07
Tue (c-68-53-152-55.
hsd1.tn.

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- **Re: POLITICAL COMMENTS AND TAX STATUS -- Don Hamilton, LM**
#201, 09:18:27 07/03/07
Tue (adsl-76-237-163-14.dsl.chcgil.
sbcglobal.net/76.237.163.14)
 - **Re: POLITICAL COMMENTS AND TAX STATUS -- Bill McGraw,**
11:48:45 07/03/07
Tue (cache-rtc-ad11.
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 - **Re: POLITICAL COMMENTS AND TAX STATUS -- Don Poss,**
12:14:58 07/03/07 Tue
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socal.res.
rr.com/76.167.254.68)
- **Re: POLITICAL COMMENTS AND TAX STATUS -- Mike Tillman KY (PC forever and**
ever), 11:34:58 07/03/07
Tue (74-129-168-37.
dhcp.
insightbb.com/74.129.168.37)
 - **Re: POLITICAL COMMENTS AND TAX STATUS -- Don Poss,**
12:21:59 07/03/07 Tue
(cpe-76-167-254-68.
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• **Fourth of July 2007 -- Eddie Stott,**
18:20:23 07/02/07 Mon
(c-68-53-79-19.hsd1.
tn.comcast.net/68.53.79.19)

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Fourth of July 2007

To most people the Fourth of July means that they can celebrate by shooting or observing fireworks being shot off and have time off and enjoy family, travel or good food. When I hear the fireworks it brings back very cherished memories of my past service to my country and also what my country means to me. Remember. The Flag and Fireworks as symbol of the United States and the freedom it stands for.

For some people the Flag has a meaning deep in the heart that is etched forever like a blueprint. The meaning

is so deep it may bring tears and be difficult for others to understand. The flag is s symbol of what this person fought for and what some of his comrades gave their life for. The Flag stood behind the country they fought to defend and possibly died for.

While the Flag may be a symbol of the United States of America and the principles under which it was founded and stands for, it is also a symbol to some that runs deep and has meaning that is difficult to express. While the majority of Americans take their liberties and freedoms for granted, they were in no way free or easy to obtain. . Be sure to remember our soldiers this Fourth of July and be thankful for all they do for us. Quite a few of them (men and women) have been overseas two or three times and paid a great sacrifice. When you celebrate the Fourth of July this year with your friends and family get to gather take a moment to remember the flag and be grateful for what it stands for and the sacrifice others have given for you to enjoy both it and the freedom you have. Remember all our current soldiers and give thanks for what they do for us. When I look at the Flag and my picture on the Wall of the Viet Nam Wall of veterans I never forget.

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Replies:

-  [Re: Fourth of July 2007](#) -- [Randy Stutler LM#420](#),
00:15:51 07/03/07
Tue (cache-rtc-ad11.
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- [They weren't Scots!](#) -- [Howard Yates](#),
14:40:20 07/02/07 Mon
[2] (135.214.8.67.cfl.res.
rr.com/67.8.214.135)

Just heard on the news that two doctors were arrested in connection with the terrorist bombing in Scotland. And where were they from? I am finding it difficult to be very trusting.

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Replies:

- [Re: They weren't Scots!](#) -- [Pat Houseworth](#) (Trusting?),
17:28:42 07/02/07 Mon
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res.rr.com/76.190.30.82)

• [QUESTION ABOUT VSPA WEB PAGE -- ron \(monk\) pope](#)

[LM#158](#), 13:38:31 07/02/07 Mon

[8] (NoHost/216.90.156.212)

Just returned from visiting the VSPA web page..using the proper pass word and the whole 9 yards...question is this..

when I went to check the life member list..all I could get was a place where you need to type in the name you were looking for...my problem I don't know the names of all the life members..in the past a list of names would show up..

how do you get the list of names is my question...

if someone knows the answer please email me ...thanks for your time..

Monk

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Replies:

• [Re: QUESTION ABOUT VSPA WEB PAGE -- Sam Lewis, 35th SPS PR 67-](#)

[68](#), 14:04:36 07/02/07

Mon (pool-151-199-10-49.ronkva.east.

verizon.net/151.199.10.49)

◦ [Re: QUESTION ABOUT VSPA WEB PAGE -- ron \(monk\) pope LM#158](#),

15:48:33 07/02/07

Mon (NoHost/216.90.156.212)

▪ [Re: QUESTION ABOUT VSPA WEB PAGE -- Sam Lewis, 35th SPS PR 67-](#)

[68](#), 16:10:47 07/02/07

Mon (pool-151-199-10-49.ronkva.east.

verizon.net/151.199.10.49)

▪ [Re: QUESTION ABOUT VSPA WEB PAGE -- Gary Jones, LM-363](#),

16:45:06 07/02/07 Mon

(cpe-075-176-152-010.

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▪ [Re: QUESTION ABOUT VSPA WEB PAGE -- Glenn Wilson](#) (Thank you, Great

advice), 01:05:51 07/03/07

Tue (cache-dtc-ae07.

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- [Re: QUESTION ABOUT VSPA WEB PAGE](#) -- [Roger Lansden 366th SPS](#),
12:08:51 07/03/07
Tue (NoHost/71.237.139.66)
- [Re: QUESTION ABOUT VSPA WEB PAGE](#) -- [Sam Lewis, 35th SPS PR 67-68](#), **17:01:12 07/02/07**
Mon (pool-151-199-10-49.ronkva.east.verizon.net/151.199.10.49)

• **Political Action Groups vs. 501(c)(19) prohibitions** -- [Don](#)

[Poss](#), **01:28:26 06/30/07 Sat**

[29] ([cpe-76-167-254-68](#).

[socal.res](#).

[rr.com/76.167.254.68](#))

Gents:

Here is a real concern: I have asked Steve Gattis to respond to the Incorporation prohibitions for veterans' group, under our charter of 501(c)(19). Research that I have made indicates the number one reason veterans groups and churches lose their incorporation and tax free status is violating the very strictly enforced rule against any political endorsement or opposition of legislation, or a political candidate for or currently holding an office.

Unless I am out in "left field" (no pun intended) then discussions endorsing political action clearly violate the above. If that is so, then it is a simple matter for anyone to set up their own VOY.com BB for whatever purpose and therefore remove any potential harm that our 501(c)(19) charter could cause us.

This is not a WWII problem; it is merely how to assure we are in compliance with a tax exempt status which greatly benefits us all, and finding a way to channel politically active members to where they can exercise their rights. Remember that you have a right to political action, but not a right to incorporate.

Please be patient and considerate of the above until we hear from Steve Gattis.

Don Poss,
VSPA Webmaster

PS: It doesn't matter whether we like it or not, but how to retain a benefit and where one should consider engaging in political activities.

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Replies:

- [Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501\(c\)\(19\) prohibitions](#) -- **Gary Jones, LM-363**, **03:25:23 06/30/07**
Sat (cpe-075-176-152-010.sc.res.rr.com/75.176.152.10)
- [Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501\(c\)\(19\) prohibitions](#) -- **Sam Lewis, 35th SPS PR 67-68**, **04:03:29 06/30/07**
Sat (pool-151-199-10-49.ronkva.east.verizon.net/151.199.10.49)
 - [Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501\(c\)\(19\) prohibitions](#) -- **Glenn Wilson** (Proof is in the Pudding), **01:29:49 07/03/07**
Tue (cache-dtc-ae07.proxy.aol.com/205.188.117.11)
- [Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501\(c\)\(19\) prohibitions](#) -- **Bill McGraw**, **05:41:25 06/30/07**
Sat (cache-rtc-ad11.proxy.aol.com/152.163.100.205)
 - [Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501\(c\)\(19\) prohibitions](#) -- **Don Poss**, **11:13:42 06/30/07 Sat**
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 - [Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501\(c\)\(19\) prohibitions](#) -- **Bill McGraw**, **03:34:31 07/02/07**
Mon (cache-mtc-ad11.proxy.aol.com/64.12.116.205)
 - 😊 [Thanks Bill!](#) -- **Pat Houseworth**, **06:16:54 07/02/07 Mon**
(cpe-76-190-30-82.woh.res.rr.com/76.190.30.82)
 - 🤖 [Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501\(c\)\(19\) prohibitions](#) -- **Mark Brooks**, **11:02:53 07/02/07**
Mon (dsl.77.66.networkiowa.com/209.234.77.66)
- 😊 [Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501\(c\)\(19\) prohibitions](#) -- **Terry Sasek** (Hmmm!), **08:48:51 06/30/07**

- Sat (d192-24-39-214.
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- **Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501(c)(19) prohibitions -- Randy Stutler LM#420 (DANG
IT !), 09:25:00 06/30/07**
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 - 😊 **Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501(c)(19) prohibitions -- Don Poss,
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 - **PS -- Don Poss, 12:13:08 06/30/07**
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 - 😊 **Re: PS -- Randy Stutler LM#420 (Thanks Don),
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**Sat (cache-rtc-ad11.
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 - **Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501(c)(19) prohibitions -- Howard
Yates, 11:11:14 06/30/07**
**Sat (74.208.8.67.cfl.res.
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 - 😊 **Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501(c)(19) prohibitions -- Bob Mitchell
LM301, 13:38:30 06/30/07**
**Sat (ip68-14-6-65.ri.ri.
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 - **Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501(c)(19) prohibitions -- Alvin
Matthews, 18:49:25 06/30/07**
**Sat (75-120-9-89.
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 - **Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501(c)(19) prohibitions -- Sam Lewis, 35th SPS PR 67-
68, 20:40:29 06/30/07**
**Sat (pool-151-199-10-
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 - **Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501(c)(19) prohibitions -- Newell M. Swartz,**

21:12:56 06/30/07 Sat
(63-230-207-207.phnx.
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- [Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501\(c\)\(19\) prohibitions](#) -- **Terry Sasek** (Amen),

 **03:49:53 07/01/07 Sun**
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- [Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501\(c\)\(19\) prohibitions](#) -- **Bob Mitchell**

LM301, 04:50:59 07/01/07
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- [Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501\(c\)\(19\) prohibitions](#) -- **Sam Lewis, 35th SPS PR 67-68,**
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- [Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501\(c\)\(19\) prohibitions](#) -- **Newell M.**

Swartz, 21:09:22 06/30/07
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qwest.net/63.230.207.207)

- [Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501\(c\)\(19\) prohibitions](#) -- **Randy Stutler LM#420** (I
SEE), **04:02:29 07/01/07**
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- [Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501\(c\)\(19\) prohibitions](#) -- **Sam Lewis, 35th SPS PR 67-**
68, 06:17:18 07/01/07
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- [Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501\(c\)\(19\) prohibitions](#) -- **Alvin**
Matthews, 15:17:53 07/01/07
Sun (75-120-9-89.
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centurytel.net/75.120.9.89)

- [Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501\(c\)\(19\) prohibitions](#) -- **Howard**

Yates, 12:49:31 07/01/07
Sun (74.208.8.67.cfl.res.
rr.com/67.8.208.74)

- o [Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501\(c\)\(19\) prohibitions](#) -- [Terry Sasek](#) (Howard, Howard, Howard!), **14:59:27 07/01/07**
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[wideopenwest.com/24.192.214.39](#)
- [Re: Political Action Groups vs. 501\(c\)\(19\) prohibitions](#) -- [Glenn Wilson](#) (The Truth Hurts), **01:47:40 07/03/07**
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- **Funeral Announcement for member Tom Baker -- [Don Poss](#),**

20:09:44 06/29/07 Fri
[🔒] ([cpe-76-167-254-68.](#)
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[rr.com/76.167.254.68](#))

As you may know, member Tom Baker passed away. His son, T.J. Baker phoned and asked that is father's funeral arrangements be announced to his VSPA and other veteran friends as follows:

Services for Tom Baker will be on Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at 10:00 am, at the Rindt-Erdman Funeral Home (100 E. Kansas Avenue, Arkansas City, Kansas 67005, ph# 620-442-3210).

For those unable to attend services, the Rindt-Erdman Funeral Home memorial webpage permits leaving a brief message of condolence for the family. Tom Baker's name should be present at the memorial homepage (http://obit.rindt-erdman.com/obit_list.cgi) by Saturday. All are welcome to sign in online and express support for the family and your admiration for Tom and his service to country.

From Don:

It is easy to write only good things when a man passes to the Other side. But these words are true and totally inadequate for Tom Baker: a good and compassionate man who loved his family, his country, his God, and his brother warriors. Full of humor. Full of life, for which he fought for until the end. Strong and brave in battle, and caring for all in peace.

I know these last three weeks were a blessing for Tom by reconnecting with old friends and meeting new ones. And as such a blessing to his family who truly appreciated the uplift in spirit for Tom which in many ways, eased his passing. For all those who called, wrote, emailed, prayed for, and wished Tom well, I thank you. It means a lot to me that you took point when a brother needed the path before him cleared. We do Take Care of Our Own. Let no one ever doubt that.

Don Poss

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-  [Re: Funeral Announcement for member Tom Baker -- Terry Sasek](#)
(AMEN !), **09:02:43 06/30/07**
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- [Re: Funeral Announcement for member Tom Baker -- Gary Jones, LM-363](#), **17:04:42 06/30/07**
Sat (cpe-075-176-152-
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rr.com/75.176.152.10)
- [Re: Funeral Announcement for member Tom Baker -- Newell M. Swartz](#),
12:06:15 07/01/07 Sun
(63-230-207-207.phnx.
qwest.net/63.230.207.207)

- **NOVEMBER 2008 US SENATE ELECTIONS -- Jim Durham, LM-267 - Burns, TENNESSEE**, **21:56:46 06/28/07 Thu**

[9] (**c-68-53-152-55.hsd1.tn.**

comcast.net/68.53.152.55)

28 June 2007 - Thursday Nite Follow-up to my posting on the "Family Rated" Bulletin Board of 28 June 2007, entitled. " SENATE IMMIGRATION BILL SUFFERS A CRUSHING DEFEAT " yes, today was a good day for those Americans who have expressed their desires to their elected US Senators and Congressmen for votong down the piece of crap legislation put together by Teddy Kennedy, John McCain, John Kyle, Lindsey Graham and Trent Lott.

The 28 June 2007 vote on cloture for Senate Immigration Bill S.1639 showed that EIGHTEEN (18) US Senators changed their voting position from their previous cloture vote position on 26 June 2007. Due to the large volume of e-mails, telephone calls, faxes and letters sent to the US Senate, I evaluate that 9 US Senators changed their position on S.1639 due to the large number of contacts from "voters back home" pissed off about how their Senator voted on the cloture action on 26 June 2007 (Tuesday). The remaining 9 US Senators had submitted amendments to S.1639 and voted on 26 June 2007 to discuss their proposed amendment. These 9 US Senators, finding that their amendment was voted down, then chose to vote NAY (NO) on the cloture vote of 28 June 2007.

So now we know that the telephone calls, e-mails, faxes and letters from the "voters back home"" can be

effective. The problem is sustaining that effort for the next 498 days or so until the November 2008 election. The reality is that no matter how pissed off or concerned that 01) RANDY STUTLER, 02) SAM LEWIS, 03) GARY JONES, 04) NEWELL SWARTZ, 05) PAT HOUSEWORTH, 06) BILL LAUCHIN or 07) JIM DURHAM are regarding the present illegal immigrant situation, we have to define our approach for a collective action to achieve results regarding immigration enforcement.

Each of us, the "Concerned 8", have identified the present situation. We do not need any more laws regarding immigration enforcement. The Immigration Bill of 1986 where 3 million illegal immigrants were awarded amnesty and the Immigration Bill of 2006 where laws were passed that we were to build 700 miles of fence on our Southern and Northern Borders and hire, train and assign up to 15,000 more Border Patrol Agents are already passed. If our present US Department of Justice and our Homeland Security Department were to enforce the existing laws none additional would be needed. PROBLEM : while the 2006 Immigration Bill for the fence and additional border patrol agents has been enacted into law, there has been no legislation to FUND the bloody damn projects and additional personnel. Legislation involving funding needs to be initiated in the US House of Representatives, reviewed and passed then reviewed and coordinating legislation by the US Senate agreeing to the funding actions by the US House must be passed. This is the system of "checks and balances" our founding fathers detailed in our US Constitution and amendments.

So we need a plan of action to :

(01) Get legislation initiated in the US House of Representatives to fully fund the construction of the 700 mile fence and the hiring, training and assignment of some 15,000 additional Border Patrol Agents on our Northern and Southern Borders.

(2) Identify which of the current 12 Republican US Senators that voted for the S.1639 Immigration Bill are to be targeted for replacement by another Republican Party or Independent Party Candidate. US Senators identified by the news media as being vulnerable to home state voter revolt due to their actions on Senate Immigration Bill S.1639 are Senator GRAHAM (R-SC) and LOTT (R-MS) . My long time dear friend and VSPA Life Member Bill Dexter of West Point, MS identified to me tonite that "voting folks" in Mississippi are currently extremely upset with US Senator LOTT and if the election were to held next week, Senator LOTT would lose his election bid. Given some thought and long range planning, action could be initiated to support another candidate for Senator LOTT's job to "VOTE HIS BUTT OUT", no doubt,, same could be said for Senator GRAHAM in South Carolina.

Request that the EIGHT (8) VSPA brothers previously identified, or any other interested and concerned VSPA brother go over this suggested initial action plan, tear it apart if you see any flaws and let's get our "ducks in a row" to action out a US Senator in the 2008 election and identify to the world that the reason was that particular US Senators failure to represent the will of the "voting folks" back home on Illegal Immigration. If we can vote out one US Senator, then I feel that other US Senators will suddenly start voting for the will of the people, not only on immigration but lots of other life issues as well. Thanks for reading this plan, got rather lengthy but needed to make a start somewhere. Thanks for reading this plan.....Jim Durham, LM-267, Burns, TENNESSEE, Korat 65-66 and Tan Son Nhut 66-67.

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Replies:

-  [Re: NOVEMBER 2008 US SENATE ELECTIONS -- Randy Stutler LM#420](#) (FALL IN !), **23:08:44 06/28/07**
Thu (cache-rtc-ad11.proxy.aol.com/152.163.100.205)
 - [Re: NOVEMBER 2008 US SENATE ELECTIONS -- Sam Lewis, 35th SPS PR 67-68](#), **03:19:44 06/29/07**
Fri (pool-151-199-10-49.ronkva.east.verizon.net/151.199.10.49)
 - [Re: NOVEMBER 2008 US SENATE ELECTIONS -- Steven Hall](#), **09:27:23 06/29/07 Fri**
(153.los-angeles-01rh15-16rt.ca.dial-access.att.net/12.72.34.153)
 - [Re: NOVEMBER 2008 US SENATE ELECTIONS -- Sam Lewis, 35th SPS PR 67-68](#), **10:11:25 06/29/07**
Fri (pool-151-199-10-49.ronkva.east.verizon.net/151.199.10.49)
 - [Re: National I.D. Cards -- Randy Stutler 377th 65-66](#) (Good & Bad), **12:20:37 06/29/07**
Fri (cache-rtc-ad11.proxy.aol.com/152.163.100.205)
 - [Re: NOVEMBER 2008 US SENATE ELECTIONS -- Newell M. Swartz](#), **23:12:43 06/29/07 Fri**
(63-230-207-207.phnx.qwest.net/63.230.207.207)
- [Re: NOVEMBER 2008 US SENATE ELECTIONS -- Gary Jones, LM-363](#), **04:33:41 06/29/07 Fri**
(cpe-075-176-152-010.sc.res.rr.com/75.176.152.10)
- [Re: NOVEMBER 2008 US SENATE ELECTIONS -- Newell M. Swartz](#), **04:45:14 06/29/07 Fri**
(63-230-207-207.phnx.

qwest.net/63.230.207.207)

- **I need advice -- James Mahaffey,**

19:41:53 06/28/07 Thu

[14] (71-217-153-165.

hlna.

qwest.net/71.217.153.165)

Gentlemen,

I have a 4 year old Rottwieler that weighs 164 lbs.

I had to have his foot operated on last Fri. and last night his foot was bothering him quiet a bit. My problem is this. My wife touched his head while he was licking his foot and he bit her. No puncture wounds, but a bit of brusing. My delima is should I have him put down. I could not live with myself if he hurt her or someone else. I don't know how much a factor the pain was for his reaction.

I need some advice on this one for I just can't suck this one up like nothing happened. Thanks and may God Bless. Jim

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Replies:

- **Re: I need advice -- Don Poss, 23:51:02**
06/28/07 Thu (cpe-76-
167-254-68.socal.res.
rr.com/76.167.254.68)
 - **Re: I need advice -- Bob Mitchell LM301,**
03:17:44 06/29/07
Fri (ip68-14-6-65.ri.ri.
cox.net/68.14.6.65)
- **Re: I need advice -- Newell M. Swartz,**
04:27:00 06/29/07 Fri
(63-230-207-207.phnx.
qwest.net/63.230.207.207)
 - **Re: I need advice -- Terry Sasek (Sad),**
05:58:14 06/29/07
Fri (d192-24-39-214.
try.
wideopenwest.com/24.192.214.39)
- **Re: I need advice-NO! -- Pat Houseworth,**
06:57:30 06/29/07 Fri
(cpe-76-190-30-82.woh.

- res.rr.com/76.190.30.82)**
 - o **Re: I need advice-NO! -- Lew Goldberg,**
08:45:15 06/29/07
Fri (adsl-75-33-217-74.
dsl.spfmo.
sbcglobal.net/75.33.217.74)
 - **Re: I need advice-NO! -- Bill Marshall L/M#85,**
09:58:16 06/29/07
Fri (wsip-64-58-163-27.
oc.oc.cox.net/64.58.163.27)
- **Re: I need advice -- James Mahaffey,**
19:08:32 06/29/07 Fri
(71-217-153-165.
hlna.
qwest.net/71.217.153.165)
 - o **Re: I need advice -- Terry Sasek (Happy),**
09:49:55 06/30/07
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 - **Re: I need advice -- Bob Mitchell LM301,**
13:41:24 06/30/07
Sat (ip68-14-6-65.ri.ri.
cox.net/68.14.6.65)
 - **Re: I need advice -- Terry Sasek (LMAO),**
19:04:51 06/30/07
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- **Re: I need advice -- Gary Jones, LM-363,**
17:10:31 06/30/07 Sat
(cpe-075-176-152-010.
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rr.com/75.176.152.10)
 - o **Re: Oops...forgot the address -- Gary Jones, LM-363,**
17:12:57 06/30/07 Sat
(cpe-075-176-152-010.
sc.res.
rr.com/75.176.152.10)

• **AF K9 Vet -- [Jim Burke 366 SPS Bakersfield CA](#),**

23:02:46 06/27/07 Wed

[1] **(NoHost/63.193.182.147)**

While driving my church bus tonight, I spotted a Ca Vet plate with AFSPK9. Figure it to be an Air Force SP K9 handler. Could you K9 handlers check with your groups and see if anyone know who the owner of the plate is? I figure he/she lives in Bakersfield CA. Just checking to see if we have a vet out there who maybe was in country. Don't hurt to ask.

Stay safe out there brothers

Jim Burke 366 SPS Da Nang Tan My

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• **POW, MIA, KIABNR -- [Bill Marshall L/M#85](#),**

12:31:04 06/27/07 Wed

[8] **(wsip-64-58-163-27.oc.**

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When the Vietnam peace accords were signed and it was agreed that we would exchange POW's and full accounting's were to be given on our prisoners held in North Vietnam. Guess what? The list and eventual release of our prisoners never came close to the MIA's that were suspected to have been captured according to documentation by the U.S. Gov't.

Over the past 40 years there have been many reports of sightings in Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. Too many to write off as being a hoax. Every U.S. Gov't administration since the mid 70's have made some effort to account for our MIA's but have they done enough? At last count we have some 2033+ MIA's who have families that have waited for answers about their loved ones. When you read about the MIA families trying to gather information about what happened to them they are given files that still carry classifications especially those that involve action where Cambodia, Laos, operations were carried out WHY? It is a known fact that we carried out operations in both of these countries regardless of what our Gov't reported.

A little known fact from what I can gather is that President Nixon promised \$3.5 billion in war reparations to the North Vietnamese, which never occurred because Congress would not approve it. It is speculated as a result of this the North Vietnamese Gov't felt they could use unreported POW's and MIA information as a bargaining chip to gain money for these captives.

We have drifted along now for 40 years with very little accomplished with respect to finding and identifying what happened to these 2000 + soldiers and Airmen. Our (U.S. Gov't) bargaining chip was sold out in the 90's when the Clinton administration opened up trade relations with Vietnam. What did we get in return for this? A promise that they would be more cooperative in helping us find more our brothers! I don't think they will ever be forthcoming to help in any way other than in a very marginal manner. When they have been approached

on this issue before they pass our MIA's off by saying they have many more of their own which are unaccounted for.

My concern is the (Vietnam) MIA/POW issue no longer resonates with the public due to the fact it is no longer a newspaper item. Our MIA's have been written off as KIA's, HOW CAN THAT BE? I know you my Vietnam brothers believe that as long as their is a MIA we hold out hope that they are still alive and champion any cause that will at least continue to look, investigate and account for them. We owe them that! I feel very deeply for the MIA families that have no closure to their loss and I continue to wonder if somewhere out there a lone POW's/ MIA's wonders why he was left behind!

I would be interested to hear what your feeling are about this topic.

Do you feel:

1. We have been given full accountability by them and us?
2. We are doing enough to keep this issue alive?
3. The government has done the best they can do?
4. The sightings have been appropriately investigated?
5. American POW are still being held?

Bill Marshall

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Replies:

- [Re: POW, MIA, KIABNR -- Sam Lewis, 35th SPS PR 67-68, 13:11:11 06/27/07](#)
Wed (pool-151-199-10-49.ronkva.east. verizon.net/151.199.10.49)
 - [Lost Warriors -- Howard Yates, 16:56:31 06/27/07 Wed \(74.208.8.67.cfl.res. rr.com/67.8.208.74\)](#)
 - [Re: Lost Warriors -- Sam Lewis, 35th SPS PR 67-68, 17:36:50 06/27/07](#)
Wed (pool-151-199-10-49.ronkva.east. verizon.net/151.199.10.49)
 - [Re: POW, MIA, KIABNR -- Terry Sasek \("Extremely Emotional " \), 19:08:20 06/27/07](#)
Wed (d192-24-39-214. try.

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- **[Re: POW, MIA, KIABNR](#) -- [Gary Jones, LM-363](#),
16:52:10 06/27/07 Wed
(cpe-075-176-152-010.
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rr.com/75.176.152.10)**
- **[Re: POW, MIA, KIABNR](#) -- [Jim Burke 366 SPS Bakersfield CA](#),
22:52:59 06/27/07
Wed (NoHost/63.193.182.147)**
- **[Re: POW, MIA, KIABNR](#) -- [Newell M. Swartz](#),
23:21:31 06/27/07 Wed
(63-230-207-207.phnx.
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- **To My Brothers, from Dad -- [Randy Stutler LM#420](#) (Reality Check !), **21:44:14 06/26/07 Tue**
[4] (cache-dtc-ae07.proxy.
aol.com/205.188.117.11)**

Hey Guys..., Pardon my explosion, it's just that this country means so much to me. When I read this poem from my Dad, I think of you, my Brothers...

Friendship

If one had the wealth of all the world, but no friendship could he win.

His life would be of solitude, of misery and sin.

A life of fear and constant watch, so his riches he might keep.

Each night would be of worry, not one of peaceful sleep.

I guess a life without a friend, or someone very dear,

Would be as if there were no light, always dark and drear.

For a friend is dearer more than wealth, they make a life worthwhile.

And every where you chance to go, you are greeted with a smile.

So choose a friend instead of wealth, if you should ever have your choice.

For wealth is a lifeless thing of hate, but with a friend, you can rejoice.

(It's a wonder we ever lived through some of that "rejoicing"!..., My words, not Dad's)

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101st Airborne Div., 506th Pcht Regt

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- [Re: To My Brothers, from Dad](#) -- **Howard Yates**,
05:54:11 06/27/07
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- [Re: To My Brothers, from Dad](#) -- **Newell M. Swartz**,
04:33:12 06/29/07 Fri
(63-230-207-207.phnx.
qwest.net/63.230.207.207)
 - [Re: Newell's Reply](#) -- **Randy Stutler LM#420** (Remember? I was
 there!), **07:35:14 06/29/07**
Fri (cache-rtc-ad11.
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- **US SENATE VOTE ON CLOTURE FOR S.1639** -- **Jim Durham**,
13:13:49 06/26/07 Tue
(c-68-53-152-55.hsd1.
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[17]

26 June 2007 - Tuesday Afternoon Gentlemen, our US Senate voted 65 to 34 with one US Senator not voting on the issue (Johnson D - South Dakota), to invoke cloture and to continue debate on the newly revised Senate Immigration Bill S.1639 which is a revision of the Senate Immigration Bill, S.1348 , that failed to sustain a cloture vote on 07 June 2007. Due to extensive pressure from the Executive Branch of Government, numerous self-serving amendments by various Senators and certain Senators who succumbed to Presidential "Arm Twisting" our senior legislative body will now continue debate on a terrible bill to award felons who have broken laws of the USA to receive amnesty and a shortcut to becoming US citizens. The vote clearly reflected those who are leaders and those who are sheep. VSPA members can respect their US Senate leadership if they reside in ALABAMA, GEORGIA, LOUISIANA, MONTANA, OKLAHOMA, TENNESSEE, TEXAS, WEST VIRGINIA AND WYOMING as both their Senators voted against cloture. Other Senators voting to not allow this legislation to be debated and showed their leadership were ALLARD - (R) Colorado, CRAPO - (R) Idaho, BAYH - (D) Indiana, GRASSLEY - (R) Iowa, ROBERTS - (R) Kansas, BUNTING - (R)

Kentucky , STABENOW - (D) Michigan, COCHRAN - (R) Mississippi, McKASKILL - (D) Missouri, SUNUNU - (R) New Hampshire, DOLE - (R) North Carolina, DORGAN - (D) North Dakota, SMITH - (R) Oregon, DEMINT - (R) South Carolina, THUNE - (R) South Dakota , HATCH - (R) Utah and SANDERS - (Independent) Vermont.

The 64 US Senators who voted to accept the Senate Amnesty Bill for lawbreaking Illegal Immigrant Aliens are those senators not listed above. No doubt, insufficient pressure was brought to bear by voters represented by these SAD 64. It is clear to see that our elected representatatives vote their special interests and not the will of the people. The SAD 64 need to be voted out of the US Senate, starting with the US Senate races for 2008. It is not to early to start in motion to vote those US Senators out of office who have failed to represent the will of the people. Jim Durham, LM 267, Burns, TN, Korat 65-66, TSN 66-67.

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Replies:



- [Re: US SENATE VOTE ON CLOTURE FOR S.1639 -- Randy Stutler LM#420](#) (ENOUGH, Damn it!), **13:29:36 06/26/07**
Tue (cache-dtc-ae07.
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- [THIS CANNOT STAND! -- Randy Stutler LM#420](#) (MAD AS HELL !), **13:57:55 06/26/07**
Tue (cache-dtc-ae07.
proxy.
aol.com/205.188.117.11)
 - [Re: THIS CANNOT STAND! -- Sam Lewis, 35th SPS PR 67-68,](#)
15:11:25 06/26/07
Tue (pool-151-199-10-
49.ronkva.east.
verizon.net/151.199.10.49)
 - [Re: THIS CANNOT STAND! -- Gary Jones, LM-363,](#)
17:20:01 06/26/07 Tue
(cpe-075-176-152-010.
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rr.com/75.176.152.10)
- [Re: US SENATE VOTE ON CLOTURE FOR S.1639 -- Newell M. Swartz,](#)
22:17:50 06/26/07 Tue
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 - [Re: US SENATE VOTE ON CLOTURE FOR S.1639 -- Newell M. Swartz,](#)
23:27:19 06/27/07 Wed

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- Growing list of "Former US Senators" -- **Pat Houseworth**,
05:11:38 06/27/07 Wed
(cpe-76-190-30-82.woh.
res.rr.com/76.190.30.82)
 - Re: Growing list of "Former US Senators" -- **Jim Durham, LM 267, Burns, TN** (Watchful
Eye), 06:15:16 06/27/07 Wed
(c-68-53-152-55.hsd1.
tn.
comcast.net/68.53.152.55)
- Re: US SENATE VOTE ON CLOTURE FOR S.1639 -- **Bill Lauchlan** (The Senate stopped
it.), 09:28:55 06/28/07
Thu (nat-64-202-160-65.
ip.
secureserver.net/64.202.160.65)
 - Re: US SENATE VOTE ON CLOTURE FOR S.1639 -- **Randy Stutler LM#420** (It's About
Time), 12:24:25 06/28/07
Thu (cache-dtc-ae07.
proxy.
aol.com/205.188.117.11)
 - Re: US SENATE VOTE ON CLOTURE FOR S.1639 -- **Sam Lewis, 35th SPS PR 67-
68**, 13:00:51 06/28/07
Thu (pool-151-199-10-
49.ronkva.east.
verizon.net/151.199.10.49)
 - Now, vote them out -- **Pat Houseworth**,
13:53:27 06/28/07 Thu
(cpe-76-190-30-82.woh.
res.rr.com/76.190.30.82)
 - Re: Now, vote them out -- **Sam Lewis, 35th SPS PR 67-68**,
14:43:00 06/28/07
Thu (pool-151-199-10-
49.ronkva.east.
verizon.net/151.199.10.49)
 - Re: Now, vote them out -- **Sam Lewis, 35th SPS PR 67-68**,
15:23:24 06/28/07
Thu (pool-151-199-10-
49.ronkva.east.
verizon.net/151.199.10.49)
 - Make no mistake -- **Pat Houseworth** (1986), 16:14:07

06/28/07 Thu
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- **Re: US SENATE VOTE ON CLOTURE FOR S.1639 -- Gary Jones, LM-363,**
17:15:27 06/28/07 Thu
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-  **Poetry Book -- Howard Yates,**
05:52:55 06/25/07 Mon
[10] (74.208.8.67.cfl.res.
rr.com/67.8.208.74)

Maybe we should think about collecting one or two poems (each) from VSPA members and publish them. The proceeds could be placed in the emergency funds. Maybe someone who has done some publishing could help out. Just a thought.

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-  **Re: Poetry Book -- Steve Gattis, VSPA President,**
07:41:27 06/25/07
Mon (h34.61.155.207.
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-  **Re: Poetry Book -- Terry Sasek (Excellent Howard),**
17:12:22 06/25/07
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wideopenwest.com/24.192.214.39)
-  **Re: Poetry Book -- Randy Stutler LM#420 (Good Thinking !),**
17:16:50 06/25/07
Mon (cache-dtc-ae07.
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-  **Re: Poetry Book -- phil Carroll - LM #336,**
20:22:50 06/25/07 Mon
(71-215-155-89.ptld.

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- **Re: Poetry Book -- Chaplain Jim,**
17:40:12 06/26/07
Tue (pool-71-178-251-
206.washdc.fios.
verizon.net/71.178.251.206)
 - **Re: Poetry Book -- Howard Yates,**
05:58:08 06/27/07
Wed (74.208.8.67.cfl.res.
rr.com/67.8.208.74)
 - **Re: Poetry Book -- Newell M. Swartz,**
22:30:29 06/26/07 Tue
(63-230-207-207.phnx.
qwest.net/63.230.207.207)
 - **Louis L'Amour ? -- Randy Stutler LM#420** (It's gooder & gooder !),
09:20:10 06/27/07
Wed (cache-mtc-ad11.
proxy.
aol.com/64.12.116.205)
 - **Re: Louis L'Amour ? -- Newell M. Swartz,**
13:16:18 06/27/07 Wed
(63-230-207-207.phnx.
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• **DISCUSSIONS REGARDING CHANGE BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE -- Steve Gattis, VSPA**

President, 12:39:03 06/24/07 Sun

[16] (h34.61.155.207.

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alltel.net/207.155.61.34)

Hello to all.

It is important to note that a group of members who actively use the bulletin boards came up with an idea to get more members involved. They recognized very early in their discussions that not all members can afford to attend reunions, that some choose not to attend for other reasons, and that many members have limited access to their brothers in arms because they do not have computers.

The Ad Hoc Committee developed on their own as a very small group of members with an idea. As they discussed that idea within the Free Fire Zone (FFZ), it became apparent that they were also willing to do some work to take care of their own. They gathered in the FFZ with the idea that something good could come from the ideas and discussions and that they might be able to provide an opportunity to get more members involved.

Specifically, the Ad Hoc Committee began to discuss the election of officers and the selection of reunion sites which, according to our by-laws, have always been conducted at the reunions. Until now, due to limited technology and resources available to the VSPA, as well as the manpower required to do the work, holding those elections and site selection votes at the reunions was the only practical means available.

Now, we have the potential for change. We are larger and there is more technology available within the resources we have available. We also have the skill and some members, other than those who are already working at maximum capacity without compensation, who are willing to work for free, and possibly create something very good for all of our members.

All discussions regarding the ideas being addressed by the Ad Hoc Committee (elections and reunion site selection) are discussions only and are intended for the development of information to be presented to the Board of Directors in accordance with our by-laws. This requires work and the collection of information. It is very important to note that those discussions do not include how to manage the VSPA or how to conduct VSPA business on a daily basis, all of which is governed by our Constitution and By-laws.

Discussions being held by the Ad Hoc Committee have the potential to be extraordinarily valuable TO THE VSPA providing that they remain positive in nature. Controversy and disagreement among members that allow freedom of suggestion and appropriate consideration of ideas even though they may be discarded later, can also be very healthy FOR THE ASSOCIATION, but are not for review by students and those who continue to harbor anti-war feelings toward Vietnam Veterans. Therefore, all discussions being handled by the Ad Hoc Committee belong within the Free Fire Zone for Members Only.

While some of you may feel that those comments should remain within public view, do not forget that the public board has been hacked in the past, that people who are not members and those who have never served in Vietnam or Thailand, like hackers, can pose and provide very negative, controversial input on this bulletin board FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN TO CAUSE DISCORD OR TO WATCH YOU AS YOU BECOME THEIR ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE EVENING.

The Ad Hoc Committee may make announcements on the Public Bulletin Board inviting members to the Free Fire Zone for discussion; however, the Google aspect that will preserve misunderstandings, controversy and bad ideas for years to come will also cause confusion in the future due to limited background information, especially for new members a year or two from now.

Be wise in your discussions and the messages you post on the very public bulletin board. All members in good standing should be invited to discuss these ideas in the Free Fire Zone on a regular basis.

My best to all of you.

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

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verizon.net/151.199.10.49)**
 - [Re: DISCUSSIONS REGARDING CHANGE BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE -- Sam Lewis, 35th SPS PR 67-68, 16:10:05 06/24/07](#)
**Sun (pool-151-199-10-49.ronkva.east.
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 -  [Ad Hoc -- Pat Houseworth, 16:46:48](#)
**06/24/07 Sun (cpe-76-190-30-82.woh.res.
rr.com/76.190.30.82)**
 - [Re: Ad Hoc -- Sam Lewis, 35th SPS PR 67-68, 17:06:17 06/24/07](#)
**Sun (pool-151-199-10-49.ronkva.east.
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 - [WAKE UP -- Steve Gattis, VSPA President, 20:32:39 06/24/07](#)
**Sun (h34.61.155.207.
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 - [Re: WAKE UP -- Randy Stutler 377th 65-66, 21:57:40](#)
**06/24/07 Sun (cache-dtc-ae07.proxy.aol.
com/205.188.117.11)**
 - [Re: WAKE UP -- Steve Gattis, VSPA President, 23:14:30](#)
**06/24/07 Sun (h34.61.155.207.ip.
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 -  [Re: WAKE UP -- Sam Lewis, 08:16:28](#)
06/25/07 Mon (NoHost/165.176.13.99)
- [Re: DISCUSSIONS REGARDING CHANGE BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE -- Newell M.](#)

Swartz, 01:10:03 06/26/07

Tue (63-230-207-207.

phnx.

qwest.net/63.230.207.207)

- o **Re: DISCUSSIONS REGARDING CHANGE BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE -- Rick Adams, 823rd**

CSPS, 03:12:13 06/26/07

Tue (MW-ESR1-72-49-42-

101.fuse.net/72.49.42.101)

- **Re: DISCUSSIONS REGARDING CHANGE BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE -- Chaplain**

Jim, 17:45:06 06/26/07

Tue (pool-71-178-251-

206.washdc.fios.

verizon.net/71.178.251.206)

- **Newell and Rick -- Phil Carroll - LM #336,**

06:54:52 06/26/07 Tue

(a.fws.gov/164.159.255.67)

- **Re: DISCUSSIONS REGARDING CHANGE BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE -- Jack**

Sarles, 09:56:39 06/26/07

Tue (cpe-70-117-2-158.

satx.res.

rr.com/70.117.2.158)

- o **Good Info Jack...Thanks -- Pat Houseworth,**

10:20:29 06/26/07 Tue

(cpe-76-190-30-82.woh.

res.rr.com/76.190.30.82)

- o **Re: DISCUSSIONS REGARDING CHANGE BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE -- Gary Jones, LM-**

363, 17:34:51 06/26/07

Tue (cpe-075-176-152-

010.sc.res.

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- **Proposal for Election Changes Committee -- Gary Jones, LM-**

363, 15:01:54 06/22/07 Fri

[13] (cpe-075-176-152-010.

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rr.com/75.176.152.10)

I just received the email announcing the proposal for changes in future election for VSPA Officers and selection of Reunion sites. This is a giant leap forward and can only serve to make a great organization even better. I don't think they could have found a better group of guys to serve on the Committee. Each of them brings unique views and qualifications to the table and accurately represent a cross segment of our membership.

Getting volunteers to serve in an organization is harder than getting volunteers to go to the Armory to clean weapons after a midnight shift, but these guys have stepped up. Thanks guys!

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(c-69-244-38-235.hsd1.
ar.
comcast.net/69.244.38.235)
 - [Re: Proposal for Election Changes Committee](#) -- [Pat Houseworth](#) (NO!),
20:47:03 06/22/07 Fri
(cpe-76-190-30-82.woh.
res.rr.com/76.190.30.82)
 - [Re: Proposal for Election Changes Committee](#) -- [John Homa](#),
11:38:49 07/02/07
Mon (NoHost/68.156.22.2)
 - [Re: Proposal for Election Changes Committee](#) -- [Jack Sarles](#),
10:01:56 06/26/07 Tue
(cpe-70-117-2-158.satx.
res.rr.com/70.117.2.158)
- [Re: Proposal for Election Changes Committee](#) -- [Bill Cummings](#),
21:30:56 06/22/07 Fri
(c-69-244-38-235.hsd1.
az.
comcast.net/69.244.38.235)
 - [Re: Proposal for Election Changes Committee](#) -- [Newell M. Swartz](#),
01:31:38 06/23/07 Sat
(63-230-207-207.phnx.
qwest.net/63.230.207.207)
 - [Re: Proposal for Election Changes Committee](#) -- [Sam Lewis, 35th SPS PR 67-68](#), **04:57:09 06/23/07**
Sat (pool-151-199-10-
49.ronkva.east.
verizon.net/151.199.10.49)
 - [Re: Proposal for Election Changes Committee](#) -- [Pat Houseworth](#) (Go Forth from Here), **06:48:30 06/23/07**
Sat (cpe-76-190-30-82.
woh.res.

- rr.com/76.190.30.82)**

 - [Re: Proposal for Election Changes Committee](#) -- [Jim Burke 366 SPS Bakersfield](#)
CA, 00:56:36 06/24/07
Sun (adsl-66-122-12-40.
dsl.anhm01.
pacbell.net/66.122.12.40)
 - [Re: Proposal for Election Changes Committee](#) -- [Sam Lewis, 35th SPS PR 67-](#)
68, 05:35:18 06/24/07
Sun (pool-151-199-10-
49.ronkva.east.
verizon.net/151.199.10.49)
 - [Re: Bill's questions about operations](#) -- [Randy Stutler LM#420](#) (Think of a
ship), **18:53:54 06/24/07**
Sun (cache-dtc-ae07.
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aol.com/205.188.117.11)
- [Re: Proposal for Election Changes Committee](#) -- [ron \(monk\) pope](#)
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