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Guidelines for VSPA Bulletin Boards

Approved by the Board of the Vietnam Security Police Association, Inc. (USAF)

The Vietnam Security Police Association, Inc. (USAF) is a *Family Rated Awards* winning 65.3GBs non-profit website, averaging 1,500+ unique hits for daily visitors since 1996. VSPA also links to our two bulletin boards.

VSPA BB Guidelines state what should be common knowledge concerning manners and good behavior. Unfortunately, it is necessary to post rules and guidelines for posting messages or responses at [VSPA's public access Bulletin Board](#) and [VSPA Free Fire Zone Bulletin Board](#). Violations of Guidelines may result in the partial or complete posting removal without comment.

The purpose for a public-access [VSPA Bulletin Board](#) is to provide a forum for members of the Vietnam Security Police Association, Inc. (USAF), their friends and families, Vietnam Veterans and the general public (read-only) to discuss concerns and issues related to the war years. These discussions are hopefully educational, thought provoking, and civil in content. Several thousand visitors may read your message (posted indefinitely in accessible archives), including students and researchers. I especially encourage Vietnam Veterans to help educate students who are asking for information about the war years.

The purpose for a non-public-access [VSPA Free Fire Zone Bulletin Board](#) permits members to discuss Vietnam War or private posts, or draw attention to an issue needing VSPA attention.

Why have Bulletin Board Guidelines?

- **VSPA is required to follow rules and guidelines set forth by VOY.com**, in exchange for their hosting VSPA's two bulletin boards—for free. VSPA is required to comply with all terms and conditions in the [VoyForums Policy & User Agreement](#); a legal agreement between [VSPA](#) and [Voyager Info-Systems](#), and—and we have for over twenty years.
- Vietnam Security Police Association, Inc. (USAF) is incorporated as a 501©(19) Tax Exempt Veteran's Organization, maintaining that status depends partially upon avoiding political issues, involvement, or endorsements. Avoiding "political issues" means discussions regarding public politicians, political parties, endorsements of bills, or campaigns. The internal politics of the Vietnam Security Police Association, Inc. (USAF) should be confidentially discussed on the [VSPA Free Fire Zone Bulletin Board](#).
- In order to retain VSPA's tax-exempt non-profit veterans organization incorporation, and comply with the [VoyForums Policy & User Agreement](#), the Board of VSPA has approved the VSPA Bulletin Board Guidelines.

If you post a message at VSPA Bulletin Boards you do so agreeing to be respectful, refrain from name-calling, and comply with the below guidelines. If you do not agree—do not post at VSPA Bulletin Boards.

1. **No** profanity. This includes the "f-bomb" type substitutions. No exceptions.
2. **No** racial name-calling, including "gook". No exceptions.
3. **No** all UPPER-CASE or all lower-case messages, or messages devoid of any punctuation.

4. **No** advertisements or messages. No exceptions.
5. **No: name-calling or belittling, demeaning, or grossly disrespectful statements, nor threats, implied threats, nor inappropriate expressions of actions you would like to do** toward anyone. Everyone's entitled to post an appropriate message (Vietnam or veteran related issues) as long as it is presented respectfully and with some thought. Everyone can reply in a like manner. It is okay to disagree, recognizing we can be civil and allow other's their opinions.
6. **No** posting of the countless web-page rumors we are bombarded with daily!
7. **No** posting of stories, long poetry, or long remarks.
8. **No** posting unverified claims or statements attributed to others, without stating your source. If your source is "Someone sent this to me by email..." don't post it at **VSPA** . The classic example is the POW mistreatment by Jane Fonda in Hanoi, which is a totally bogus story that has been debunked by the POWs named in that story.
9. **No** False statements or claims.
10. **No** outrageous anti-war comments meant to incite harsh responses from readers.
11. **No** posting of BIOS.
12. **No** posting of long articles found elsewhere online. You may state there is an informative article at (enter the hyperlink URL address). Members interested will check it out.
13. **Links:** No posting a link(s) to an inappropriate website or file (i.e. that link or site would not comply with VSPA's BB Guidelines).
14. **Topics/Subjects:** Posting a Topic or Subject that may results in inappropriate response may result in removal of the entire post.
15. **VSPA's Bulletin Board** is a Family Rated BB, and we plan to keep it that way. Violations of the above guidelines will be deleted, generally without comment.
16. **Repeat violations** of the above guidelines will cause the visitor's email to be permanently blocked from all **VSPA's** email and BB features.
17. **If the above guidelines seem too restrictive, then post your message elsewhere.**

Posting at VSPA Bulletin Board requires the person to sign their true name and e-mail address (the IP address posted from becomes a permanent part of that post). You are notified that upon posting a message your e-mail and Server information are captured and *may* be used by anyone to file a formal complaint with the Server for gross violations that are profane and hateful directed toward anyone posting at this BB. However, Cookies are not given nor welcome here, and therefore no information is on file to be distributed to any individual, group, or commercial enterprise.

VSPA cannot control the posting of messages of a commercial nature. When noted, those unauthorized messages are deleted regardless of how worthy they may appear. The appearance of hyperlinks and solicitations does not constitute endorsement by VSPA of this Web site or the information, products, or services contained therein. For other than authorized activities such as military exchanges and morale, welfare and recreation sites, VSPA does not exercise any editorial control over the information you may find at these locations.

We Take Care of Our Own!