



## VSPA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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### Declaration of VSPA Brotherhood

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***Know that Together, as Air Police and Security Police . . .***

***Together we fought in fields, towers, bunkers, fighting holes, miles long perimeter lines, armored vehicles, patrols, and helicopters; where enemies lay in waiting to clash swords of red and green lava tracers, and jousting with lances of Deadly arc-light; and vanished.***

**Together** we parried Rockets, Mortars, and RPGs streaking firetails that scarred the dark night; metal rain that tore men's bodies as they darted here-and-there, shredded aircraft, and shook the Earth. That was enough for a first night in Nam. Our sizzling flares drifted gently to death's burnt-ashes till dawn—artillery counter fired like an apocalyptic second coming of Hiroshima—our M-16s, 60's and .50cals banged then sporadically died away—and men walked around as if nothing had happened, examining the damage.

**Together** we repelled the enemy as they threw themselves by the hundreds upon our Air Force Security Police Forces with PAVN Artillery regiments, battalions, reinforced platoons, or a single sapper. We killed all who dared try breaking our lines to slay those we protected or tried to destroy our Eagle's Nest.

**Together** we paid the price; one-hundred-eleven of our own dead; 500 more wore blooded bandages and some now cannot dress without fate's mirror's reflected grizzled battle scars; and thousands of our brotherhood bare taunting dreams of dark memories to make sense of it all—*night's sweaty pillow again tossed on the floor*—and they shall take to the graves the war's secrets that followed us home—when the *challenge-gauntlet* was first thrown down in that war.

**Together** we marched to The Wall 400 strong, dog-handlers guarding our perimeters, banners waving, and deuce-and-a-half trucks trailing. An old Sarge calling perfect cadence. Crowds cheering; some jeering received *the* salute. Tears and chilled arms we shared touching etched names on black granite—*faces we still see*—our brothers in arms resting in peace.

**Together** we built memorials to our fallen; their names and ever young faces will tell our stories for centuries. Never to be forgotten.

**Together we stood strong and forged our Legacy:**

***"No Air Base Guarded by USAF Air Police Squadrons, Security Police Squadrons, or Security Forces Squadrons, has ever been overrun or conquered by an enemy!"***

**Together,** we hope you will join us and know the Brotherhood we had still lives.

## VSPA APPLICATION AND INFORMATION FORM



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TODAY'S DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
MM- DD-YYYY

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

Middle Name (Initial; NMI); Suffix (Jr.; etc.) (Nickname)

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Street (or P.O. Box)

City

State

ZIP 12345

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_  
1 2 3 4 5 6 - 7 8 9 0 [Necessary To Receive Guardmount Editions and Bulletins]

DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ [Used for Research, data confirmation. Locating those you want to contact and Obits].  
MM -DD- YYYY

Occupation or Retired-[ ]: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of USAF Service: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Military Retired?- [ ] \_\_\_\_\_  
(MM- DD- YYYY) (MM- DD- YYYY) (JAN / YYYY)

Highest Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

**Required SEA SERVICE IN SOUTH VIETNAM OR THAILAND** Served in the U.S. Air Force as an Air Police, Security Police, or Augmentee in Vietnam or Thailand, between July 1, 1958, and December 31, 1976 (additional conditions below).

- 1st Tour SEA Vietnam/Thailand: \_\_\_\_\_ (to) \_\_\_\_\_  
(JAN / YYYY) - (JAN / YYYY)

Bases & Squadrons: \_\_\_\_\_

- 2nd Tour SEA Vietnam/Thailand: \_\_\_\_\_ (to) \_\_\_\_\_  
(JAN / YYYY) - (JAN / YYYY)

Bases & Squadrons: \_\_\_\_\_

- 3rd Tour SEA Vietnam/Thailand: \_\_\_\_\_ (to) \_\_\_\_\_  
(JAN / YYYY) - (JAN / YYYY)

Bases & Squadrons: \_\_\_\_\_

- 4th Tour SEA Vietnam/Thailand: \_\_\_\_\_ (to) \_\_\_\_\_  
(JAN / YYYY) - (JAN / YYYY)

Bases & Squadrons: \_\_\_\_\_

### SPECIAL DUTIES:

COBRA FLIGHT-[ ] DEVIL FLIGHT-[ ] PHANTOM-[ ] RANGER-[ ] TIGER-[ ] OTHER-[ ] \_\_\_\_\_

- Perimeter Base Defense-[ ] Mortars-[ ] Heavy Weapons-[ ] Armorer-[ ] LE-[ ] QRT-[ ] Towers-[ ] Bunkers-[ ]  
Neptune Boats-[ ] Beach Patrol/Bunkers-[ ] CSC-[ ] Mailroom-[ ] PNS-[ ]-(Procurer of Needed Supplies) K - 9 - [ ]  
Outside the Wire-[ ] \_\_\_\_\_

Recovering or Guarding Down Aircraft-[ ]; Other-[ ]: \_\_\_\_\_

Flying officially-[ ] or unofficially-[ ] on helicopters or A/C; or acting as a door-gunner-[ ]: \_\_\_\_\_

K-9 (SEA ONLY)-[ ]: \_\_\_\_\_ (to) \_\_\_\_\_  
JAN)/ YYYY - JAN/ YYYY)

- K-9: \_\_\_\_\_  
SENTRY DOGS NAMES(s), Tattoo#; VIETNAM AIRBASE(S) & SPS;-[ ]-THAILAND RTAFB(S) & SPS-[ ],  
Antennas, etc.-[ ] \_\_\_\_\_ K-9 Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

### SPECIAL OPERATIONS:

- [ ] - TOPDOG45 (1965), RVN. [ ] - OP SAFESIDE [ ] 1041<sup>st</sup> (T) SPS
- [ ] - OP Eagle Pull; OP KNIFE-13 - SS Mayaguez Rescue (1975 – Thailand, Cambodia)
- [ ] - OP BABYLIFT (1975), (Saigon, RVN: Orphan Rescue)
- [ ] - OP FREQUENT WIND (RVN, Evac military or U.S. Personnel: Dependents, civilians, or allies, 1975).

Additional Info? \_\_\_\_\_

TDY? [ ] AB [ ] RTAFB [ ] & Squadron, To & From: \_\_\_\_\_  
(JAN)/ YYYY - JAN/ YYYY)

NAMES AND ADDRESSES of AP's or SP's you have stayed in contact with, or are available, or want to find:

\_\_\_\_\_

AUGMENTEE (AUG)? [ ] (Bases/SQ: Estimate Date-Ranges. *Photos and names a plus*)

\_\_\_\_\_

DID YOU SERVE AS AN AUGMENTEE WITH AIR POLICE (AP) OR SECURITY POLICE (SP) if so? “circle one, or both” ( AP SP ).

NAMES OF [AUGMENTEE] AIR BASES(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Names Assigned SQDs \_\_\_\_\_

### HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT VSPA?

VSPA Website-[ ] Publication-[ ] Reunion Flyer-[ ] Another SP-[ ] Other-[ ]

## VSPA MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS – 1,2,3

**IMPORTANT - Your Membership is NOT Complete until the following 1, 2, 3 steps are received and approved:**

- 1) COMPLETE VSPA'S MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION** (ask questions if you need to).
- 2) MAIL THE APPLICATION** with a **Copy of your DD-214 Form** (Certificate of Discharge) to the Membership Chair, and
- 3) INCLUDE A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER** Include a Check or Money Order made out to "VSPA" for \$15.00 Annual Dues fee (and yes, you can pay as many years in advance as you care to; it has only changed once since 1995).

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

**Consider joining over 1,052 members as a VSPA Life Member,** If selecting a Life Membership, substitute the correct amount below for the Annual Dues Fee:

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES:

Age: ~~51-60, \$160,~~ 61-70, \$130. 71-80, \$90. 81 or over, \$55.

### **WHO SHOULD I CONTACT** WITH QUESTIONS ON THE STATUS OF MY MEMBERSHIP VERIFICATION?

**Contact VSPA Membership Chair, Shelby Starke,** for help with your membership or its status via [email](#) or TXT. The Membership Chair receives several requests often. For the best results, writing what you want (TXT/email) to clarify or fix an issue helps keep your request focused if delegated to a VSPA volunteer managing such requests often.

**Shelby Starke,** (VSPA Membership Chair)  
1258 Twinleaf Lane,  
Madison, WI 53719

eMail: Membership Chair, Shelby Starke [starke.shelby@gmail.com](mailto:starke.shelby@gmail.com)

**Welcome Home to VSPA**

## FORM INSTRUCTIONS

### VSPA Membership Application

**Your VSPA qualification for membership will be determined by information that is on your DD-214.** This documentation is required because VSPA is an Incorporated non-profit veterans' association under IRS 501(c)(19) regulations, and we withstand an audit of our membership veteran status.



1. **If necessary information is *not* on your DD-214**, we will help obtain it elsewhere.
2. **Please Redact** or black out your **Social Security number** before sending us a copy of your DD-214. We do not use it in identifying or determining membership eligibility, and do not sell or distribute any information.
  - a. **To qualify for VSPA membership** we must document your service in the U.S. Air Force as an Air Police, Security Police, or Augmentee in Vietnam or Thailand, between July 1, 1958, and December 31, 1976, and discharged with “Honorable” or “Under Honorable Conditions.”
  - b. **Service in the U.S. Air Force** is shown in the DD-214 block “Department, Component and Branch.” **Service in Air Police or Security Police** can be shown in “**Specialty Number & Title**,” which will be your duty AFSC, or sometimes as a secondary AFSC. There are many such AFSC codes, but we have a complete list of those under Air Police and Security Police.
  - c. **If you were an AP/SP Augmentee in Vietnam or Thailand**, there may be nothing on your DD-214 substantiating this. We will help with verification knowing Augmentees served shoulder-to-shoulder with us in the war; and we welcome you as a Brother now.
  - d. **DD-214 service in Vietnam or Thailand** may be shown in a few areas of the several different formats of DD-214s. Some have a notation “Vietnam-Yes,” or “Indochina-Yes,” or may show a decoration awarded for Vietnam and Thailand service, such as the Vietnam Service Medal (VSM), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal (RVCM), or Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross (RVNGC). Occasionally, a Vietnam Service Medal is not noted on a DD-214. VSPA has helped several members with correcting that omission and having a VSM added.
  - e. **There may be other decorations or notations on your DD-214** useable to document your membership qualification, so if you do not see one of those mentioned above do not give up. Please remember, your Membership is NOT Complete until the following 1, 2, 3 are received and approved. Send your application and DD-214, and fee, to VSPA Membership Chair Shelby Starke. This helps us qualify your status and contains what we need. If it does not, Shelby may be able to help you find other documentation that will help.
  - f. **Type of Discharge** is shown in “Character of Service.”
  - g. **If you have more than one DD-214** because of re-enlistment or other reasons, and all necessary information is not on either, we are happy to review both and other documentation for SEA Service. We will do all we can to help you document your qualification.