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About VSPA

Welcome Home to VSPA! I am writing to you on behalf of the membership of the Vietnam Security Police Association, Inc. (USAF). A thousand plus, and still growing, we extend our sincere appreciation to all who strive to preserve our history and honor our 111 fallen brothers.

Who We Are: The Vietnam Security Police Association, Inc. (USAF) is an association of USAF Vietnam War veterans who served in Vietnam or Thailand between July 1, 1958 and May 15, 1975, as Air / Security Police (Permanent Change of Station, TDY, or as an Augmentee, and qualify for the Vietnam Service Medal). The Air Force recognizes 1961 as the date Air Police personnel began serving in Vietnam, and 1973 as the date military personnel left Vietnam. Some VSPA members were there prior to 1961 and assigned to protect executive aircraft, like the Ambassador's that flew into Vietnam, or served in the Security Service Crypto units for the Ambassador. We also extended our membership eligibility to May 15, 1975, to include Security Police who served in Thailand up to the day 18 Security Police volunteers died en route to the Mayaguez rescue mission, as well as those who served in Operation Frequent Wind for the evacuation of Saigon in April, 1975. What it boils down to is that we are an inclusive association and extend our membership eligibility dates as a matter of taking care of our own.

VSPA was formed for many reasons: to reunite friends, to preserve the memory of our fallen brothers, the history of our service in Vietnam, and to ensure that the hard lessons learned in Vietnam and Thailand would not be forgotten. Lessons of life and death, forged in war, tempered in battle, that when remembered will provide inspiration to Airmen who are yet to taste combat defending the fortress, and pride for those who have fought and bled with us.

The officers of the VSPA sincerely appreciate the part you may have played as an Air Police or Security Police officer during the war years in Vietnam and Thailand. We thank you for remembering our fallen brothers and honoring our members.

SteveGattis-LM49@vspa.com, President Emeritus Vietnam Security Police Association, Inc.
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VSPA Affiliate Membership: While there are many, including Security Policemen, who did not serve in Vietnam or Thailand during the Vietnam War, who have expressed interest in the VSPA and applied for membership, however, requirements for membership have remained firm at the direction of the entire membership. To that end, we do not offer Associate Memberships at large. Since 1995, fewer than a dozen affiliate's were recognized as VSPA Associate members.

Associate Members do a prolong and extraordinary service for VSPA membership. We do, however, welcome all who visit, and remember our fallen and those we still lose from injuries and agent orange exposure in Vietnam and Thailand during the Vietnam War years.

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