



VSPA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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This document is a membership application form with instructions for veterans who served in the U.S. Air Force as Air Police, Security Police, or Augmentees in Vietnam or Thailand, between 1958 and 1975.

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 lie in waiting to clash swords of red and green lava tracers, and joust with lances of deadly arc-light; and vanish.

Together we parried Rockets, Mortars, and RPGs with streaking-tails of fire that ripped the sky, as metal rain struck aircraft, Earth, and men; while sizzling flares drifted gently to death's burnt-ashes throughout the night.

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

Together we paid the price, one-hundred-eleven dead, 500 who bled, and now wear the scars and bare the dreams of it all—and the dark memories we take to our graves of the war that followed us home.

Together we Marched to The Wall, 400 strong, banners waving, deuce and a half trucks trailing. Crowds cheering, some jeering received *the* salute. Tears and chilled-arms we shared, touching names on black granite whose faces we still see, with our brothers in arms and peace.

Together we built memorials to our fallen; their names and ever young faces will tell our stories for centuries.

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.

Welcome Home to VSPA

(DATA FORM: Please Type or PRINT Clearly and Carefully.)



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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 [Nec. to Receiving 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: _____

Dates of USAF Service: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
MM-DD-YYYY MM-DD-YYYY

Highest Rank: _____ Military Retired? [] _____
(JAN / YYYY)

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 _____ 4th Tour : _____ to : _____
(JAN / YYYY) (JAN / YYYY) (JAN / YYYY) (JAN / YYYY)

BASES & SQUADRONS: _____

SPECIAL DUTY:

K-9 [] TopDog45-[] Safeside-[] Kennel Master-[] Veterinarian-[] Heavy Weapons-[] Armorer-[] LE-[]

K-9 (SEA ONLY): _____ From: _____ to _____
 Dog(s) Name(s) / Tattoo# - Vietnam/Thailand Only! JAN) / YYYY - (JAN) / YYYY

K-9 Notes: _____

- TDY[☐] Base & Squadron TDY to: _____
- Augmentee [☐] Base & Squadron: _____
- Names and addresses of AP's or SP's you've kept in contact with: _____
- Names and available info on AP's or SP's you would like to find: _____
- Additional Info? _____

Where did you learn about VSPA?

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

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

- 1) Complete VSPA's Membership Application (ask question if you need to), and
- 2) **Mail the Application with a copy of your DD-214 Form** (Certificate of Discharge) to the Membership Chair,
- 3) Include a Check or Money Order made out to "VSPA" for \$15.00 Annual Dues fee (Changed once since 1995).
(If selecting a Life Membership, substitute the Annual Dues fee with the following correct amount)

Consider joining over 1,130 members as a VSPA Life Member.

Life Membership fees:

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

Who should I contact if I have questions, or just checking on status of membership verification?

You should contacting the VSPA, **Membership Chair, ShelbyStarke** for help with VSPA membership or status of your registration. You can reach Shelby Starke via email or by phone at (216) 554-6422.

Shelby Starke (Affiliate),
VSPA Membership Chair
 eMail: **Membership Chair, ShelbyStarke** (starke.shelby@gmail.com)
 Address: 477N.Sawburg Ave., Alliance, OH 53597. Phone: (216) 554-6422

Form Instructions

VSPA Membership Application

1. **Your 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 memberships' veteran status.
2. **If necessary information is not on your DD-214, we'll help obtain it elsewhere.**
3. **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 sale or distribute it.
4. **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 May 15, 1975, and discharged with "Honorable" or "Under Honorable Conditions."
 - a. **Service in the U.S. Air Force** is shown in the DD-214 block "Department, Component and Branch."
 - b. **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 will likely 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** might be shown in a number of areas on 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 don't see one of those mentioned above don't give up. Please send your application and DD-214 to VSPA Membership Chairman Paul Shave for help in determining if it shows us what we need. If it doesn't, Paul 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 reenlistment 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.

We Take Care of Our Own