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VIETNAM SECURITY POLICE ASSOCIATION

"We Take Care of Our Own"



VSPA Members Enjoy 19th Reunion at Joint Base Charleston, Oct. 9-13, 2013

VSPA President Pete Piazza presents a book about Security Police in Vietnam to our host, LtCol James Hodges, Commander of the 628th Security Forces Squadron

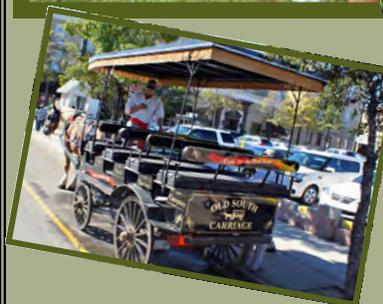


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Welcome Home!



Photo of President Pete Piazza courtesy of Ken Neal, VSPA Photographer

President's Corner

By Pete Piazza, President VSPA



William (Pete) Piazza – LM #141
Cam Ranh Bay AB 1966
Bien Hoa AB 1967-68
Phu Cat AB 1970-71

To my fellow VSPA and Sisterhood Members, let me wish you a very Happy New Year. I hope that everyone is enjoying this nice weather we are having or whatever you want to call it!! With all the snow, ice and very cold windy weather we have had, we are all looking for a break to get out and enjoy ourselves and that is exactly what we are planning for our 20th VSPA Reunion in Shreveport, Louisiana from the 8th thru the 12th of October, 2014.

This year we will be staying at the Holiday Inn Shreveport Airport West. The rooms will be \$89 per night plus tax. We have the hotel contract in place and are finalizing plans with The Reunion Brat. The hotel provides free parking, a complimentary shuttle from the airport and within a five mile radius of the hotel. They also provide a complimentary buffet breakfast each morning. Please see the reunion flyer in this issue. Our next issue of GUARDMOUNT will have all the registration forms

The 2nd SFS Commander, Major Mark Breed has assigned two civilians from the squadron to be our POCs for the reunion. One is the son of a Security Policeman who served in Operation Safeside! Unfortunately, Major Breed will be going PCS this summer, just like last year, but I have been told by our 2nd Security Forces Squadron POC that once the new Commander is selected, they will update them on what they have planned for our visit. By the way, LTC Dorish, the former commander of the 628th SFS at JB Charleston, is stationed at Barksdale AFB and is looking forward to visiting with us at the 2014 reunion if she has time!

We are working with Col (Ret) Joe Romano from the SF Shop at the Pentagon to be our Guest Speaker this year. Some of you may remember him when he attended our 2007 reunion in Washington, D.C. with our Affiliate Member and Top Cop, Major General Mary Kay Hertog, the daughter of VSPA Life Member Col (Ret) Don Reeves.

I am sorry that we have fallen behind on Guardmount, but as folks get older and have more medical problems and their computers get sick or crash, we cannot control that stuff. Nor can we alter family responsibilities that suddenly arise with the passing away of family members. Guardmount will be coming out regularly once the computer backups have all of the information in the new computers and hopefully, everyone that has been sick will have gotten better, too. I send my heartfelt condolences to those who have lost family members.

Finally, I hope that everyone had a great 2013. My wife and I are looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2014 VSPA Reunion in Shreveport. Take care and be safe.

Welcome Home!



Actor Visits the Wounded *by Bob Mull LM # 624*

Udorn 1971-1972

(Permission to use photo granted by Bob Mull)



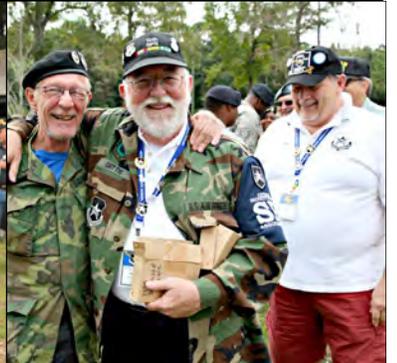
“Freedom and security are precious gifts that we, as Americans, should never take for granted. We must do all we can to extend our hand in times of need to those who willingly sacrifice each day to provide that freedom and security. While we can never do enough to show gratitude to our nation's defenders, **we can always do a little more.”**

- Gary Sinise

Photo of **Bob Mull LM # 624 (L)**, taken with Actor **Gary Sinise (C)** (*Lt Dan from Forest Gump fame*), with my nephew, **SSG Paul Stoepler (R)** (US Army) at Brooke Army Medical Center in October, 2013. Bob writes, “My nephew was on a patrol in Eastern Afghanistan when he and his platoon came under attack from an IED. Paul was the only survivor, with five of his platoon killed (including two Special Forces troops from Europe). Gary Sinise was FANTASTIC - having visited every wounded warrior that day, and spending quality time with each soldier. I'm now a big supporter of the Gary Sinise Foundation. Paul is recovering from his broken bones and shrapnel wounds.”









Honor Guard from Joint Base Charleston



A visit to the Citadel and other Charleston sights.....

photo credit pages 8-9 Erlyce Pekas







SPECIAL EVENTS

Dedication Ceremony of the Piazza Gate at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma

The Air Force and the Security Forces personnel assigned to the 72nd Air Base Wing will be renaming the Midwest Boulevard entry gate at Tinker AFB in Pete Piazza's honor at 1000 hours on May 15, 2014. If you would like to attend the dedication ceremony for the naming of the Piazza Gate on 15 May, please use the link below to the e-invitation to obtain a copy of the invitation, to RSVP letting the base know you plan to attend, and also print a map to the location for the event. POC's are: SSgt Jonathan Porter @ 405-734-6630 or MSgt Pam Hines @ 405-734-4181. <https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=186890&k=036944017257>
(See a copy of the e-invitation in this issue of Guardmount).

2014 Security Forces Ball, San Antonio TX, 17 May 2014

The following information was provided by LtCol Scott Foley, Commander 802nd Security Forces Squadron, Lackland AFB, Texas.

As the host, I would like to extend a personal invite to you to attend the 2014 Security Forces Military Ball on 17 May 2014, at the Embassy Suites Hotel San Antonio- Riverwalk, Grand Ballroom (125 East Houston Street, San Antonio, Texas 78205). This is a one of a kind event in which we will honor our fallen defender brothers and sister as well as recognize the 802d and 902d Security Forces Outstanding Performers for 2013. Our Key Note speaker is a Bronze Star, Purple Heart wounded warrior, Combat Photographer and medically retired friend, SSgt Stacy Pearsall.

We have blocked a limited number of hotel rooms (first come, first serve) for this event. Please contact SSgt Kati Tusly at: katheryn.tusly@us.af.mil or 210-671-7318. She can assist in getting you in touch with the hotel for reservations. (See the copy of the e-invitation in this issue of Guardmount). Please follow the link below for the formal invitation and RSVP:

<https://einvitations.afit.edu/inv/anim.cfm?i=172114&k=036640087A53>

(See a copy of the e-invitation in this issue of Guardmount).

VIETNAM SECURITY POLICE ASSOCIATION REUNION

Information provided by VSPA President Pete Piazza

Our 20th Annual Reunion will be held October 8 – 12, 2014 in Shreveport, Louisiana and Barksdale AFB. We will be hosted by the 2nd Security Forces Squadron. Plans have been well under way for quite some time. We are very fortunate to have two Security Police Sons assigned to the Security Forces Squadron, one whose deceased father was in Operation Safeside, the other who is Affiliate Member MSgt Aaron Leshner, the son of Purple Heart recipient and VSPA Life Member #12, Henry Leshner, Tuy Hoa 68-69. Some of you may have met Aaron when he attended the Purple Heart ceremony that we coordinated for his father at Lackland AFB during our reunion in 2003. Please see the reunion flyer in this issue for reunion and hotel information. The registration fee will be provided in a subsequent issue of Guardmount as we complete our plans.



*Colonel Christopher P. Azzano
Commander, 72d Air Base Wing, and Installation Commander*

*cordially invites you to attend a Dedication Ceremony
at which
the Midwest Boulevard Gate will be named
in honor of*

***SMSgt William Piazza
United States Air Force, Retired***

*on Thursday, the fifteenth of May
at ten o'clock in the morning
Midwest Boulevard Gate, Building 9203
Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma*

R.s.v.p. by 8 May 2014
POC: [SSgt Jonathan S. Porter](#)
(405) 734-6630, DSN 884-6630
Alt POC: [MSgt Pamela J. Hines](#)
(405) 734-4181, DSN 884-4181

Military: Uniform of the Day
Civilian: Business Casual

Click Here to R.s.v.p.

Attachments:

[Map of Piazza Gate Ceremony Site](#)



Lt Colonel Scott Foley requests the pleasure of your company at the

2014 JOINT BASE SECURITY FORCES MILITARY BALL

Hosted by the 802d Security Forces Squadron

We gather to pay tribute to our fallen Security Forces brothers and sister,
and celebrate the achievements of our 802d 2013 Outstanding SF Performers

The evening's guest speaker is Bronze Star and Purple Heart Receiptent, and former Combat
Photographer

STACY PEARSALL

Saturday, 17 May 2014

Embassy Suites Hotel San Antonio - Riverwalk, Grand Ballroom

125 East Houston Street & bull San Antonio, Texas 78205

Cash Bar

Meal Choices

Golden Roasted Porcini Mushroom Dusted Chicken Breast
or
Grilled Garlic and Herb Marinated Flat Iron Beef Steak

(Vegan / Vegetarian meals available upon request, please contact the POC below)

5pm - Registration Opens / Social

Hour

5:45pm(ish) - Receiving Line Opens

6:05pm - Formal Event Begins

R.S.V.P. by 2 May 2014
POC: [SrA Kati Tusly](#)
210-671-7318

Military: Mess Dress or Semi-Formal
Service
Civilian: Business Attire, Evening Gown

Cost: \$32

[Click Here to R.s.v.p.](#)



Vietnam Security Police Association 20th Annual Reunion Shreveport, LA – **October 8-12, 2014** Barksdale AFB, Louisiana

This is only partial information to help you plan your trip - more details to come soon.

The reunion will be held at the Holiday Inn Shreveport Airport West hotel, 5555 Financial Plaza, Shreveport, LA, 71129. Our contract room rate is \$89 per night, plus taxes. The rate includes FREE breakfast each morning for up to two (2) people per room and complimentary FREE Shuttle Service to include the airport (call for the shuttle: 318-688-3000) and anywhere within a five mile radius of the hotel. The room rate is good for three days before and three days after the reunion. Parking is FREE. You will have to specify your choice of a smoking or non-smoking room.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: *Call directly with Holiday Inn reservations at 1-800-465-4329 or Holiday Inn Shreveport Airport West at 1-318-688-3000 to make your hotel reservations. You must tell them that you are attending the reunion of the Vietnam Security Police Association (**the Group Code: VTM**) to obtain our contract room rate. If you encounter any difficulty with hotel reservations, reserve the room, obtain the confirmation number, contact the Reunion BRAT at 1-360-663-2521, explain the problem and they will correct it for you. **Check-in time is 4:00 PM and check-out time is 12:00 noon.** Guests arriving before 4:00PM will be accommodated as rooms become available.*

AIRPORT INFORMATION: *Book your flight to “Shreveport Regional Airport” (airport code: **SHV**) in Shreveport, Louisiana.*

REUNION REGISTRATION: *We do not yet have enough of the planning in place to know what the registration will cost at this time. We will have that information along with the registration form in the next issue of Guardmount.*

AGENDA *(generally accurate, but this is still subject to change):*

Reception dinner buffet with beer and wine, Wednesday evening, October 8th

Local area attractions, Thursday morning, October 9th

VSPA Board of Directors meeting, Thursday afternoon, October 9th

Barksdale AFB & 2nd SFS, Friday, October 10th

VSPA business Meeting, Saturday morning, October 11th

VSPA Sisterhood gathering of wives and companions, Saturday morning, October 11th

SAFESIDE Business Meeting, Saturday afternoon October 11th

Banquet dinner with guest speaker, awards and raffle, Saturday evening, October 11th

Memorial service, Sunday morning, October 12th

Hospitality Room stocked with snacks & beverages will be open as much of the time as possible.

VSPA BX Store will be open as much as possible.

This information will allow you to have a head start on your travel planning. Airfare costs seem to constantly go up so early reservations could save you some money. The room rate is locked in for us, but there will be a deadline (9/23/2014) for that as well so it won't hurt to reserve your room early. Watch for the next issue of Guardmount for the rest of the details.

If you have a question or need some more info about this reunion, please contact Pete Piazza at either wpiazza@aol.com or 1-405-921-8900. We hope to see you at this 20th Annual VSPA Reunion!

Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Vietnam Security Police Association
19th Annual Reunion Saturday, 12 October 2013
By: Jerry Nelson, VSPA Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER AT 0915 HOURS BY PRESIDENT PETE PIAZZA.
2. MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR DEPARTED COMRADES INCLUDING:
 - a. The 110 Air Policemen, Security Policemen and Augmentees who did not survive the war in Vietnam and Thailand.

 - b. All VSPA members listed at Life Member #111 which was established as a tribute to those who did not survive the war and to those members of the VSPA who died as members in good standing.
3. INVOCATION – CHAPLAIN JEFF KERKHOFF
4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – VICE PRESIDENT GREG CAIN
5. INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICERS BY NAME, SQUADRON AND RESIDENCE:
 - William Piazza, President; LM #141; Del City, OK, Cam Ranh Bay 66, Bien Hoa 67-68, Phu Cat 70-71.
 - Greg Cain, Vice President; LM #62; West Seneca, NY; Binh Thuy 1967-68.
 - Bill Marshall, Second Vice President; LM #85; Westerville, OH; Phu Cat, 1968-69.
 - Jerry Nelson, Secretary; LM #668; San Antonio, Texas; Phu Cat 821CSPS, Phan Rang 821CSPS, Tuy Hoa 821CSPS, 69-70 – Appointed for one year to complete the term of Dennis Evans who resigned.
 - Richard Garcia, Treasurer; LM #82; Massapequa, NY; Phan Rang, 1969-70.
 - Steve Gattis, President Emeritus; LM #49; Glen Rose, TX; Cam Ranh Bay, 1968-69.
 - Kelly Bateman, Historian; LM #118; Wimberley, TX; Ubon K-9, 1970-71 unable to attend.
 - Don Poss, Communications Director; LM #37; Hemet, CA; Da Nang K-9 1965-66, unable to attend.
 - Phil Carroll, Past President; LM #336; Gladstone, OR; Takhli and Nakhon Phanom K9, 1970-71, unable to attend.

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM BY PRESIDENT PIAZZA WITH SIX MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT.

Introduction of Staff in Appointed Positions - Note that all staffers are appointed by the President with approval of the Board, and serve without compensation or pay for their time and work.

- Communications Director Don Poss selects and supervises the following:
 - o Web Server Administrator, Larry Poss; Associate Member; Las Vegas, NV.
Unable to attend.

- o K-9 Webmaster, Monty Moore; LM #500, Livingston, TX; Da Nang and Phu Cat K-9, 1968-70. Unable to attend.
- o BB Flight Chief, Bill Marshall; LM #85; Westerville, OH; Phu Cat, 1968-69.
- o QRT Flight Chief, Gary Jones; LM#363, Ladson, SC; Da Nang, Phan Rang, Tan Son Nhut, Udorn, Safeside 1965, 1968-69 and 1971-72.
- o Tech Support, Greg Dunlap; LM #361; Santa Rosa, CA; Da Nang K-9 1968–69. Unable to attend.
- o Quality Control, Mike Kennedy; LM #35; Fontana, CA; Bien Hoa, 1969-70.
- o Unable to attend.
- Membership Chairman, Bill Marshall; LM #85; Westerville, OH; Phu Cat, 1968-69.
- Chaplain, Jim Stastny; LM #442; Gaithersburg, MD; Korat K-9 1970-71.
- Chaplain, Steve Janke; Carlstadt, NJ; Cam Ranh Bay K-9 1969-70. Unable to attend.
- Chaplain, Bill Cooley; LM #350, Canyon Lake, TX; Cam Ranh Bay K-9 1971-72. Unable to attend.
- Chaplain, Jeff Kerkhoff; West Covina, CA; Tan Son Nhut 1972-73.
- Guardmount Newsletter Editor, Erlyce Pekas; Associate Member; Phoenix, AZ.
- Photographer, Tony Morris; LM #70; Shererville, IN; Cam Ranh Bay 1969-70.
- Photographer, Lou Reda; Norwalk, OH; Phan Rang 1968-69. Unable to attend.
- Photographer, Steve Hall; Orange, CA; Binh Thuy 1968-69. Unable to attend. .
- Photographer, Terry Hall; LM #515; Woodstown, NJ; Nha Trang, 1967-68.
- BX Sales Managers, Van and Joyce Digby; LM #59; Bay City, MI; Phan Rang 1967-69; and Sisterhood Member.
- Service Officer, Bud Owens; LM #56; Stratham, NH; Binh Thuy, 1966-67. Unable to attend.
- Scholarship Committee Chairman, Jim Lebowitz; LM #241; Laguna Woods, CA; Bien Hoa, 1966-68.
- K-9 Kennel Master, Jim Stastny; LM #442; Gaithersburg, MD; Korat K-9, 1970-71.
- Sergeant-at-Arms, Keith Young; LM #175; Angola, NY; Binh Thuy & Phu Cat, 1970-71.
- Paralegal Services, Paul Sigler; LM #595; Bartlesville, OK; Cam Ranh Bay, 1965-66.
- Safeside Liaison, Dave Pierson; LM #299, Carson City, NV Binh Thuy, 1969-70.
- Binh Thuy Liaison, Lew Goldberg; LM #150; Battlefield, MO; Binh Thuy 1968-69.
- Cam Ranh Bay Liaison, Trent Nentrup; LM #662; Hope, IN; Cam Ranh Bay 1968-69.
- Phu Cat Liaison, Ron Arthur; LM #107; Chilhowee, MO; Phu Cat 1967-68. Unable to attend.
- Tan Son Nhut Liaison, Charles Penley; LM #606; Kingsport, TN; Tan Son Nhut K-9 1967-69. Unable to attend.
- Ubon Liaison, Jim Watson; LM # 520; Covina, CA; Ubon K-9, 1968-69. Unable to attend.
- Pleiku Liaison, Pat Dunne; LM #40; Hollywood, FL; Pleiku, 1968.
- Nakhon Phanom Liaison, George Conklin; Fort Benton, MT; Nakhon Phanom, 1970-71. Unable to attend.

6. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING WHICH WERE PUBLISHED IN GUARDMOUNT. Motion to approve by Van Digby, 2nd by Tony Morris. Approved.

7. BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a. Guardmount Report – Out of sequence by Erlyce Pekas so that she can attend the Sisterhood meeting. Erlyce expressed her appreciation at being an honorary member for 10 years and thanked the VSPA members present because her relationship with the VSPA had changed her life. She expressed special thanks to Steve Gattis for his efforts in proof reading Guardmount. She also asked the members to send her their stories to her for publication in Guardmount. Motion to APPROVE the report by Buddy Sexson, 2nd Ray Rash. Approved.

b. Treasurer's Report by VSPA Treasurer Richard Garcia. As of 30 September, 2013 we have \$70,492.25 in savings and \$20,855.87 in checking for a TOAL of \$91,348.12. Motion to receive the report by Wendell Wallace, 2nd by Mike DeTuccio. Approved. Report on file.

c. Membership Chairman's Report by 2nd VP Bill Marshall. Total Membership as of today, 12 October, is 1,205 with 839 Life Members. We have 53 new members and 59 new Life Members. Special thanks to Lew Goldberg, Charles Penley, Pat Dunne and Larry Breazeale who helped support our effort to spread the word on the VSPA. They are base/unit liaisons for the association. If any of you would like to assist in our membership program by becoming a base/unit liaison, please contact me after the meeting. Motion to APPROVE the report by Art Cook, 2nd by Ed Knapp. Approved. Report on file.

d. BX Sales Report by Van Digby. We extend our thanks for your support. Our flight hats for Cobra, Tiger, Phantom, Ranger Flights, etc. have been reduced to \$5 so that we can make room for new items. Please stop by and see what we have. We have several new items. If you have any ideas for new items, please let us know. Motion to APPROVE the report by Tony Morris, 2nd by Phil Block. Approved. Report on file.

e. Web Site Report by Steve Gattis on behalf of Communications Director, Don Poss, who could not attend. The following was provided to Steve via email from Don:

2013 is the 19th year I have been webmaster for VSPA.com. It took the first six months as webmaster for the new and growing page to reach a total of 500 visitors. That has changed: VSPA.com continues with a steady monthly climb in daily unique visitors. On Oct. 14, 2012, VSPA's unique Daily visitor count was 1,639. The most recent numbers are for Oct 6, 2013 with 2,768 Daily unique visitors. During the past twelve months, hundreds of new stories and pages have been added, with 872 stories and poems currently posted, comprising 3,074 pages. Photos currently posted number 17,064 JPG images, 2,058 GIF images, and 85 PNG images.

Enough numbers. During this year, we have added features to the homepage to encourage visitors to read our stories. Clickable links for the 872 stories include indexes sorted by **Title** (A-Z), **Year**, and **Author** (if you like a story you can check and see what else he may have posted). Indexes for poetry are also listed by Title, Year, and Author.

Other new sections include a Tattoo page that is growing literally and figuratively with more and more Air Force and Security Police tattoos. Also added over the last twelve months is a slideshow link to VSPA's Weekly Graphic images that have been posted on the homepage. 872 images have been posted since from 1995/96 through 2013. To make it easier for members to find "stuff" at VSPA, a new Google Website search engine has been added that can find everything from a name, to a base or squadron number, AND every single photo at VSPA! Just enter the base abbreviation (2 or 3 letters) and click on "Images" when the list displays.

Security measures have helped protect VSPA.com. We haven't been hacked in two years. Keep that a secret as we don't want to tempt fate. We depend on members to report broken links, and there is a link to do so at the bottom of nearly every story. And just like on the bulletin board, if members see something wrong or something that shouldn't be posted, a fast email to Larry or Don Poss will fix the problem. So keep an eye open because even government sites are not completely safe from hackers. It's Your Website!

As webmaster, I get the credit for a smooth working VSPA.com. But I am telling you all right now that without the website staff VSPA.com would look a lot different. I want to extend a special thank you to **Larry Poss** (VSPA.com Web Administrator, Host, and Associate Member), **Monty Moore** (VSPA K-9 Webmaster), **Bill Marshall** (VSPA Bulletin Board Flight Leader), **Gary Jones** (QRT Trouble Shooter, guru, and a warm shoulder to cry on), **Greg Dunlap** (VSPA PDF Tech), **ED (Jack) Smith** (VSPA Tattoo Master), and members who volunteer for ad hoc projects.

Every year I tell members that VSPA.com will be even better next year--and that is the case for 2014. VSPA.com is among the oldest, largest--*and dare I say best*—military veteran websites online.

Steve Gattis reminded all present that our status as a Tax Exempt Military Organization of War Veterans requires that we follow IRS Rules and Regulations regarding the prohibition of political activity in support of or against specific candidates for office. The VSPA does not pay income tax and all donations to the VSPA are tax exempt for donors. Our exempt status is the equivalent of the government and the public paying us to conduct our business on behalf of our membership. We cannot receive the benefit of tax exemption if we engage in political activity as an organization. Therefore, the VSPA and other organizations like the VVA cannot advocate for or against candidates for political office, especially during the coming highly contested elections of 2014. The VSPA must demonstrate compliance by removing political comments from our bulletin boards when members attempt to organize votes or begin speaking for or against candidates. They are free to engage in whatever political activity they desire as long as it is not in conjunction with the VSPA and our tax exempt activities which include the web site and bulletin boards.

Motion to APPROVE the Web Master report by Al Habercorn, 2nd by Jack Smith. Approved. Report on file.

f. Historian's Report - Information provided by Steve Gattis. Historian Kelly Bateman could not attend. He is still our liaison to the Security Forces Museum and has been involved in the relocation of Nemo's War Dog Heroes Memorial to a location adjacent to the Security Forces Museum. He is also maintaining information regarding the new National War Dog Memorial that will be dedicated October 23, 2013 on the parade field at Lackland AFB. Motion to approve the report by Dave Pearson, 2nd by Jim Lebowitz. Approved.

g. Kennel Master's Report by Kennel Master Jim Stastny. He presented a VSPA plaque to the 11th SFS, Andrews AFB, K9 Section last year for washing The Wall. The Nemo's War Dog Heroes Memorial has been moved adjacent to the Security Forces Museum. Special thanks to Bill Cummings, Ernie Childers and Kelly Bateman for their efforts in coordinating this Memorial. Also, Mr. Tracy English, 37th TRW Historian, and Milita Rios-Samaniego, 37th TRW Museum Program Director, for their total support and work on this project. The National War Dog Memorial is being constructed at Lackland AFB, Texas and will be dedicated later this year.

Old Dawgs & Pup Program Overview - October 2013 by Bill Cummings: (unable to attend):

It has been eight (8) years since we started the Old Dawgs & Pups due to a call for help from some troops down range at Ali Air Base, Iraq. We kicked off OD&P as we supported eight troops (seven from the Air Force and one Army) on September 18, 2005. Since then, we have supported 102 kennels, and 379 deployments of 381 military personnel:

Air Force MWD teams	362
Other Services MWD teams	19 (Army 15, Navy 3, and Civilian MWD trainer 1)

The deployments have been assigned in the following countries:

Qatar	51
Iraq	190
Djibouti – Africa	4
Honduras	1
Kyrgyzstan	20
Kuwait	27
Afghanistan	64
Korea	1
United Arab Emirates	10
Saudi Arabia	3
Undisclosed Location AOR	10

The deployments originated from:

USAF	55 – CONUS
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USAF
Other Services

10 – OCONUS (Germany, Guam, Italy, England & Japan)
12 – (Army 9 – CONUS, Navy – 2 CONUS, Civilian – 1 CONUS)

Since the beginning of the Program, we have shipped 1,939 pieces of equipment valued at \$86,785.00 to 102 kennels and 381 personnel. Motion to APPROVE the Kennel Master's report by Jack Smith, 2nd by Gary Jones. Approved by WOOF! Report on file.

h. Safeside Liaison's Report by Dave Pierson. Motion to APPROVE the report by John Zolondz; 2nd by Al Barnett. Results of vote: Approved. Report on file.

i. Service Officer's Report: Bud Owens was unable to attend.

j. VSPA Legal by Paul Sigler who spoke on the enactment of Stolen Valor Legislation. Motion to APPROVE the report by Al Habercorn, 2nd by Jack Smith. Approved.

k. Scholarship Committee Report by Jim Lebowitz. Nicole Estrada, the granddaughter of VSPA member Steve Hall, was selected to receive the \$1,000 J.J. Chestnut Memorial Scholarship. Motion to APPROVE the report by Bob Nichols, 2nd by Rich Gano. Approved.

8. OLD BUSINESS FROM 2012 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING:

a. BANNERS – Based upon complaints made at the meeting last year, Phil Carroll designed our new banners based upon our Memorial Bench at the Defender Memorial at Dayton, using the same graphics and base names that are on our Memorial Bench. The banners were printed by VSPA Member Ron Eberhart.

b. INFORMATION FROM 2012 MINUTES REGARDING REUNION LOCATIONS:

1.1. Discussion of a potential change in the purpose of one VSPA reunion, i.e. holding it in a location away from any active-duty SF Squadron (would require Board and Membership approval as well as a change in the Bylaws) – proposed for discussion by Lew Goldberg.

1.1.1. An idea was presented to the membership regarding the one-time possibility of changing our by-laws to allow for a reunion to be held in a city where there is no active duty Security Forces Squadron or Air Force base, i.e. San Diego, California. The possibility was raised in an effort to support wives and family who would like to do something other than visit an Air Force base during an annual reunion.

1.1.2. The basis for the idea is to create more involvement for the Sisterhood and to involve them in reunion planning.

1.1.3. Phil Carroll explained that according to our bylaws, our mission was to preserve our history and thereby, support active duty Security Forces personnel who followed in our footsteps by holding our reunions at an active duty Air Force base. He also explained that the Sisterhood officers have input into our planning process.

- 1.1.4. The idea was tabled until our 2013 reunion when site selection would take place for the 2015 reunion.
- 1.1.5. Change our by-laws to allow other selections away from active duty units ----

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DUE TO OUR MANDATE TO SUPPORT THE TROOPS WHO HAVE FOLLOWED IN OUR FOOTSTEPS. WE CANNOT CANCEL THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE WITH THE TROOPS LIKE WE DID YESTERDAY WHEN WE HOSTED A MEAL FOR THEM, PRESENTED CHALLENGE COINS AND STOOD A FORMAL RETREAT WITH THEM.

9. REUNION SITE SELECTION:

Reunion Site Selection for 2015 - Sites are selected two years in advance so that VSPA and Security Forces Squadron planning can begin early and have time to adapt to active-duty operational necessity. Charleston AFB, South Carolina was selected in 2011 as the site for the 2013 reunion. The backup site in the event of operational changes at the primary site was Nellis AFB, Nevada.

- a. As in the past, the 2014 reunion will be held in October, the Wednesday through Sunday before the Columbus Day holiday (which is always the second Monday in October). In **2014 our reunion will be October 8-12 at Barksdale AFB, Louisiana which is located in Shreveport – Bossier City.**
- b. Reunion Site Selection for **October 7 thru 11, 2015** conducted by VSPA President Pete Piazza, VP Greg Cain and 2nd VP Bill Marshall.
- c. President Pete Piazza explained past reunions and bylaw requirement to choose by alternating regions WEST, CENTRAL and EAST and THAT WE MUST CHOOSE A LOCATION IN THE WEST FOR 2015.

BASES AVAILABLE IN THE WEST:

- JB Lewis-McChord – Tacoma, Washington - No USAF K9 Kennel
- Fairchild AFB – Spokane, Washington
- Beale AFB – Sacramento, California
- Travis AFB – Fairfield, California
- Hill AFB – Utah
- Nellis AFB/Creech AFB, Las Vegas, Nevada
- Luke AFB, Phoenix, Arizona
- Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, Arizona

BASES UNAVAILABLE OR UNACCESSABLE IN THE WEST:

- Los Angeles AFB, California
- Vandenberg AFB, California
- Edwards AFB - California
- JB Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

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PAST REUNION SITE INFORMATION ONLY FOR REFERENCE:

· Atlanta, Georgia	1995	East
· San Antonio, Texas	1996	Central
· Pensacola, Florida	1997	East
· Washington D.C.	1998	East
· Las Vegas, Nevada	1999	West
· San Antonio, Texas	2000	Central
· Hampton, Virginia	2001	East
· Dayton, Ohio	2002	Central
· San Antonio, Texas	2003	Central
· Tucson, Arizona	2004	West
· Valdosta, Georgia	2005	East
· Las Vegas, Nevada	2006	West
· Washington D.C.	2007	East
· Albuquerque, NM	2008	West/Central
· Phoenix, Arizona	2009	West
· San Antonio, Texas	2010	Central
· Dayton, Ohio	2011	Central
· Destin, Florida	2012	East
· Charleston, SC	2013	East
· Shreveport, LA	2014	Central

- d. Nominations, presentations and voting process - VSPA President Pete Piazza, VP Greg Cain and 2nd VP Bill Marshall.

1. Primary Site for 2015 is Nellis AFB, Nevada.

2. Secondary Site for 2015 is Davis-Monthan, AZ.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. American Indian Veterans Memorial Initiative (AIVMI) for a memorial in Washington, D.C. that will be fully funded by the Seminole Nation and will represent all Native Americans. This information was initially presented to the Board by VSPA Member Pat Dunne and fully researched. Motion to approve a VSPA resolution in support of the American Indian Veterans Memorial Initiative (AIVMI) by Ray Rash, 2nd by Tony Morris. Approved.

11. AFFIRMATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: for banking purposes and the authorization to sign checks for the Association during the coming year. Appointment of Jerry Nelson as VSPA Secretary for a period of one year to replace Dennis Evans, who resigned.

1.1. The officers are:

- President William “Pete” Piazza (authorized to sign checks)
- Vice President Gregory J. Cain (authorized to sign checks)
- Treasurer Richard Garcia (authorized to sign checks)
- Second Vice President Herbert W. “Bill” Marshall
- Secretary Jerry Nelson
- Historian Kelly Bateman
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- President Emeritus Stephen T. Gattis
- Communications Director Don L. Poss

1.2. Elections will take place again in 2014.

1.3. Affirmation of Appointed Positions - VSPA President Pete Piazza: The previously read existing appointed positions are hereby re-appointed for next year, subject to future changes per the Constitution & By-Laws.

1.4. Those who have stated that you would like to assist our membership by acting as a base liaison, please remain after we adjourn so that you can meet briefly with our Membership Chairman, Bill Marshall.

12. INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

a. Agent Orange Information and the Effect of Agent Orange on Children and Grandchildren by VP Greg Cain.

b. Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA)

INFORMATION ONLY – YESTERDAY, YOU HEARD LT COL HODGES SPEAK ABOUT THE FUTURE POSSIBILITY OF LEOSA APPLYING TO RETIRED AIR FORCE SECURITY POLICE WHO HAVE SERVED AT LEAST TEN YEARS. HE STATED THAT PLANS ARE BEING CONSIDERED TO CERTIFY THOSE WHO QUALIFY SO THAT THEY WILL BE COVERED TO CARRY A WEAPON AS STATED UNDER HR 218.

THIS IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY AND NOT FOR DISCUSSION IN THIS MEETING BECAUSE IT IS NOT A POLICY YET. THERE ARE NO PROCEDURES IN PLACE. YOU CANNOT START CARRYING A WEAPON AT THIS TIME.

13. EVENTS BEING HELD WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS.

a. Dedication of the National K9 Memorial at Lackland AFB on October 23, 2013.

13. REMINDERS

- 1.1. Reminder that this evening's festivities begin with a no-host bar at 1700, posting of the colors at 1800, followed by dinner, guest speaker, awards and raffles.
- 1.2. Reminder that a Worship Service will be conducted by Chaplain Jeff Kerkhoff at 0800 Sunday, here in the main banquet room.
- 1.3. Reminder that our annual Memorial for our 111 begins at 0900 Sunday, here in the main banquet room. The names of all Air Policemen, Security Policemen and Augmentees who did not survive the war in Vietnam and Thailand will be read at this time.
- 1.4. Questions from members

13. Closing of the annual business meeting at 1113 hours.

Minutes by Secretary Jerry Nelson. Approved by President William Pete Piazza.



The Law Enforcement Officer's Safety Act

LEOSA - HR 218

An Update by Steve Gattis, VSPA President Emeritus

Many of our members are retired from civilian law enforcement agencies and are authorized to carry concealed firearms pursuant to H.R 218, The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act (LEOSA). The following specifically applies to our members who retired from the military or DOD law enforcement duties after **TEN YEARS** of service. If you read the minutes from our business meeting or attended our 2013 reunion in Charleston, South Carolina, you learned about LEOSA and the future possibility for retired Air Policemen, Security Policemen and Security Forces to carry concealed firearms throughout the United States just as retired civilian law enforcement officers are authorized to do so. There have been updates since our reunion.

The following is an update on LEOSA based upon a section within the National Defense Authorization Act for 2013 that contained an amendment that would potentially authorize military and DOD law enforcement personnel who, prior to their retirement, had for a period of ten (10) years, the law enforcement authority to apprehend pursuant to the UCMJ. At the time of our reunion in 2013, there were problems within the new DOD policy and the required ID card language that had to be amended in order to effectively manage the ability for retired military law enforcement to qualify.

The DOD amended the LEOSA policy on February 13, 2014 that made issuance of ID cards and qualification possible; however, final procedures for qualification and issuance of ID cards had not been finalized by specific branches of the military or the DOD. This means that you still cannot carry a concealed weapon or obtain an ID card to carry a weapon until the procedures are established and signed. The Air Force is moving forward and has an undated, unnumbered procedural policy that has been signed. While procedures have been established, nothing has been finalized. Headquarters Air Force Security Forces Center at Lackland will be the issuing agency and approval authority for all LEOSA identification cards for retired personnel. They are currently looking for a contractor to handle the issuance of ID cards and for the future authorization of retired Air Policemen, Security Policemen and Security Forces to carry weapons IF THEY ARE QUALIFIED. According to contacts within the Headquarters Air Force Security Forces Center at Lackland, the best or earliest estimate to see issuance of credentials will be Fall, 2014.

The following are the minimum basic requirements to be qualified under LEOSA and the new DOD policy. Please note that these requirements for qualification are not the procedures:

“QUALIFIED RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER: To qualify for the identification card, an individual must meet all the following criteria:

- a. Be separated in good standing from service with a DoD Component as a law enforcement officer.
- b. Before separation, have been authorized to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution, or the incarceration of any person for any violation of law.

c. Before separation had statutory powers of arrest or authority to apprehend pursuant to section 807(b) of Title 10, United States Code (also known as article 7(b) of the Uniform Code of Military Justice) (Reference (k)).

d. Before separation, have served as a law enforcement officer for an aggregate of 10 years or more, or separated from service with a DoD Component, after completing any applicable probationary period of service, due to a service-connected disability, as determined by that Component.

e. During the most recent 12-month period, have met, at the expense of the individual, the standards for qualification in firearms training for active law enforcement officers, as determined by the individual's former DoD Component, the State in which the individual resides or, if the State has not established standards, either a law enforcement agency within the State in which the individual resides or the standards used by a certified firearms instructor that is qualified to conduct a firearms qualification test for active duty officers within that State.

f. Have not been officially found by a qualified medical professional employed by the DoD Component to be unqualified for reasons of mental health and as a result of this finding will not be issued the identification card described in section 4 of this enclosure.

g. Have not entered into an agreement with the DoD Component from which the individual is separating from service in which that individual acknowledges he or she is not qualified under section 926C of Reference (d) and this instruction for reasons relating to mental health and for those reasons will not receive or accept the identification card described in section 4 of this enclosure. Nothing in this instruction requires a mental health examination for separating or separated law enforcement officers seeking a LEOSA identification card.

h. Agree that while armed, will not be under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance.

i. Not be prohibited by federal law from receiving a firearm.

For VSPA members who might be covered under the above basic qualifications for a retired military law enforcement officer, it is very important to note that the DOD policy and the Air Force procedures DO NOT confer any rights or privileges to carry a weapon or anything equivalent to the authority of an active duty law enforcement officer. The policy only delineates the qualifications that a retired officer must meet in order to receive an ID and carry a weapon, if qualified. There are many issues that are yet to be resolved. If you would like to read the pending Air Force procedures, please use the link below.

<http://www.afsfc.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-140319-058.pdf>

More information will be provided as it becomes available.

President George W. Bush signs the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act, June 22, 2004.



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Resolution In Support Of The

"American Indian Veterans Memorial Initiative"

Whereas:

1. American Indians, Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiians (hereinafter referred to collectively as "Native Americans") have always been the stewards of the American homeland since long before it became The United States of America.
2. Approximately 12,000 Native Americans served in World War I before they became citizens of the United States in an attempt to gain citizenship, despite the fact they were the country's original inhabitants.
3. The native languages of the Choctaw, Comanche, and Hopi Indian Tribes were first used by the United States Armed Forces in World War I to transmit field telephone messages.
4. Approximately 25,000 Native Americans volunteered to serve in World War II.
5. The Comanche, Creek, Chippewa and Hopi people used their own languages as codes extensively in World War II, and the Navajo Code Talkers developed a special code using their language. These efforts were of significant help in winning the war.
6. An estimated 42,000 Native Americans volunteered to serve in all branches of the Armed Forces of the United States during the Vietnam War - more per capita than any other ethnic group in the country. They served with strength, honor, patriotism, dedication and bravery. Three American Indians were awarded the Medal of Honor.
7. Native Americans have fought in these and all of America's wars and conflicts since the Revolutionary War and have earned and should receive the full public acknowledgement of their service.
8. There currently is no monument or statue specifically recognizing Native Americans' contributions and sacrifices on the Washington D. C. National Mall.
9. It is very important to all Native Americans that there be a monument or statue of Native American servicemen to recognize Native Americans' contributions and sacrifices during all wars and conflicts in which the United States of America has participated, in order to publicly gain full recognition of their service to the United States of America

Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. The Vietnam Security Police Association joins the Vietnam Veterans of America in strongly encouraging Congress to enact legislation to allow placement of a Native

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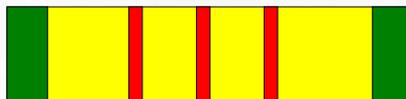
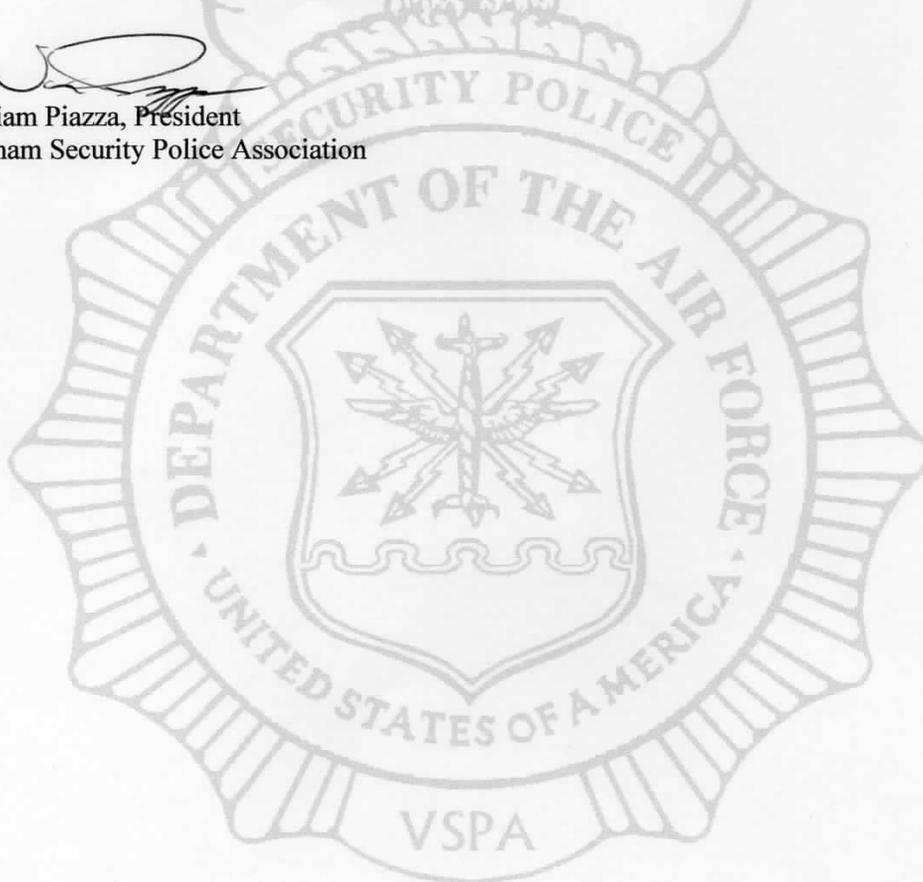
American statue at the Education Center of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the National Mall. This will give appropriate public recognition to all Native Americans who proudly served in the Armed Forces of the United States, and highlight their sacrifice and service to their country.

2. The Vietnam Security Police Association urges all other Veterans associations and organizations to put forward similar resolutions to urge appropriate public recognition of Native Americans' contributions through military service.
3. The Vietnam Security Police Association urges all members of Veterans organizations, other private individuals, relatives of those who have served in the Armed Forces, and all Americans with like feelings to contact their elected representatives at all levels and urge them to speak out in support of the American Indian Veterans Memorial Initiative.

Signed on: 1 November 2013



William Piazza, President
Vietnam Security Police Association



Ramblings of an Air Force Brat...

by Janet “Sparkplug” Parker

- *Editor’s note: Janet, Sisterhood Vice President and daughter of Sgt. Al Matthews, USAF and VSPA LM#127, (1942—2008) has been a contributing writer at GM for over two years. In this issue, Janet explores her thoughts about JOY!*



JOY

We have talked a lot about loss, grief, hurt, and recovery. Now, let’s talk about what comes after that. Let’s think about Joy.

This time of year, as things and people are recovering from a long winter, it is easy to overlook joy. There can be joy in many things, large and small. Remember the joys of childhood? They are not gone; you carry them in your heart. Think of the smells that were pleasant to you...your Mom’s or Dad’s cologne, a home cooked meal, Grandma’s house, puppy breath. Remember playing outside on one of those clear, sunny days when the air smelled so clean. We each have different joys to remember and even in the worst of situations, there was something that brought joy to your heart.

Remember the joy of love? Think of your first crush, your parents, your friends, your girlfriend or boyfriend, your spouse, your pets. These loves never really leave your heart. You can find them even if you have to dig through some muck.

Remember the joy of Freedom? Though you guys in particular may not have felt welcome when you returned, didn’t it feel good to be back in this country, even with all its faults? There is a lot to be said about the Freedom we have in this country.

How about today? What did you think when you looked outside? Was the sun shining? Did you watch birds in your back yard? Did you wake up next to the one your love? Did you see your children or grandchildren?

Even if you did not, each time you rise another day, there is potential for joy. We live in a hard, harsh, mean and broken world that makes joy almost unnatural if not impossible. But what do you have in your heart? You can make your own joy.

Do you like to paint, draw, pray, write, cook, walk in the great outdoors, and cuddle a pet or a child? All these work for joy in spite of this world.

I personally believe that joy is a gift from the Lord, a coping mechanism that keeps me from going crazy. Big or small, if you look you can find joy somewhere. It isn’t missing; it just waits to be found.

Some Holidays are hard in the best of circumstances because we feel rushed, even oppressed. Let go of trying to find perfection in an imperfect world and let your heart take over. Make an effort to let go of the icky stuff. T’ain’t easy peasy, but it is worth it.

This season, of new beginnings and promise, I wish you joy, peace, love and all that is good in this life. For where there is life, there can be hope and JOY. Look for it so it can find you.

With that, I wish you peace, and JOY to you and yours.

Thank you for your Service.

WELCOME HOME! Hugs. *Janet*





A Reunion Story

By VSPA Jack Smith LM #453, TSN, 377th SPS, '68-'69

The week before our reunion in Charleston, the World War II 8th Army Air Force, B-17 crews held their reunion at the Crown Plaza where we had our Reunion. Roberta and I arrived 4 days early to the VSPA reunion to sightsee around Charleston. When we saw the 8th AAF group, Roberta (who is a genealogist) accessed her records online and found a photo and information on my uncle Stewart Horton who was a radio man on a B-17. One of the world war II veterans saw the photo of my uncle and called him by his nickname, Bud. We were welcomed into their group and had a wonderful time.

One of their attendees was a fine English gentleman named Denis Grant. Denis had worked as a lad on the 8th AAF's base and he had traveled to the reunion from England. As their reunion drew to a close. Denis found out that he was stranded in Charleston for another week. I knew that we as VSPA members had to do something for him.

I presented his problem to Pete Piazza and Steve Gattis, and they agreed with me that we should adopt Denis for the week. As all of you who were there know, Denis fit right in and was very proud to be as he put it "The VSPA's English Bobby member". Denis and I have stayed in contact by phone twice since he returned to England. He said for me to tell all his new friends that what we did for him will always be in his heart and a story to pass down in his family for years to come. In his last phone call he said that he wishes the best for all of us.

Jack the Old Cowboy Poet



Editor's note: Many of you know Kim Bayes Bautista, Associate Member, aka "Queen Mother" and a great friend to the VSPA. In addition to assisting with our reunions for many years, Kim is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker at Ft. Hood, TX. She has graciously agreed to write a repeating column for GUARDMOUNT and we gratefully present her thirteenth article below.



Photo of Kim Bayes-Bautista by VSPA photographer Steve Hall.

FROM THE FIELD

*of behavioral health
Kim Bayes-Bautista, MSSW, LCSW
Honorary Associate Member VSPA*

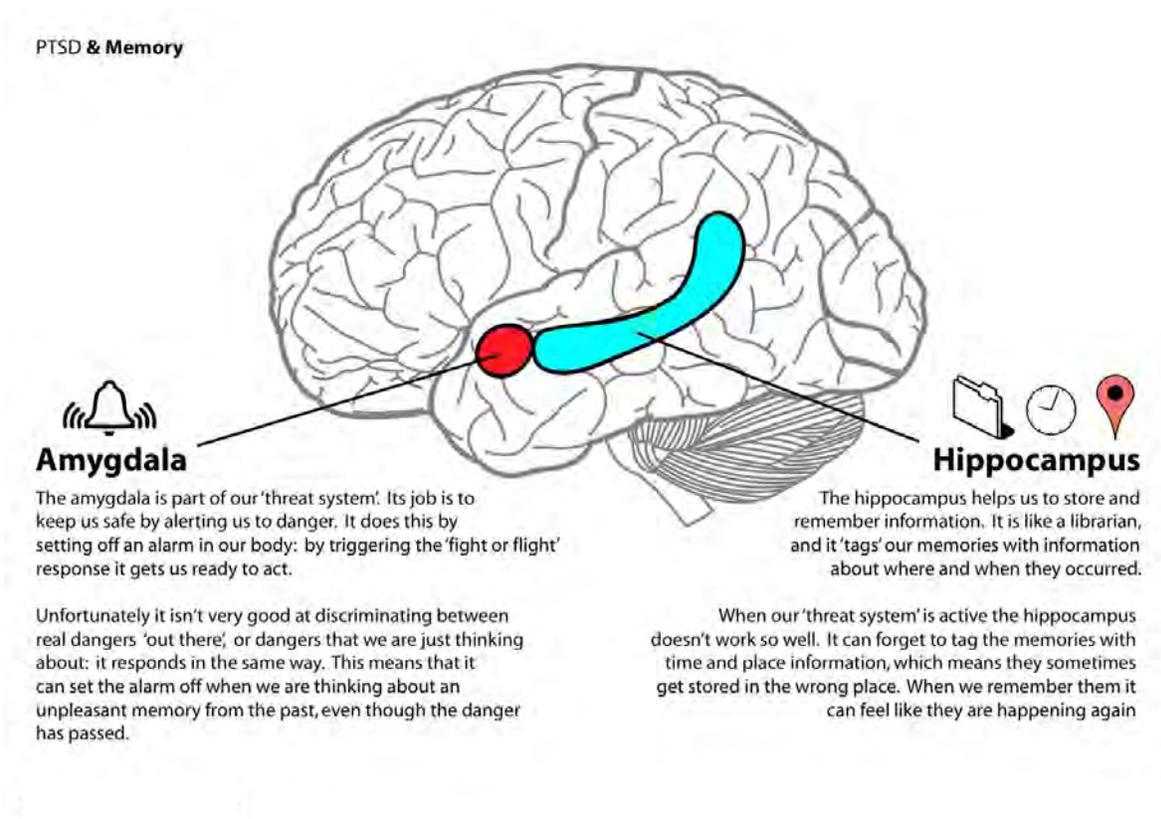


Emotional Brain to Thinking Brain

by Kim Bayes-Bautista

Memories Can't Kill Us

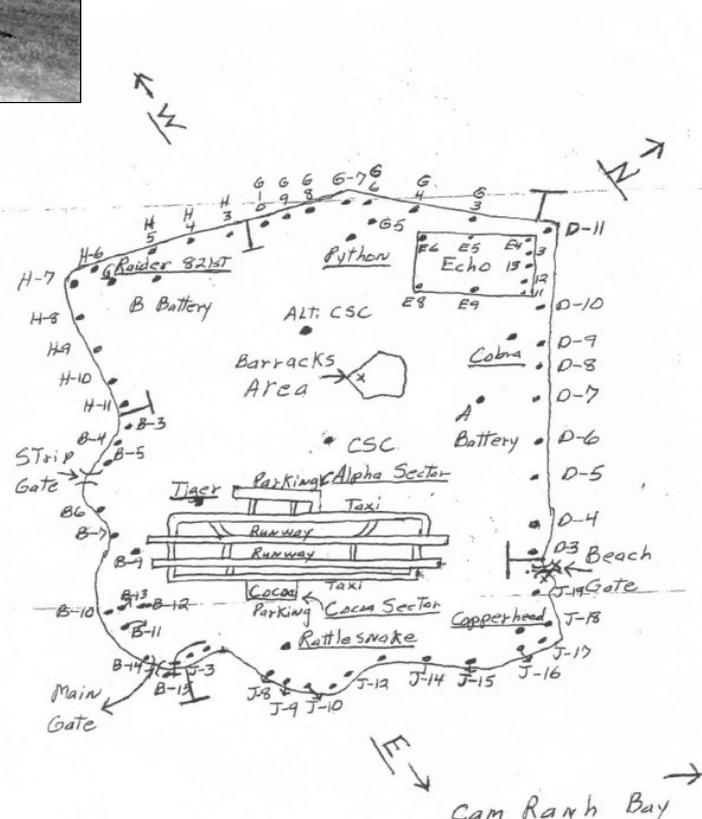
Below is a diagram that provides a simple explanation for how intrusive thoughts and memories can trigger a fear response. It is important to remember that memories are not as bad as the actual event, so "breathing to ten" (slowly, in through the nose and out through the mouth) can get you back online from your emotional brain to your thinking brain. For more information you can go to psychology-tools.org.



Your VSPA History

By Kelly Bateman Historian / VSPA LM #118, Ubon 8th SPS, K9, 1971-71

Here are two items for Guardmount. The 1st is by Charles Myatt - "a hand drawn map of Phan Rang AB RVN" The 2nd is donated by Kenneth Neal "1st K9 Demo Team At Ubon AB Thailand" L-R Tom Landers, Ken Neal, Dan Brussard, Sal Meli.



Charles Myatt: Panther Flight, Alt. CSC [Zorro Control] and I.C.C.
 [Blue Chariot].
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“Poetry Corner” by our Vietnam Veterans

Featuring VSPA LM #453, TSN, 377th SPS, 1968-'69

Jack “The Old Cowboy Poet” Smith

Sounds of War

Cavemen beating their chests with spears in hand
Savage cries echoing through the land

The roar of Pharaoh's chariots on desert sands
For centuries their armies would stand

Roman legions, sandaled feet all in step
Their women by the road watched and wept

The chilling call of the Scottish pipes
Bringing proud men from afar to fight

The Fife and Drum ringing clear from 1776
America rising from the fire like the Phoenix

Bugels blaring both the Blue and Gray
So many brave men lost in the terrible fray

Whistles blowing the trenches full of dough boys
Thousands on each side the shells and shot destroys

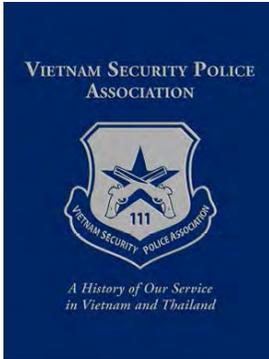
Bombs falling with that deadly scream
Two atomic blasts and one reigns supreme

Once again the cannons boom at the door
Men again come forth for the Korean War

Angry shots sound and shells shake the ground
With Cobras and Hueys flying all around

The storm arose again in a far away land
The rumble of tanks upon the desert sands

With the sounds of war are still ringing
In Afghanistan men still are battling



THE VSPA HISTORY BOOK

“THE BOOK” is in the VSPA BX! This is a SECOND printing, not a Volume II. If you would like to purchase one of these great books, the cost will be the same as the original price of \$54 plus \$6.95 for shipping. Please contact Van & Joyce Digby by phone or the email address below.

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LAST CALL FOR RECIPES!



The cookbook for the VSPA Sisterhood fund raising project is in its final phase. Recipes are being entered into the cookbook software that will be used to print the cookbook for this coming reunion in Shreveport, Louisiana. If you have a favorite recipe that you would like to contribute, please send it now. The recipe will include the name of the VSPA member and his base of assignment in Vietnam or Thailand, as well as the name of the respective member of the VSPA Sisterhood. All proceeds from the sale of this cookbook will go to the VSPA!

Please send your recipe(s) to Lise Gattis at the following email address:

lwgattis@windstream.net. You may also mail the recipe to Lise at the following address:

Lise Gattis, VSPA Sisterhood
P.O. Box 1889
Glen Rose, Texas 76043

Members, please, please, please let your wives and family know about this cookbook.



The deadline to submit recipes is May 15.

NOTE: All Officers and Staff are unpaid VSPA members who volunteer to serve their brothers in the association. Officers were elected in 2012 for a two-year term. Staff members were appointed to assist and advise the officers of the association as needed.

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Time to Renew those VSPA dues.....

It is time to renew your VSPA yearly dues....or, better yet, pay a one-time fee and become a life member! It's easy to pay dues or re-up an expired or expiring membership. If you've been putting it off trying to find time, take a few minutes now and make it happen. :)

Just go to VSPA's Homepage (<http://www.vspa.com>) and on the top menu, click the menu "About/Join/Dues/Help", and select the appropriate link.





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USAF Security Police Vietnam Veterans—Welcome Home!

If you served in the USAF Air Police, Security Police, K-9, Safeside, or as a Security Police Augmentee in Vietnam or Thailand between 1958 and 1975, there's a great brotherhood looking for you. With more than 1,300 currently active members, the Vietnam Security Police Association is where you belong.

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

If you're qualified and interested in membership, read more about the VSPA and how to join at our website: www.vspa.com. WELCOME HOME TO VSPA!

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