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**Subject:** Re: Attempting to Correct DD214 to reflect Vietnam Service

Hello, Don. This is Steve Gattis. I am one of the past presidents of the VSPA and remain on the Board of Directors in order to provide organizational continuity.

I understand your plight. I would be very happy to talk with you this weekend. I wish I could say tomorrow but I will be having my 40th and final radiation treatment for Agent Orange related prostate cancer. I have a 135 mile round trip for the treatment and have family in for my "graduation". I believe that I can help you, although BG Coleman is an incredible resource since he was also on the ground in Saigon TDY from Clark AB when you were there.

Your membership in the VSPA is hereby approved based upon the letter from Col. Hetzel and the word of BG Coleman who is also a member of the VSPA. Send your membership application to Paul Shave and include this email. He will immediately understand since we use a buddy verification process like this regularly when there are problems with a DDForm 214. "We take care of our own" is our motto and you certainly qualify for membership. I wish we would have known about your situation before you had to get to a horrible level of frustration.

It's great to see your FEMA address. I was in emergency management for many years while working on the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. I was the operations manager for the design and construction of the Los Angeles County Emergency Operations Center and had a lot of contact with FEMA. Thank you for your vital continued service to our country!

I have an excellent resource who is my service officer. She is retired from the Army and is the best I have ever seen when it comes to claims. She is a hardnosed MSgt who is my local service officer and is certified by the VA. She has helped others with similar problems, including a member of Safeside whose orders were missing. If I contacted her right now, she would immediately ask if you have contacted DFAS regarding your records and orders. I know that you have been bounced around but I think that there is light at the end of the tunnel.

I'll be in touch on Sunday or you may call me at 254-898-2647. If you call, please call after 1200 noon. I live in Texas - Central Time.

My best to you in the brotherhood that we share. Welcome home!

Steve Gattis