

# Vietnam Security Police Association Membership Application

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Today's Date

16 OCTOBER 2008

2. All information that you include will be shared with other VSPA members.

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(With area code) Please print e-mail address very clearly!

Occupation SHERIFF GRIMES COUNTY, TEXAS Spouse's Name GAIL  
(Or retired)

Dates of USAF Service: from 25 JULY 1969 to 24 JULY 1973 Highest Rank Sgt - 24  
Month/Year Month/Year

1st Tour/TDY, Vietnam or Thailand: from SEP-1970 to MARCH-1972 Base KORI RTAFB  
Month/Year Month/Year

2nd Tour/TDY, Vietnam or Thailand: from NA to NA Base NA  
Month/Year Month/Year

Specialty 4E - TOWNSHIP - USAF LIARIN AF - CAROL FRIENDSHIP - MIA - STOCKHOLM Awards NA  
K-9, Safeside, Heavy Weapons, LE, Augmentee, etc. Bronze or Silver Star, Purple Heart, etc.

If you were K-9 NA  
Dog's Name Tattoo # Base Dates

Please use another piece of paper to list other tours, specialties, dogs, etc. if you need to.

Where did you learn about VSPA? (Mark one, if "other" please write-in)

VSPA Website  Publication  Another SP  Reunion  Flyer  \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicants!** You must complete this application and mail it with a copy of your DD Form 214 (Certificate of Discharge) to the address below (see "Instructions" on page 2 of this application for more details). When you apply include a check or money order made out to **VSPA** for \$15 annual dues, or the Life Membership fee. Life Membership fees vary with your age: Age 51-60, \$160 ~ 61-70, \$130 ~ 71-80, \$90 ~ 81 or over, \$55.

Questions? Can't find your DD-214? Contact Membership Chairman: Bill Marshall

**E-Mail:** [BillMarshallVSPALM85@gmail.com](mailto:BillMarshallVSPALM85@gmail.com) **Phone:** 949-388-5664

**Mail this application to:** Bill Marshall, 578 Spring Brook East, Westerville, OH 43081

## Instructions for 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) regs and we must be able to withstand an audit of our members' veteran status.
2. Please cut off or black out your Social Security number before sending us a copy of your DD-214. We do not use it in identifying you or determining your eligibility for membership.
3. If any of the information we need is not on your DD-214, we will help you get it somewhere else.
4. To qualify for VSPA membership we need to document that you served in the U.S. Air Force Air Police or Security Police, or as an AP or SP Augmentee, in Vietnam or Thailand, between July 1, 1958, and May 15, 1975, and that your discharge was 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 that fall under Air Police and Security Police.
  - c. If you served with us as an Augmentee in Vietnam or Thailand there will likely be nothing on your DD-214 to substantiate this fact, but we would love for you to join VSPA. We know that you served shoulder-to-shoulder to us in the war, and you're welcomed as a Brother now. Please contact our Membership Chairman Bill Marshall for assistance in finding some documentation that we'll be able to accept along with your DD-214 to prove your eligibility for membership.
  - d. Service in Vietnam or Thailand might be shown in a number of areas. There are several different formats of DD-214s; some have a notation "Vietnam-Yes," or "Indochina-Yes." Some might have one of the decorations 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). There may be other decorations or notations on your DD-214 that can be used to document that you qualify for membership, so if you don't see one don't give up. Please send your application and DD-214 to VSPA Membership Chairman Bill Marshall for help in determining if it shows us what we need. If it doesn't, Bill may be able to help you find other documentation that will help.
  - e. The type of discharge is shown in "Character of Service."
  - f. If because of reenlistment or other reason you have more than one DD-214, and all the information we need isn't on any one of them, we are happy to accept several to provide the necessary documentation of your service.
5. If you are not sure about any aspect of your documentation, contact Membership Chairman Bill Marshall for assistance.

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