



## VSPA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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*This document is a membership application form and 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, K-9 fighting holes, miles long perimeter lines, armored vehicles, patrols and helicopters; where enemies lie in wait to clash swords of red and green tracers, 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—a single sniper or sapper—upon our forces. We killed all who dared try breaking our lines to slay those we protected or attempted to destroy our Eagle's Nest.

**Together** we paid the price, one-hundred-eleven dead, 500 who bled and now wear the scars and bear the dreams of it all; the dark memories we shall take to our graves of the Vietnam 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 our 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 small and large 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 overran or conquered by an enemy!"*

**Together** we hope you will join us and know that the Brotherhood we had still lives.

***Welcome Home to VSPA***



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DATE: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
(MM -DD- YYYY)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Last First Middle Name (Initial) 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 [Necessary for Receiving Guardmount Editions and Bulletins]

DOB: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ [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? [ ] \_\_\_/\_\_\_  
(MM YYYY)

1st TOUR SEA Vietnam/Thailand: \_\_\_/\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_/\_\_\_  
(MM YYYY) (MM YYYY)

• BASES & SQUADRONS: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd TOUR SEA Vietnam/Thailand: \_\_\_/\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_/\_\_\_  
(MM / YYYY) (MM / YYYY)

• BASES & SQUADRONS: \_\_\_\_\_

3rd TOUR SEA Vietnam/Thailand \_\_\_/\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_/\_\_\_ 4th TOUR : \_\_\_/\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_/\_\_\_  
(MM - YYYY) (MM - YYYY) (MM - YYYY) (MM - YYYY)

• BASES & SQUADRONS: \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL DUTY:

- Security  LE  K-9  TopDog45  Safeside  Kennel Master  Veterinarian
- Heavy Weapons  Armorer  OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

**K-9 (SEA ONLY):** \_\_\_\_\_ **From:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
*Dog(s) Name(s) / Tattoo# - Vietnam/Thailand Only!* (MM / YYYY) (MM / YYYY)

**K-9 Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] **TDY: Bases & Squadrons:** \_\_\_\_\_ **From:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(MM / YYYY) (MM / YYYY)

[ ] **AUGMENTEE Base & Squadrons:** \_\_\_\_\_ **From:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(MM / YYYY) (MM / YYYY)

**NAMES & ADDRESSES of AP's/SP's in contact with:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Use backside if necessary)

• **Names and available-info on AP's/SP's you would like to find:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

• **Additional Info?** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT VSPA?**

[ ] VSPA Website [ ] Publication [ ] Reunion Flyer [ ] Another SP [ ] Searching Web

[ ] 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 YOU CONTACT FOR HELP with VSPA registration or membership verification?**

You should contact the VSPA, [Membership Chair, Shelby Starke](#), for help with VSPA registration or membership verification. Shelby Starke can be reached by email:

**Shelby Starke,**

**VSPA Membership Chair**

eMail: [Membership Chair, Shelby Starke \(vspa.mc.starke@gmail.com\)](mailto:Membership Chair, Shelby Starke (vspa.mc.starke@gmail.com))

Address: 312 Santa Fe Trail, Waunakee, WI 53597

## **FORM INSTRUCTIONS VSPA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

**Our 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 must be able to withstand an audit of war Veteran status of our membership. If necessary information is not on your DD-214, we'll help obtain it elsewhere.

1. **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.
2. **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 December 31, 1976 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," *and*
  - 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; however, you may have some information in an evaluation, a certificate of training, or letter of commendation. 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** may 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 Shelby Starke for help in determining if it provides what we need. If not, Shelby may be able to help you find other documentation.
  - 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. Please send documentation or certificates regarding awards and decorations i.e. Airman's Medal, Silver Star, Bronze Star w/V.

***We Take Care of Our Own***