



Why YOU Should Join the VVAA

I have been asked this question many times, and I still think that it's an important issue. Some Vietnam veterans need help, others can give it. Some have no interest in the politics of legislation, others have a point of view they need to get across. Some are able to articulate their problems and suggest solutions but others cannot. Some like the social contact it provides, and the opportunity to find out what's going on in the veterans' community. Some are interested in the day-to-day administration of the organisation while others just want to get the newsletters. Still others have business skills and contacts which will enable the organisation to spread its message and conduct fund-raising in a more professional manner.

There's a place for everyone, and jobs for those who wish to do them. No matter what the particular reason you decide to join, you will find that you will extend your horizons as you learn more about the organisation and what it is doing for veterans. It's not unusual for someone to join because they want to help, and end up receiving it - and it is just as common for someone to join because they need help, and end up giving it!

To my mind, the broader the membership of the VVAA and the more points of view it encompasses, the less opportunity there is for one group or another to take the organisation in a direction which damages the interests or image of Vietnam veterans as a whole. Should this occur, all the work which has been done will be wasted, all the lines of communication with government and other organisations lost.

Regimental, ship and squadron associations are great, but they aren't going to give you the information which is critical to your continued well-being, and that of your family. The R&SL has a much broader constituency, and it isn't focussed in on quite the same issues that the VVAA is. The great thing about it, however, is that you can be a member of **all** these organisations, and there is no conflict of interest, they are simply filling different roles. Even better, there is a multiplier effect as the various organisations lobby government!

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWAL

Membership is subject to qualification and ratification

Personal Information	Service Information
Surname	Service Number
Postnominals	<input type="checkbox"/> RAN <input type="checkbox"/> Army <input type="checkbox"/> RAAF <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)
Given Names	Enlistment Date
Date of Birth	Discharge Date
Postal Address	Discharge Certificate No
Residential Address (only if different)	War Service:
	Area Unit
	From To
	Area Unit
	From To
	Area Unit
	From To
Contact Details	Optional Information
Home Work	DVA File Number
Fax Mobile	Pension Rate
eMail	
Next of Kin	
Name	Signature Date
Relationship	
Address (only if different)	
Office Use Only	Amount tendered \$
Discharge Certificate or other proof of service sighted <input type="checkbox"/>	Method of payment <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque <input type="checkbox"/> Money Order
Signature	Official receipt number
	Date