



VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA SOUTH AUSTRALIA BRANCH INCORPORATED

Administrative Instruction 08/2011

BOGUS VETERANS – ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

Introduction

1. From time to time members or other parties contact the Association requesting information about alleged bogus veterans, or requesting as to what action to be taken against bogus veterans. This Instruction provides policy for all members.

Detail

2. The Association must act in accordance with any legal requirements in these cases. Whilst we have a duty to discourage individuals from posing as veterans, we also have a duty to act within the law when considering any action to be taken. Members must be conscious that the Association may be brought into disrepute if alleged bogus veterans take legal action.

Types of contact

3. Specific instructions relating to each type of contact are listed below. These contacts may take the following forms:

The person may want to report the individual posing as a veteran

The person may want to take some action against the individual posing as a veteran.

Person wanting to report a bogus veteran

3. Record the name and contact details of the person reporting the bogus veteran.
Record the name and any details available about the bogus veteran
Ask the person reporting the veteran if they wish to make their complaint formal

Person wanting to take action against a bogus veteran

4. Advise the person of the contact details listed at the end of this Instruction.
5. Advise the person that they should not take matters into their own hands as they may be acting illegally and leave them open to legal action.

Actions by the Association

6. Under no circumstances should members of the VVAA South Australia Branch or any sub-branch take action against alleged bogus veterans that is outside these guidelines. If necessary the State Branch will contact the appropriate authority for reporting bogus veterans.

Contact for reporting of bogus veterans

7. Bogus veterans should be reported to:

Mr Terry Riley
Director Investigations
Inspector General's Division
Department of Defence
CP3-20014
Campbell Park Offices
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Authority

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