



# **VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA SOUTH AUSTRALIA BRANCH INCORPORATED**

## **Administrative Instruction 28/2011**

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#### **INTERNATIONAL SUB - BRANCH**

##### **Introduction**

1. The VVAA National Congress held in Sydney, 28<sup>th</sup> May 1999, approved the establishment of a Vietnam Veterans International Sub-Branch. Membership may include Australian Vietnam veterans living overseas or Vietnam veterans of other nationalities, which were Australia's allies during the Vietnam War.
2. The aim of this AI is to provide the guidelines necessary for the administration and control of an International Sub-Branch.

##### **Detail**

3. In the past, difficulties have been experienced in servicing Australian Vietnam veterans living overseas and/or maintaining contact with allied Vietnam veterans who wished to retain an ongoing contact with the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia. The National Congress approved a once only exception to the constitution to permit the establishment of an international sub-branch to manage the needs of the overseas veteran community. They have no voting rights but can raise issues that may be of interest to the VVAA.
4. The National Executive considered they were not in a position to administer this group so the South Australian State Branch was requested to accept the responsibility on behalf of the Association.
5. The VVAA South Australia Branch State Council agreed to be the committee of management and the State Secretary would maintain all necessary records and present any issue raised by any member of the International Sub-Branch. Membership eligibility, subscriptions and National capitation payments would be enforced but other sub-branch requirements would be waived.
6. All Australian State Branches will be required to refer details of overseas Vietnam veterans to the International Sub-Branch and South Australia sub-branches will be expected to inform the State Committee when they have enquiries or membership requests from overseas.
7. The State Secretary will report on the progress of the International Sub-Branch when requested by the State Council or National Executive.

##### **Authority**

**State Council Meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2011**