



Vietnam Veterans of America Incarcerated Membership Information Guide

Membership Eligibility

Veterans incarcerated may be eligible to join Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) or Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA). Veterans incarcerated who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces (for other than training purposes) in the Republic of Vietnam between November 1, 1955 and May 7, 1975, or in any duty location between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975 are eligible to join VVA. Veterans incarcerated who served during other periods are eligible to join AVVA. NOTE: All AVVA annual dues are \$7 as of August 1, 2012. In cooperation with each state and territory, VVA has established reduced dues prices for veterans incarcerated:

Category A: VVA annual dues: \$0 (membership category IVI)
AVVA annual dues: \$7 (membership category IVA)

These annual dues prices are effective in the following states:

Alabama	Alaska	Arizona	Arkansas	California
Colorado	Connecticut	Delaware	Dist. of Columbia	Florida
Georgia	Idaho	Iowa	Indiana	Kansas
Kentucky	Louisiana	Maine	Maryland	Massachusetts
Michigan	Minnesota	Mississippi	Montana	Nebraska
Nevada	New Hampshire	New Jersey	New Mexico	North Carolina
North Dakota	Oklahoma	Oregon	Pennsylvania	Puerto Rico
Rhode Island	South Carolina	South Dakota	Tennessee	Texas
Utah	Vermont	Virgin Islands	Washington	West Virginia
Wyoming				

Category B: VVA annual dues: \$1 (membership category IVI)
AVVA annual dues: \$7 (membership category IVA)

These annual dues prices are effective in the following states:

Illinois	Missouri	New York	Ohio	Wisconsin	Virginia
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Category C: VVA annual dues: \$0 (membership category IVI)
AVVA annual dues: \$0 (membership category IVA)

These annual dues prices are effective in the following Florida Chapters:

VVA Chapter #195 VVA Chapter #1080 VVA Chapter #1114 VVA Chapter #1097

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Membership Eligibility (continued)

These reduced dues prices are for one-year memberships only. Eligible VVA members may apply for VVA life membership for \$50.

Eligible AVVA life membership costs are:

\$175 (59 years of age and below)

\$100 (60 years of age and above) Proof of age is required

\$50 VVA Member becoming a Dual AVVA Lifetime member

Each application for VVA or AVVA incarcerated membership must include a DD Form-214 to verify the applicant's status as a veteran. This requirement applies to new memberships submitted on a chapter transmittal, as well as to individual applications sent directly to VVA or AVVA.

Membership Administration

Incarcerated VVA and AVVA members are encouraged to affiliate with a VVA chapter. Members may affiliate with a chapter located in their institution, or a nearby outside chapter, if such affiliation is allowed by the state or federal prison system. The institution usually appoints an employee as a staff advisor to the chapter. As a liaison between the chapter and VVA & AVVA, the staff advisor can help the chapter with membership questions or problems.

We do not send a membership ID card to veteran incarcerated members because some institutions do not allow inmates to possess these cards. In place of an "ID card", we send a letter to each member acknowledging the membership.

Veteran incarcerated members in Categories B and C must renew their membership each year. For veteran incarcerated members in Category A, the term of membership is "DOC" (Duration of Confinement) and the membership continues as long as the veteran remains incarcerated. Because inmates are frequently transferred to other institutions, we depend on the chapters to provide us change of address information when an inmate transfers.

Chapters may pay the dues on behalf of members who cannot afford to do so. This is done on a case-by-case basis, at the chapter's discretion.

Contact Information

VVA and AVVA membership questions can be directed to the VVA national office at 301-585-4000, or 1-800-882-1316. Our fax number is 301-585-3019. Our web address is <http://www.vva.org>. Membership questions can be sent via email to membership@vva.org.

Membership applications and chapter transmittals must be sent to:

VVA

PO Box 49030

Baltimore, MD 21297-4930

AVVA Sandy Spring Bank

PO Box 49029

Baltimore, MD 21297-4929

Other correspondence may be sent to VVA at:

8719 Colesville Road, Suite 100

Silver Spring, MD 20910-3710