



VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

VICTORIAN BRANCH (INCORPORATED)

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BOGUS VETERANS – ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Introduction

1. The purpose of this AI is to advise the procedure to be taken should a bogus veteran be identified.
2. From time to time the Association is contacted by members and other parties providing information about alleged bogus veterans or requesting information about or actions to be taken against bogus veterans.
3. The Association and its members must act in accordance with any legal requirements in any such cases.

Detail

Reporting a Bogus Veteran

4. If a member or an individual approaches the Association to report a bogus veteran, as much information regarding the bogus veteran should be gathered. For example:
 - The name of bogus veteran.
 - Any available contact details for the bogus veteran – this may include phone number/s, an address, places where the person is known to frequent.
 - The names of any known veterans “quoted” by the bogus veteran.
 - Photographs of the bogus veteran if available.
5. If this type of information is not available then submit as much information as possible. Under no circumstances should a veteran or other person make any further enquiries about the bogus veteran either personally or on behalf of the Association.
6. This information should be handed over to the Sub-Branch Executive who is to pass the information to the State Secretary for action by the State Executive who will report the matter to the relevant authorities for action.

Action against a Bogus Veteran

7. Under no circumstances must a veteran approach a bogus veteran to physically or verbally remonstrate with that person.
8. If a veteran or other person wants to take action against a bogus veteran then the procedures listed in paragraphs 4 and 5 above must be strictly adhered to.

9. All veterans should be aware that they have a personal obligation to observe the law and as such, must not take matters into their own hands. If this is done, they may be acting illegally and would more than likely be subject to legal action by civil authorities and/or the alleged bogus veteran.
10. Any other person, other than a veteran, who may report a bogus veteran, should also be made aware of this obligation where possible.

Conclusion

11. The Association and its members must act in accordance with any legal requirements in these cases. Failure to do so will result in adverse publicity for the Association and possibly leave the Association and individuals open to legal action.