



# Sons and Daughters of THE VIETNAM WAR

**PRIMARY APPLICANT:** Identify yourself as the descendant or presenter of a Qualifying Veteran of the Vietnam War.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 1. Qualifying Veteran: identify the Vietnam Veteran to be entered into the genealogical records of the Sons & Daughters of the Vietnam War.**

I hereby present as a Qualifying Veteran of the Vietnam War: Name (as it appears on service records):

\_\_\_\_\_

Qualifying Veteran

A. Born: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) at: \_\_\_\_\_ (Place)

B. Died: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) at: \_\_\_\_\_ (Place)

C. Dates of Service (Mandatory): \_\_\_\_\_

D. Branch of Service (Mandatory): \_\_\_\_\_

E. Rank/Rating at Separation (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

F. Additional Information: \_\_\_\_\_

*A qualifying Veteran is a man or woman who served in a Branch of the Armed Forces, being the United States Army, United States Army Air Force, United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard and United States Merchant Marine or South Vietnamese ARVN at any time during the period from 1 November 1955 to 15 May 1975 not dependent on service location. Please include a copy or digital image of a photograph of the qualifying veteran if one is available. Do not send an original print. The photograph will not be returned. Proof for the dates of service is mandatory. It may be proven with a Report of Separation (DD-214) or other Military Records, Veterans Administration paperwork, Pension records, etc.*

**Please select your qualifying Memberships Level:**

☐ A Lineal Member (Proceed to Step 2) is defined as an individual presenting verification of direct Lineal descent (mother, father, grandfather, grandmother, etc.), through birth or adoption, from a Qualifying Veteran of the Vietnam War.

☐ A Collateral Member (Proceed to Step 3) is defined as an individual presenting verification of collateral relationship (aunt, uncle, brother, sister, etc.) with a qualified Vietnam Veteran. For the purposes of the Sons & Daughters of the Vietnam War Veterans, relationships through marriage and adoption are accepted as qualifying relationships.

☐ A Friend (Proceed to Step 4) is defined as an individual annual membership for those without a relative serving during Vietnam, who wish to support and participate in the Sons & Daughters of the Vietnam War activities.

☐ A Veteran (Proceed to Step 5) is defined as an individual who served at any time during the period from 1 November 1955 to 15 May 1975 not dependent on service location during Vietnam.

**Step 2: Apply for certification as Lineal Member of the Sons & Daughters of the Vietnam War:**

**LINEAL MEMBERSHIP** I apply for certification as a Lineal Member of the Sons & Daughters of the Vietnam War and have presented service proof for a Qualifying Vietnam War Veteran as a father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, etc.

*Please note that adoption records may be substituted for birth certificates. Please not that all dates should be written as DD/MM/YEAR.*

My direct lineal descent from the qualifying veteran of the Vietnam War is as follows:

First generation son/daughter of the Qualifying Veteran was:

Name/Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Born: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_(Date) at: \_\_\_\_\_ (Place) Married: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_(Date) at: \_\_\_\_\_ (Place) to: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) Died: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_(Date) at: \_\_\_\_\_ (Place)

Second generation son/daughter was:

Name/Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Born: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) at: \_\_\_\_\_ (Place)

Married: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) at: \_\_\_\_\_ (Place) to: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name)  
Died: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) at: \_\_\_\_\_ (Place)

**Step 3: Apply for certification as a Collateral Member of the Sons & Daughters of the Vietnam War:**

**COLLATERAL MEMBERSHIP** I apply for certification as a Collateral Member of the Sons & Daughters of the Vietnam War and have presented service proof for a Qualifying Vietnam War Veteran as a relative other than a father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, etc.

First generation son/daughter:

Name/Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Born: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Date) at: \_\_\_\_\_ (Place) Married: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Date) at: \_\_\_\_\_ (Place) to: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) Died: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Date) at: \_\_\_\_\_ (Place)

Second generation son/daughter was:

Name/Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Born: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Date) at: \_\_\_\_\_ (Place) Married: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Date) at: \_\_\_\_\_ (Place) to: \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) Died: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Date) at: \_\_\_\_\_ (Place)

**Step 4: Apply for certification as a Friend of the Sons & Daughters if the Vietnam War:**

I apply for certification as a Friend of the Sons & Daughters of the Vietnam War as a friend. Note that a qualifying Veteran name is not required for this step.

Name of Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of qualifying veteran (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**Step 5: Enclose copies of proofs and a copy or digital image of a photograph of the qualifying Veteran**

My information is listed above in Step 1 is complete. No additional verification is required for the listed qualifying veteran to be entered into the genealogical records of the Sons and Daughters of the Vietnam

War. Please enclose copies of proofs and a copy or digital image of a photograph of the qualifying veteran, if one is available, and mail to:

The Sons & Daughters of the Vietnam War  
C/o Suzy Messinger  
15527 Ventura Ln  
Victorville, CA 92394

Applicant's Certification & Membership fee: **\$25.00**

If paying by check, please make payable to: **Sons and Daughters of the Vietnam War**  
To pay via credit card, scan the QR Code or send an email to: [sdvw.info@gmail.com](mailto:sdvw.info@gmail.com)



**Certification and Release:** I certify that the representations made in this application are true and correct and that the accompanying materials are true and correct copies of the original documents. I hereby give permission to the Sons & Daughters of the Vietnam War to reproduce the material related to the qualifying veteran's military service herein submitted for Membership certification for their archival publication and digitization projects, under the understanding that members' personal information retained by the Sons & Daughters of the Vietnam War will not be released to anyone without the written authorization of the member.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR SDVW USE ONLY:**

Application received: \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_ (initials)

Certification completed: \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_ (initials)

Applicant notified of acceptance: \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_ (initials)

Member ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Membership package sent \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_ (initials)