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IVS's position regarding LAA participants

IVS recognizes that any individual who satisfies normal registration and tuition requirements as established by the LAA Board of Directors, and who agrees to attend classes as organized and scheduled by the Branch Director, is entitled to the services and benefits of LAA programs.

Therefore, the question of FAR personnel attending LAA classes and activities should be viewed as no different from a Vietnamese shopkeeper or Buddhist monk who wishes to participate in LAA activities and who agrees to the routine tuition and attendance requirements.

IVSers, however, are not permitted to participate in any activities at military installations or in programs designed solely for military personnel for the very same reasons that the United States Peace Corps, the Japan Overseas Volunteer Corporation, the Canadian University Students Overseas, and other like organizations have expressed in their charters.

Unlike the Peace Corps, however, IVS does employ former military personnel and does work with individuals who have been, or who have later become, members of military organizations. This is in accordance with IVS policy to work with and to employ any person regardless of personal political views, religious beliefs, race and nationality, providing he possesses the proper qualifications for the work involved.

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