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Dear Commemorative Partners,

It was a privilege to be a part of this group ... to earn the respect of the guys who relied on you to get them to the fight, and bring them home.~19th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, retired General Norton A. Schwartz



U.S. Air Force Anniversary Tribute

Today, we toast the [United States Air Force](#) (USAF) in honor of their *77th anniversary* of service to our Nation. To all of those who have served in the Air Force, both past and present, *happy birthday!* Enjoy this special [video tribute](#) in your honor as we salute you.

This month we feature the service of three *USAF Vietnam veterans*: [Schwartz](#), as quoted above, Flight

Nurse [Joan Craigwell](#), and Airborne Intercept Specialist [David Williams](#). Watch brief footage of their oral histories in this [short preview](#), or enjoy the full [seven-minute video](#), highlighting some of the memorable moments of their service during Vietnam. In addition to these distinguished interviews, download our three-part poster series [Air Base Defense in the Vietnam War](#) and single [Air Force Service Patch Poster](#) as we celebrate our airmen all this month.



U.S. Air Force Oral History Tribute

As we gear up for a strong end of year finish, a few reminders. First, our [educational posters](#) remain accessible by [download only](#). Second, just *three months remain* to become a [Commemorative Partner!](#) The submission deadline for these applications is December 31. Finally, remember to submit your event requests for support through the [Partner portal](#) as early as possible. March 15, 2025 is the last day event requests (DD2956) will be accepted, and March 31 will be our last full day of providing event support.

A final word for those attending or interested in the [Arlington National Cemetery \(ANC\) public tram tour](#) on Friday, September 27: *the tour is full!* ANC has established a standby list, so for those not yet registered and interested in standby placement, plan arrive at their Welcome Center by 10:30 a.m. the day of the tour. Members of the History Office will apprise individuals of space availability at that time. Locate the full tour event details via the [public tram tour site](#).

In conclusion, we *remember and pay tribute* to our Gold Star Mothers and families in honor of [Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day](#) on Sunday, *September 29*. Eighty-eight years ago, Congress set this day aside to honor Gold Star Mothers, and 12 years ago, it was expanded to include and embody the loss shared by the entire family. Remember and honor their sacrifices on this solemn *national day of observance*.

~ The United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration Staff ~

Join the Nation ... thank a Vietnam veteran!