

National Event Honored Vietnam Veterans - 50 Years Later

Our own Mark Tarpley and Tia McConnell were part of an Air and Space Forces Association national event January 13, 2024. [A Celebration of Character & Courage](#) ceremony was a national salute to honor the service, courage and legacy of Vietnam veterans, Gold Star Families, and it also included a renewal of commitment to account for those who remain missing. Ceremony elements featured military, veteran, and Gold Star Family speakers, performances by the West Point Alumni Glee Club, personal reflections, and stories and music that highlight the extraordinary contributions of a generation of soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, coast guardsmen and civilian loved ones in a gathering of community, faith, and gratitude. [Watch the recorded event here](#). The AC-119 was featured in three clips from the list that Roy Davis provided. In the "event supporters" credits, the AC-119 Gunship Association is listed second.

Also, Wreaths Across America Radio, part of IHeart Radio, did a series of interviews with Vietnam Veterans. Tia McConnell and Mark Tarpley both did interviews. [You can listen to the interviews here](#). This national event was well planned, and our AC-119 Gunship Association was well represented and noticeable. Thanks for Mark's efforts on donations to support this event and Roy for some excellent videos.