**CMSgt Edwin E. Morgan Memorial Scholarship**

Edwin Everton Morgan was a veteran of the United States Navy, Army and Air Force. Edwin enlisted in the Navy in June 1945, at the age of 17, and served until June 1949. He served in the Army from 1949 to 1955 and was stationed in Germany and France. In 1955, Edwin reenlisted in the Air Force. While in the Air Force he was stationed in Bermuda, Tinker AFB in Oklahoma City, OK and Joint Base, Charleston, SC before leaving for Tan Son Nhut AB in Vietnam in January 1966.

Edwin was a loadmaster on a seven man crew aboard a Douglas AC-47D, nicknamed “Puff the Magic Dragon” or “Spooky”, gunship. The AC-47D had a row of 7.62mm miniguns mounted along the left side of its fuselage and could fly overhead in a pylon turn bringing torrents of extremely accurate and precise gunfire raining down on the enemy. These crews were responsible for saving many lives on the ground.

On 13 March 1966, Capt. Howard W. Henninger, pilot; Capt. Robert E Pasekoff, co-pilot; Capt. Gerald E. Olson, navigator; then TSgt. Edwin E. Morgan, loadmaster; SSgt. Gene E. Davis, flight mechanic; SSgt. Marshall I. Pauley, aerial gunner and Sgt. Dean A Duvall, aerial gunner; comprised the crew of an AC47D gunship, call sign "Spooky 73." They departed DaNang Airfield at 0300 hours on an armed reconnaissance mission that ran through the dense jungle covered mountains of Quang Nam Province, South Vietnam.

The mission was scheduled to last 3 hours. Weather conditions were good. It was a moonlit night with scattered to broken clouds, smoke and haze. Approximately 22 minutes after Spooky 73 took off, Capt. Henninger established radio contact with a standard communications check. At that time there was no indication of any trouble with the aircraft.

When Spooky 73 failed to return to base as scheduled, a ramp check of all bases that the AC47D could have diverted to was made. At 0800 hours the aircraft was declared overdue and initial search and rescue (SAR) operations initiated. At 0740 hours on 14 March 1966, full SAR operations using 2 AIE and 1 HE16B aircraft combed the dense jungle covered mountains along Route 92 and their briefed flight path of Spooky 73. This search effort was terminated at 1430 hours with no findings or sightings of the missing aircraft or its crew observed.

The last known location of Capt. Henninger's aircraft and crew placed them over rugged mountains covered in triple canopy jungle. At that time Spooky 73 was on a heading of 250 degrees; approximately 9 miles south of the South Vietnamese/Lao border, 33 miles southeast of Kham Duc and 58 miles west-southwest of DaNang, Quang Nam Province, South Vietnam.

SAR operations continued on 15 March with two sorts of SAR aircraft dispatched to the area of the downed gunship. Beeper signals were heard by rescue personnel, however, the beeper signals were not of code and too short in duration to pinpoint their location. Likewise, there was no way to determine which crewmen were attempting transmission. All search efforts were terminated at 1730 hours with negative results. At the time these efforts were terminated, Howard Henninger, Dean Duvall, Marshall Pauley, Robert Pasekoff, Gerald Olson, Edwin Morgan and Gene Davis were immediately listed Missing in Action.

Twelve years after the aircraft vanished, the crew was listed as Killed in Action.

In February 1997, the aircraft was located. Excavation teams were allowed in as the Vietnamese and weather allowed so they could search for remains. In February 2015, after missing for nearly 50 years, his family was notified that his remains had been found and identified. He was NEVER forgotten. In June, they flew to Hawaii to escort him home for his final flight. He was 38 when he passed away on March 13, 1966.

Chief Master Sergeant Morgan’s Awards/Medals are as follows:

Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, Air Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, Good Conduct Medal w/3 Loops, American Campaign Medal, Euro-African-Middle Eastern Campaign,  
World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, National Defense Service Medal w/ one service star   
Vietnam Service Medal w/ one service star, Air Force Longevity Service Award w/ four oak leaf Cluster and  
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

**CMSgt Edwin E. Morgan Memorial Scholarship**

**Completed application due to Mrs. Trexler by Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

The following are the requirements of the CMSgt Edwin E. Morgan Scholarship:

Scholarships will be awarded for academic excellence, merit, leadership and community service.

1. The $500 Scholarship award will be used for general tuition, lab fees, or books for the awarded student. It will be paid directly to the institution of higher learning after the student has enrolled.

2. Criteria for applicants are the following:

a. Senior in High School.

b. Maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA.

c. Date of submission starts **January 30, 2017** and the deadline is **March 13, 2017**.

3. Application package includes:

a. Completed application.

b. Essay describing “Heroism, Courage and Sacrifice.” The essay must be between 500 – 750 words, and be the student’s original work. The essay must be typed, double-spaced, and attached to the application. Any application in which the essay is under 500 words will be disqualified from further consideration. Please include your name in the upper right hand corner of the essay.

c. Three letters of reference from someone other than family.

For information regarding the scholarship application contact Frances Morris at:

[fmorris1008@yahoo.com](mailto:fmorris1008@yahoo.com)

**CMSGT Edwin E. Morgan Memorial Scholarship**

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY IN BLUE OR BLACK INK. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.**

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Academic Information/Honors

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**Organization, Committee, Community Activities**

Provide a list of any organizations, committees or community activities (i.e. athletics, church group, etc.) that you were involved in during the last four years. Provide dates (ex. (9/00-6/01) to reflect the length of time you participated in the activity. ***Only include activities in the last four years.***

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I agree that if I am selected as a recipient of the Edwin E. Morgan Memorial Scholarship that my name, photograph, and any other information in this application may be used for purposes of news and publicity, publications and all promotions of this program, including current and future promotions. I also understand that if selected it is my responsibility to submit the required documents with a postmark of no later than **March 13, 2017**. Failure to comply will result in a forfeiture of awarded scholarship.

Signature of Applicant Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Checklist:** ONLY ATTACH THE REQUESTED ITEMS. PLEASE DO NOT ATTACH A RESUME IN LIEU OF THE APPLICATION. UNAPPROVED ATTACHMENTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

**Mail completed packages to:** Frances Morris

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I attest that the information contained in the application is true:

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