

September 22, 2011

RE: David Summerfield's VSPA award of the Native American Nations "The Warriors Medal of Valor"

Rob,

Thank you very much for forwarding your father's Vietnam photos to Lynn Patton, who submitted them to Don Poss, and are posted at <http://www.vspa.com/bt-summerfield-1968-p13-charles-hebron.htm>, along with links to the new photos.

By sending David's photos to Lynn, and subsequent posting at VSPA, you fulfilled your father's wishes to have the photos posted. VSPA member David Summerfield exchanged emails with Don Poss (VSPA webmaster) regarding his story honoring Charles Hebron (Silver Star) who was killed in action at Tan Son Nhut AB, Jan 31, 1968. David told Don he had other photos would submit as soon as possible. After he passed away, the photos awaited your finding them, which brings me to the subject of this email:

Your father has been selected by the Vietnam Security Police Association, Inc. (USAF), to be awarded posthumously "The Warriors Medal of Valor, of the Native American Nations of the United States" (you may read a little about VSPA's awards ceremony at <http://www.vspa.com/aspprotect/pdf/gm-2010-fall-winter.pdf>, beginning on page 16, and additional information at http://www.reviewjournal.com/lvrj_home/2006/Nov-11-Sat-2006/news/10758967.html).

"The Warriors Medal of Valor" is authorized by the Native American Nations, to all veterans. What makes VSPA's award unique is our members submit recommendations for recipients, and VSPA's board votes for five members to be award the medal. I am pleased to advise that David Summerfield's name was selected by a unanimous vote, and he will be the first VSPA Posthumous Warrior's Medal of Valor award presented by this association (please keep this information confidential until after the awards ceremony).

As your father will posthumously receive "The Warriors Medal of Valor" from VSPA, the association wants to offer you an opportunity to be present and receive the award on his behalf. We do apologize for the late invitation to the awards banquet, as names of recipients were only finalized today. We understand the date is rapidly approaching and may preclude your attending VSPA's 2011 Reunion awards banquet, to be held in Dayton, Ohio, at 6:00 p.m., October 8th, 2011. Many members will be present who served at the bases your father was at, and you would be able to meet them.

If it is possible for you to attend, please let me know as soon as possible. VSPA will sponsor you and family as our guests at the awards banquet, but unfortunately will not be able to sponsor airlines or hotel reservations.

If you are not able to attend, VSPA will be pleased to ship the award and certificate to you.

Sincerely,

Phil Carroll,
President, Vietnam Security Police Association, Inc. (USAF)

The Following are photos from a previous awards banquet:

Generally, attends may be 400, with guests and military officials present.



An Air Force color guard presents the colors:



VSPA board members and USAF guests are at the awards table. BG Hertog (now MG) attend this reunion:



An Air Force band provided music:



At the awards table: Gary Jones, BG Hertog, and VSPA president emeritus, Steve Gattis:



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