



Paul Edward Goschy

March 3, 1961 - September 11, 2022

Paul Edward Goschy, a retired analyst with the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) and resident of Waldorf MD, died unexpectedly at home on September 11th, 2022, at the age of sixty-one.

Paul is survived by his siblings Camille Grady, Peter Goschy, Patrick Goschy, Petrina Goschy, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Paul was born in Chicago on March 3, 1961, to Peter and Barbera Goschy and grew up in Northbrook Illinois. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1979 and worked as an imagery analyst for the Strategic Air Command (SAC) until 1985. He distinguished himself in the intelligence community with his analysis of ongoing security threats to the U.S. After an honorable discharge from the Air Force, Paul worked with the DIA.

As a senior intelligence analyst with the DIA, Paul was instrumental in keeping the highest levels of the United States Government informed of security situations around the globe. He performed multiple briefings for Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin Powell, and General Norman Schwarzkopf. He served in Iraq for the Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and Iraqi Freedom operations. Paul also served as a UN weapons inspector for the United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM) and United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission

(UNMOVIC). He was considered a subject matter expert on Soviet-era missile delivery systems such as SCUD missiles and spent much of his time in Iraq locating said weapons. As an inspector with UNSCOM, Paul was so effective at finding and destroying illegal Iraqi weapon systems that Saddam Hussein issued a bounty on his life. While working for the United Nations, Paul located the terrorist Muhammad Zaidan (a.k.a Abu Abbas). Zaidan masterminded the hijacking of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro. During the hijacking, a 69-year-old wheelchair-bound American Jewish passenger, Leon Klinghoffer, was shot dead and thrown overboard. Paul located Zaidan and he was apprehended by American special forces while attempting to flee from Baghdad to Syria.

In 1992 DIA awarded Paul DCX Imagery Analyst of the Year. In 1995, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) honored Paul with their Exceptional Performance Award for superior accomplishment and valuable service. Paul also earned the DIA Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 2004.

Paul, our beloved son, brother, patriot, and hero was a man of intelligence, wit, and honor who will be dearly missed.

Funeral Services with Military Honors at Arlington National Cemetery on June 22, 2023 at 10:00 am. Those wishing to attend please meet at the Administration Building parking lot at 9:15 am.

Memorials may be directed to Wounded Warriors Project <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org>.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Service

JUN **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Arlington, VA

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Tribute Wall



“ Paul and I were in the same flight in basic training. I remember how nervous he was when we boarded the bus from San Antonio airport to lackland AFB. But once he got over the initial shock of the first five days, he was fine. After basic, he stayed at lackland and I went on to Sheppard AFB in Wichita Falls. That was the last time we saw each other. Rest in peace Paul.. Matt murphy A1C USAF

matt murphy - February 08, 2024 at 12:53 AM



“ Paul Edward Goschy

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ Paul Edward Goschy

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM