



# Col. Leo Scott Peterson USA Ret.

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**L**eo Scott Peterson, 74, of Purcellville, VA died on Friday May 3, 2024 at the Loudoun County Hospital of natural causes. Scott was born October 18, 1949 in Eagle Grove, Iowa to Leo and Dorothy Peterson.

Scott was a successful athlete while attending Eagle Grove High School. He was the quarterback and captain of the High School Football team and ran track but was most successful as a wrestler. He starting wrestling at the age of five. He attended the University of Iowa on a wrestling scholarship.

After graduating from the University of Iowa, Scott was drafted into the United States Army. He was quickly promoted to the rank of Sergeant and after he fulfilled his enlisted commitment he left the Army for a short period of time. While working on his Masters at the University of Iowa he realized he missed the military and returned to active duty through Officer Candidate School (OCS) graduating in March of 1977. Scott served several assignments both stateside and overseas. He attended multiple military schools and training courses. Scott received numerous decorations, medals and campaign ribbons during his tenure as both an Enlisted Soldier and Officer over a 30 year career.

Scott was humble about his military career, he was inducted into the OCS hall of fame for achieving the rank of Colonel from his beginning as an Enlisted Soldier in 30 years. His four favorite military assignments were; being an Executive Office (XO) in Schweinfurt Germany (he loved the motor pool), teaching leadership at the Military Academy at West Point (he enjoyed mentoring cadets on the wrestling team), Battalion Command at Fort Riley (he was honored to lead hundreds of soldiers) and his last assignment in the Army, Combat Arms Division Chief, (his team called him the CAD DAD). Scott would say it was time to retire as he was living the plot of a Hallmark movie starting as an Enlisted Soldier and now as a Colonel, assigning all the Combat Arms Enlisted Soldiers around the world.



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Scott was a dedicated soldier throughout his life. He was a born leader, and repeatedly demonstrated a unique leadership style, solid decision-making skills and a true commitment to motivating and mentoring people.

Following his Army career Scott became a Program Manager with IntellDyne on a Department of Defense multi-million dollar contract with TRICARE, leading teams across the country for nearly 10 years. This next phase of Scott's career allowed him to continue his support to soldiers and their family members.

Scott was a loving husband and married Leslie Martin on December 24, 1986. Scott loved to tell everyone he loved her at first sight, but she was slow to warm up to him. Scott is survived by his wife, Leslie, his siblings Randy Peterson (Mary), Kathryn Fertig (Mike) and Joe Peterson; four nephews Chris Peterson, Michael Scott Fertig, Scott J Peterson, and Mathew Peterson, one niece; Tatia Grandstaff; eleven great nephews and nieces, Jessie, Ben, Jake, Addyson, Porter, Emma, Nicholas Scott, Azile, Leo, Danny and Taylor. Scott was an indispensable supporter of his entire family and they often reached to him for optimism, guidance, and thought provoking questions to assist in thinking through issues.

Those that knew Scott well recognized he was very particular about the upkeep and appearance of his property, but most especially his vehicles. He was passionate about all his vehicles but especially his beloved Porsches.

Scott was a loyal friend from his days growing up in Eagle Grove, to his time at the University of Iowa, through-out his military career and with his neighbors in Northern Virginia. Once Scott decided you were his friend, you remained so forever. Scott's contagious smile, boundless energy, and genuine compassion for people impacted everyone around him his entire life. Scott's legacy is one of service, self-discipline, success, loyalty and love.

Scott's funeral will be held at Memorial Chapel on Fort Myer followed by interment at Arlington National Cemetery on Tuesday October, 15, 2024 at 11 AM. A reception will follow immediately after the funeral at Patton Hall, 214 Buffalo Soldier Avenue, Fort Myer, VA. All are welcome to attend.

Procedures to access Fort Myer for non-military ID holders will be available closer to the event.



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If you so desire to make a donation in remembrance of Scott, the family requests that you donate to Tunnels to Towers utilizing this link. <https://dogood.t2t.org/IMOLeoScottPeterson>





## Events


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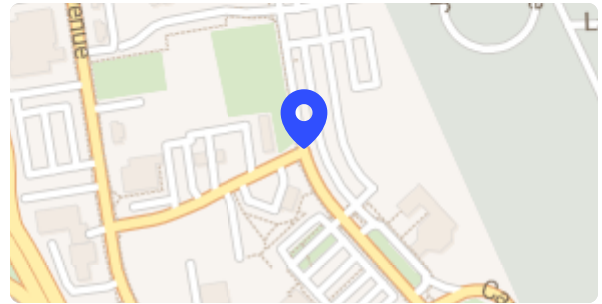
### Funeral Service

 **Tuesday**, October 15, 2024

 11:00 AM ET

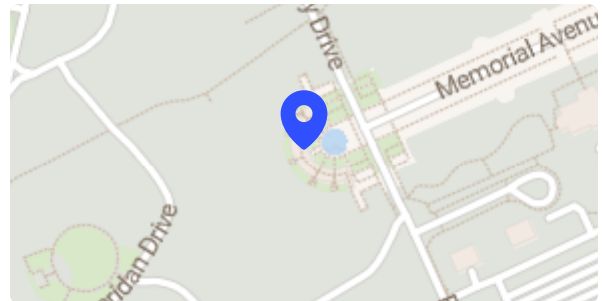
 **Fort Myer Memorial Chapel**  
199 McNair Rd, Arlington, VA

- Attendants will need to arrive by at least 10:15AM to the Hatfield Gate, 29 Carpenter Rd, Fort Myer, VA 22211, A check in procedure may be required, all attendants should have a government issued ID. Anyone ages 16 or 17 should bring school issued ID. Please be sure not to enter through Arlington Cemetery. Entry is only to be made through the Hatfield Gate of Ft. Myer.



### Cemetery Details

 **Arlington National Cemetery**  
1 Memorial Ave. , Arlington VA 22211





## Tribute Wall

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**Jonathon Sharkey** posted:

In 1982, then Captain Peterson was my company commander at C 3/6 FA. I was 17 at the time. He was a caring and professional CO. Everyone at C 3/6 loved it. Heaven has welcomed home a great soldier and man... God's Speed Colonel...

April 22 at 9:56 AM

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**Terry Nelson** lit a candle in honor of Leo.



Scott became my Executive Officer in November 1990 during the Desert Shield/Desert Storm timeframe and I need an Executive Officer immediately. So Leslie and Scott moved to Schweinfurt on Thanksgiving Day. I think Leslie still holds a grudge for that move! We spent countless days in the field training where his leadership and professionalism were evident daily. But in the midst of this hectic time, we had many memorable moments. Leslie would send "our" favorite snack to him when we were gone...M&M peanuts. We both loved coffee so my driver would pull out my stove whenever we had a break and make a pot of coffee for us. I velcroed my cup to the dash of my vehicle so Pete did the same. One weekend back in Schweinfurt, I called Scott but he didn't answer but I could see his cars in his driveway so I went over to his quarters. He called out that they need help in the basement. It was flooding! Julie and I helped empty the basement to the lawn. Big mess. Leslie thanked me again for their move to Schweinfurt. We were in charge of two Field Artillery Balls with 500 people attending. When Julie and I were out of town, our 14 year old daughter needed a ride home from school because she was on crutches so Scott said he would get her. He pulls up at the school in his Porsche! Holly was VERY happy to show off a little getting in that car. Many parties and even more quiet times sharing stories of growing up in rural America, college and other assignments. Julie, Leslie, Scott and I had so many enjoyable times together. Trips to Hawaii, San Diego and Colorado. Scott's picture hangs on my wall. Miss him everyday.

September 23 at 10:07 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Leo by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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