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U.S. Air Force Tech Sergeant Michael Gavaghan recently donated an American Flag to VFW Post 1963 – a flag that was flown during his 100<sup>th</sup> combat mission in the Middle East.

Tech Sergeant Gavaghan, 36, who serves as a Flight Engineer, presented the flag to Post 1963 Commander Charles (Chick) Haines and Mayor Leonard Desiderio during a brief ceremony in Sea Isle City on August 10. The flag was accompanied by a plaque that reads: "On 28 May 2018, this flag flew in support of Operation Inherent Resolve on a KC-10 Extender, of the 908<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron from Al Dhafra AB, U.A.E. This flag represents the commitment of the men and women of the Armed Forces, the Global War on Terrorism, and honors the thousands who died in the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the fields of Pennsylvania on September 11, 2001. Let all who look upon this flag be reminded of their accomplishments and steadfast devotion to protecting the freedoms our flag represents."

Also on August 10, Mayor Desiderio presented Tech Sergeant Gavaghan with two Plaques of Recognition – one for him and a second for his fellow Airman, First Lieutenant Tyler Nading, who was not able to attend the flag presentation.

Originally from Holland, PA, Tech Sergeant Gavaghan's family has a vacation home in Sea Isle City, which he said he considers to be his "second home." He is shown below during the presentation with Sea Isle City Mayor Leonard Desiderio (at left) and VFW Post 1963 Commander Charles (Chick) Haines (at right).



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