

## **Greetings Eagle Chapter Members and Friends!**

As many of you know, Veterans Day is another big day for us as we participate in wreath laying program at the Air Force Memorial in the morning and at the Women in Service to America Memorial, the Women's Memorial. See below. I hope you can come out to be at one of these events.

October started our annual donation drive on a downward trend. The amount of donations in October were down 80% from last year and a third in terms of numbers of donors for the same period. So, less people are giving and in smaller amounts. I'm one of those that haven't gotten around to it. So, I hope that you will join me in making a donation this month. Every little bit helps. You can send to our post office box or donate online. Just go to any webpage and scroll down to click on the "Donate" button.

I want to close by again thanking Brigadier General Andrea Tullos (AF top cop) and Chief Master Sergeant Tamala Hartz(HQ USAF Security Forces Career Field Manager) for coming out to join us in our first chapter luncheon at the Pentagon.

Very respectfully,

Lee

Elia C. (Lee) Chambers Chairman/Chief Executive Officer Eagle Chapter Air Force Security Forces Association

We published our previous chapter newsletter on September 30, 2016.

Eagle Chapter membership is free to all Air Force Security Forces Association members who work or live in DC, DE, MD, VA and WV. <u>Join us.</u>

Thanks for Attending the Eagle Chapter Luncheon at the Pentagon October 12

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Our head table - General Laster, Brigadier General Tullos and Chief Master Sergeant Tamala Hartz.

Above, Lieutenant General James Laster (Director Marine Corps Staff HQ US Marine Corps), Brigadier General Andrea Tullos (HQ USAF Director of Security Forces) (center), and Chief Master Sergeant Tamala Hartz (HQ USAF Security Forces Career Field Manager) at our head table at the Eagle Chapter luncheon on October 12 at the Pentagon.

General Laster, guest speaker, provides attendees an update of the Marine Corps Mission initiated with a tribute to Air Force Security Forces Airmen.

General Laster started his discussion highlighting the comfort that he felt as a Marine Corps officer when he knew he was billeted on a base that was being protected by our US Security Forces. Every chest in the room I'm sure swelled with pride. He provided a superb overview of the Marine Corps missions. It brought back vision of my Air War College seminar at the Pentagon - wow - if we could have had this.

Thanks to our members who came out and persevered through our escort operation. We greatly appreciate your patience and support.

To see more photos of our luncheon, go to our website and look under the Archives page or <u>just click here</u>.

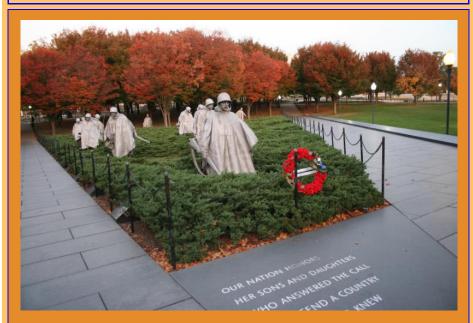
My thanks to Karl (Vice Chair AF District of Washington), Ed (Vice Chair Public Information), Eli (Chief Financial Officer) and Eagle Member Clara Duhon (Pentagon Force Protection Agency) for helping us with escorts.

We also appreciate AF Security Forces Association (AFSFA) Vice President, Jim Saulnier, and AFSFA Board Member, Phil Henning taking time out of their schedules to attend.

Willie, I forgot to acknowledge our one spouse in attendance - Yolanda. Please thank her for us. I owe her another T Shirt.



Gen Laster and Gen Tullos converse following the luncheon.



Eagle Chapter Veterans Day Observances and Wreath Layings - Join us at the AF Memorial and the Womens Memorial

Above, the Eagle Chapter Wreath at the Korean War Memorial Washington DC.

Most of our chapter wreaths are already out. This week-end, I laid Eagle Chapter Wreaths at the Vietnam War Memorial,

Vietnam War Women's Memorial, Korean War Memorial, and the World War II Memorials for the upcoming Veterans Day Observances.

On Veterans Day, Trudy Hannah, who makes our wreaths, is placing a wreath at the Phoebus National Military Cemetery near Langley and she's placing flowers on Airman TJ Richardson's tomb at Phoebus. <u>Download our 10th Anniversary presentation on our Resources Page to see more information on TJ.</u>

On Veterans Day, we have two programs that we are extremely excited to have the participation of our active duty Airmen. Staff Sergeant Sarah Ritz has been an absolute spark plug! She has volunteers that will lay wreaths at the following locations:



Air Force Memorial - 11AM - Lt Gen Stayce Harris, the Assistant Vice Chief of Staff will be the guest speaker - SSgt Sarah Ritz and SSgt Chelsea Jury, both assigned to the 11th Security Forces Group Joint Base Andrews MD, will lay the Eagle Chapter Wreath.

Womens Memorial 3:00PM This year Secretary
of Defense Ash Carter will be
the keynote speaker. SSgt
Sarah Ritz will again be joined
by SSgt Chelsea Jury in laying
the Eagle Chapter wreath.

In addition, Staff Sergeant Ritz and Jury will make a special tribute to honor our fallen Security Forces Women Airmen - Airman Laura Lucas, Airman Erin Frasier, Airman Elizabeth Jacobson, and Airman Kcey Ruiz. The Veterans Day Womens Memorial Program at this link.

A special thanks to Staff Sergeant Ritz. She has been a spark plug in obtaining volunteers and making adjustments as schedules change.



Above, the Women's Memorial Arch is a centerpiece for the North and South Gates of the Arlington National Cemetery.

66th Security Forces Squadron Hanscom Mass To Submit Ruiz and Sartain - National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial





Above, Airman First Class Keey E. Ruiz and Senior Airman Nathan C. Sartain died in the October 2, 2015 crash of a C130J in Afghanistan.

Next year, we should see two more Security Forces Airmen added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Chief Scott Pepper, formerly of the Air Force District of Washington and now the Security Forces Manager at the 66th SFS at Hanscom, has assigned Airman Ruiz's and Sartain's squad leader (and crack SF Investigator) Staff Sergeant JR Robbins is assembling the package and plans to make their submission by the end of the week.

Congratulations Chief and JR. We look forward to your success.

Two Former Eagle Country Airmen - Spacey and Greenroad - Hold Leadership Positions at Lackland

This should be a warning to any of our SF officers and airmen who travel through Eagle Country and participate in an Eagle Chapter event. We have pictures! :-)

I am extremely proud to provide you an update on two SF leaders that have gone on to further achievements.



First then **Major Greenroad** now Colonel (far right). In the photo above, Major Greenroad attended one of our first Eagle Chapter luncheons at then Bolling Air Force Base DC. In this photo, we were helping to recognize Chief Master Sergeant Clara Duhon as she was retiring as our first Security Force Women Chiefs in December 2003. Major Greenroad was the 11th Security Forces Squadron Commander. Clara joined the Pentagon Force Protection Agency where she continues today.

A belated congratulations - Colonel Greenroad is now the Commander of the Air Force Security Forces Center. Click here.

In the photo below, then Colonel Brad Spacey (center) represented then Brig Gen Mary K Hertog at our luncheon held in honor of Sondra Millman and "Cos" Cosimano - the paternal grandparents of Airman First Class Elizabeth Jacobson. May 2006, they attended Police Week events at Andrews Air Force Base and we held a luncheon in their honor. Brad was then the Chief of Operations. He is now Major General Bradley Spacey and is now the Commander, Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. Click here to see an updated bio and photo.



Another photo below of our chapter luncheon with Sondra and Cos.



**AFOSI Commemorates "Darkest Day" Dec 21** 



On Dec 21, Brigadier General Keith Givens, Commander, Air Force Office of Special Investigation, will lay a wreath and make remarks at the Air Force Memorial to commemorate the four AFOSI agents and two Security Forces Airmen who were killed

Dec 21 2015 near Bagram Airfield Afghanistan. On January 7 2016, over 650 people attended the services of these six Airmen at the Marine Corps Memorial Chapel in what General Givens called the "darkest day" in AFOSI history.

The Airman who are being remembered are (shown above from left to right, top row):

- Special Agent Adrianna M. Vorderbruggen, 36, of Plymouth, Minnesota. She was assigned to the Air Force OSI, 9th Field Investigations Squadron at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida.
- Special Agent Michael A. Cinco, 28, of Mercedes, Texas. He was assigned to the Air Force OSI, 11th Field Investigations Squadron at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas.
- Special Agent Peter W. Taub, 30, of Philadelphia. He was assigned to the Air Force OSI, Detachment 816 at Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota.
- Special Agent Chester J. McBride, 30, of Statesboro, Georgia. He was assigned to the Air Force OSI, Detachment 405 at Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

Security Forces Airmen killed that day were:

- Technical Sergeant Joseph G. Lemm, 45, of the Bronx, New York. He was assigned to the 105th Security Forces Squadron at Stewart Air National Guard Base, New York.
- Staff Sergeant Louis M. Bonacasa, 31, of Coram, New York. He was assigned to the 105th SFS, Stewart ANGB.

Our appreciation to General Givens, Chief Stephens, and Chief Vanburger for remembering these great American heroes who gave their full measure of devotion in service to our country. Remember their families and survivors on Vetrans Day.

## **Eagle Chapter Board Meeting - December 7**

Our next chapter board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 7 at 8:00PM. Eagle Chapter Board Meetings are open to members and significant others who would like to participate.

We hold our chapter board meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 8PM via conference call.

Email Chairman for more information.

<u>In closing</u>, thanks again for your continuing support. We hope you will consider contributing now during our chapter's annual fund drive. Your donations assist in helping us to operate and provide the services that you see here in our chapter

newsletter.

To donate, go to any of our chapter web pages, scroll down and click on the donate button to donate or send a check or money order to out post office box. See below.

Any questions about how you can contribute, just click here to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks.

Very best regards,

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