

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

The month of May is our most active month of the year. This month starting with a chapter luncheon to recognize our departing top cop near the Pentagon, we've already laid our annual chapter wreath at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington DC. This year we updated the NLEOM wreath to add the two security forces Airmen, Tech Sergeant Lemm and Staff Sergeant Bonacasa who were killed in December. Plus we added a small tribute to each one of them at the location where their names are inscribed on the memorial. See details below and on our website.

I strongly encourage you to come out to attend the Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Offices Memorial that starts at 8PM - but come early. The experience is truly inspiring to see the care that the memorial and our law enforcement brothers and sisters provide to the families and supporters of the fallen that were inscribed this year as they arrive and are escorted to their seats. The Police Color Guards from throughout the US and abroad perform and assist with escorting family members. You can also see the awesome displays that various police departments provide to their fallen.

After our luncheon and Police Week, we take a small pause before wreath laying ceremonies and wreath placements at the Air Force Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, Vietnam War Veterans Memorial, Vietnam War Womens Veterans Memorial, World War II Veterans Memorial and we close out our Memorial Day with a wreath laying at the Womens Memorial.

Thanks for your continuing support and come on out and participate.

Very respectfully,

Lee

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

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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>

Final Invitation & Reminder: Our Farewell Luncheon Brigadier General Allen Jamerson



May 12th, come join us for a farewell luncheon in honor of Brigadier General Jamerson Air Force top cop.

**11:30AM** - just one metro stop away from the Pentagon at the Champps Restaurant Bar located across the street from the Pentagon City Mall.

<u>Click here for directions and a</u> <u>bird's eye view.</u>

There is no cover charge. Attendees can order directly from the menu.

Please RSVP. Contact Jessica or me by clicking below:

<u>Jessica - our Program Director</u> <u>Lee - Chairman</u>

We look forward to seeing you!

Eagle Wreath Laid - National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial



Last week-end, we placed our annual wreath (see above) at the

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Our wreath and the poster in the center of the wreath recognizes the 18 Air Force Security Forces Airmen who have been inscribed on the National Law Enforcement Offices Memorial.

In addition, we added nine roses to our wreath to depict the Security Forces Airmen who have died while performing police duties in Iraq and Afghanistan. Next year, I'm hopeful that we can reduce or eliminate this number as the NLEOM considers recognizing these Airmen.

This year we augmented our display by adding a small tribute to Tech Sergeant Joseph Lemm (Panel 57, Line 29) and Staff Sergeant Louis Bonacas (Panel 52, Line 29) at the location where their names are inscribed on the memorial. You can see photos of these and the poster of the 18 SF Airmen by going to our website and scrolling down to the 2016 Wreath Laying. Click here.

Below, you can see the short information about Sgts Lemm and Bonacasa along with the location where their names are inscribed on the memorial. See you at the Candlelight Vigil on May 13th!



Cause: Terrorist Attack Staff Sergeant Bonacasa was killed by a suicide bomber while on patrol in the Afghanistan village of Bajawri. All six in his formation, including two other servicement and a civilian contractor, were killed



End of Watch: December 21, 2015 Age: 45 Years of Service: 27 Panel: 57 East: Line 29 Cause: Terrorist Attack Technical Sergeant Joseph G Lemm was killed by a suicide bomber while on patrol in the Afghanistan village of Bajawri. All six in his formation, including two other serviceme and a civilian contractor, were killed.

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## We Almost Had Both our Top Cop and Chief White



At left, Chief Master Sergeant Stephen K. White, HQ USAF Security Forces Career Field Manager, speaks at an Eagle Chapter luncheon at Dover Air Force Base DE. For about 8 hours, I was totally overjoyed. Both the Air Force Top Cop and our Chief were planning to attend our chapter luncheon

that we were having on May 12. I could not have even dreamed that we would have them both and for a few hours we did. Before I could make the announcement, Chief White had a mission requirement that prevented him from attending.

I want to take this opportunity to express in writing what I will not have the opportunity to express to him (again) in person - what an awesome spirit of support! When there was combatinjured SF med-evaced to Walter Reed and once when we had worked to have a Purple Heart Medal presented at the Pentagon for one of our Proud Warrior Airmen - It was Chief White who really made these and other events possible. His being so gracious as to make two trips up to Dover to address the 436th Security Forces Squadron and members at our chapter luncheon speak very highly of his support and we greatly appreciate it more than he will know. Chief Thanks - on behalf of Eagle Chapter We wish you well!

## An Invitation: Our Women Veterans Art Exhibit - RSVP by May 18



The Women In Military Service For America Memorial (Women's Memorial) invites Eagle Chapter members and friends for the formal opening and reception of "Our Women Veterans" art exhibition by well-known New York artist Nina Talbot on May 20, 2016, at 11 a.m.

The exhibit, a collection of portraits of American women Veterans, tells the stories of twelve women whose service spans the decades from Vietnam to the present. Using translucent layers of paint, the artist portrays the women's faces on the background of their lifetime memories-before, during and after military service. A visual "oral history" of sorts, each woman's identity and the experiences that shaped her emerge as images for the viewer to come to know the woman, her realities and challenges. Text incorporating the woman's own words accompany each portrait.

The opening, their kick-off event for the upcoming 2016 Memorial Day observance, is free and open to the public. RSVPs, however, are requested and should be made by May 18, to hq@womensmemorial.org.

Please include name, number in the party and contact number/e-mail address.

Located at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery, the Women's Memorial is accessible by METRO Blue Line, Arlington Cemetery Stop, and paid parking is available in the Cemetery Visitor Lot. <u>A final reminder and invitation</u> - one day away - Thursday, May 12 at 1130AM - Champps - General Jamerson.

Please RSVP (send me a quick email or call) if you plan to attend.

Thanks.

Very best regards,

Lee

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