

#### Greetings Eagle Chapter Members and Friends!

This Memorial Day we continue (and improve) on our tradition of reflecting on the contributions of our fallen that have given the ultimate measure of devotion to our country. Starting this weekend, we will start placing or pre-positioning wreaths at veteran memorials in Washington and DC. When you visit our fallen SF KIAs and member graves at Arlington, you will also see a Defensor Fortis Flag accompanying Old Glory at each one.

On your behalf, I profusely thank Trudy Hannah for her great work in making our wreaths. For Memorial Day, she also places a wreath at the Pheobus National Cemetery (near Langley) and this year she is making a special remembrance in honor of Airman First Class Thomas "TJ" Richardson at Pheobus who surrendered his valiant fight to heart cancer a few years back.

Please pause to remember our fallen and their families as you observe Memorial Day.

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 May 11 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. Join us.

Our Farewell Luncheon Brigadier General Allen Jamerson - Thanks to All!

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Thank-you! General Jamerson and all of our Eagle Chapter members and friends who came out to see our top cop one last time! Above, (and sorry for attendees that came later), we could not pass up a photo op with him and an issue of the Air Force Security Forces Magazine. I tabbed each page in the current issue where there was a photo of him or Chief White - Do we have support? - and how! There were 5.

We presented him with several tokens of our appreciation - a couple for him and others for our SF. Below, I presented him with a Heroes DVD to place where ever he desires that would give our SF Airmen an opportunity to reflect on the contribution that our fallen police officers make each day safeguarding our communities. This is one of two DVDs that the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial sent to us in recognition of 2016 being the 25th anniversary of the National LE Officers Memorial and our 2011 donation to the National LE Officers Museum that will start construction on February 29 2017. The other DVD I will give to HQ AFSFA when I make my trip to attend the annual meeting.



We also gave him a chapter polo shirt (Ed, yes we still have plenty) and a retirement card that all attendees signed to wish him well in his future. I also presented him with our yellow rose bouquet in observance of Police Week and the 9 Security Forces Airmen who have given their lives but are still awaiting their recognition by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.



Thank-you again sir! Thanks also to Jessica Wruck, our Program Director for making all of the arrangements for our first luncheon right down the street from the Pentagon! Thanks to Mike Garcia for your photos.

# Transitions:Kathy Wojciechowsky



Kathy (above center light blue T with our Defensor Fortis Flag at an Out of the Darkness Walk at Mount Trashmore VA (near Langley)- our longest serving board member (above center), is moving on.

She has relocated to Pittsburg and now works for the Department of Energy. We've been honored to have her guidance while she served as the Provost Marshal for Headquarters Air Combat Command. She touched almost every project and initiative that we've pursued in the past eleven years. I can't remember a time when we didn't have Kathy. She's been our Director of Communications. She's been so much more than that in supporting Airmen and families.

One more time Kathy, thank-you. We will miss you.

### **Transitions: Cliff Richmond**

When Cliff joined our board in 2011, he told me I'll do a lot to help our Airmen, members and family; but, don't expect to look up from an Andrews or a Langley chapter luncheon and expect to



see him! He was not travelling - and that is OK. :-)

For the past 5 years, he's been point as the Vice Chairman of the chapter's Dover Wing. At left, he's presenting a check and Defensor Fortis flags in our annual support to Dover in their Ruck March that honors the heroics of our military during the Korean War in the

Battle of Chosin Reservoir. Cliff needs to spend more time with a family member who has a long-term illness. Please join me in thanking Cliff and wishing and praying for the best for him and his family member.

# Please Welcome Our New Vice Chairman - Air Force District of Washington - Karl Blinkinsop



Karl comes on board at just the right time. The month of May is THE busiest month of the year for us where we have many activities in and around the Washington DC area. This year, he will be laying the Eagle Chapter Wreath at the Air Force Memorial on Memorial Day.

Karl is currently working as a contractor in the

office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force Washington, D.C. A Major retiree, he works in the Security and Special Programs, where he is responsible for supporting the Enterprise Protection Risk Management (EPRM) program as a lead threat analyst providing a broad technical background to the Information Protection disciplines.

Upon his retirement in 2014, Karl was the Provost Marshal at HQ US Special Ops Command. You know he has great stories to tell but can't tell us! Thank-you Karl. We look forward to Karl's contributions.

Eagle at the Candlelight Vigil - National Law Enforcement Memorial - On the Mall in Washington DC



The Annual Candlelight Vigil is a solemn recognition each year during Police Week of the law enforcement officers who were killed while serving their communities. Thanks to Rachel Vis for her photos.



Rachel (above left) also volunteered to support the 5K race held the next morning. Thanks Rachel.

Below, I found a way to horse around.



## **Our Board is Calling!**

With Kathy's and Cliff's resignations, we have two more vacancies on the Eagle Chapter Board of Officers. We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to fill three positions: Vice Chair Delaware Wing, Vice Chair Tidewater Wing, Director of Communications, and Director of Airmen and Family Programs. Applicants must be a member of the association (I can help you join up), and live or work in Eagle Country - DE for our Delaware Vice Chairman and Tidewater area (Joint Base Langley Eustis area) to fill the vice chair roles for their respective areas. Our Director of Communications and Director of Airmen and Family Programs can live any where in Eagle Country. To apply and begin serving:

- Send a short biography and photo of your choice to me:
- After a short interview, I will nominate you to our board of officers;
- The board members vote unanimously to confirm the appointment;

- I administer the oath of office and hold an orientation session; and
- We discuss requirements for the office and your responsibilities at chapter events.

That's it. Any member or member spouse can apply. We have three events (two including luncheons at Dover and Langley) that are just calling out to you for your leadership. Our Vice Chair positions provide an opportunity to have the same responsibilities of operating a chapter but have the mentorship foundation, organization, resources, and legacy of Eagle Chapter. As Director of Communications, your primary focus will be to collaborate primarily with our HQ AFSFA in developing and communicating chapter events for publication in the AFSFA Magazine. The Director of our Airmen and Family Programs may be a spouse of a member. This role collaborates with the SF Key Spouse and SF Booster Club leadership at Dover and Joint Base Langley Eustis.

Contact <u>me</u> if you'd like to join our board of officers. We meet via conference call the first Wednesday of every month at 8:00PM and we'd love to have you join us and begin serving. If you're not now a member, we'd love to help you apply. <u>Just go</u> <u>click on this link on our website</u>. If your agency or security prevents links, just go to our website and click on the Apply page.



#### A Final Reminder: Join us on Memorial Day

This Memorial Day, I invite Eagle Chapter members and friends to attend two formal wreath laying programs where we will participate.

At 9AM, Karl Blinkinsop, Vice Chairman of our AF District of Washington Wing will lay the wreath at the <u>Air Force</u> <u>Memorial</u>.

At 3PM, Staff Sergeant Janice M. Aninsman, 436th Security Forces Squadron Dover AFB DE, will join our Chapter Secretary, Staff Sergeant Joyce I Bray (also assigned to the 436th SFS) in laying the Eagle Chapter Wreath at the **Womens Memorial**.

My thanks to Karl, Janice and Joyce. I will see you on Monday!

In the photo above, Eagle Members Lt Col Jennifer Aquinas (center) and Captain Jessica Wruck at left (our Program Director) are shown with President Emeritus Brig General Wilma Vaught at a previous wreath laying at the Womens Memorial.

Eagle Chapter Board Meeting - June 1

Our next chapter board meeting will be held on Wednesday June 1 at 8:00PM. Eagle Chapter Board Meetings are open to members and significant others who would like to join us. Contact our <u>Chapter Secretary</u>, Joyce Bray, for the conference call numbers and for more information.

In closing, thanks again for your continuing support.

I hope to see you at a future chapter event.

Thanks.

Very best regards,

Lee

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