



Greetings Eagle Chapter Members and Friends!

Your RSVP to attend the Eagle Chapter luncheon at the Pentagon must be submitted one week from today - on or before Friday October 7. Please try to get them in by noon so we can provide to the Pentagon Force Protection Agency as they have requested.

The RSVP software conflict issue has been resolved. We are ready to receive. There about 20 seats left. Marilla Cushman from the Womens Memorial will be another one of our special guests. If you have any questions about the memorial or updating your information at that memorial, she will be available to answer any of these questions.

Seats are still on a first come first serve basis. "Times awaistin" if you have not signed up yet. Readers of Snuffy Smith will be familiar with that term from back in the day.

Congratulations to Eagle Member (and Chief Master Sergeant Retired) Woody Kusse! Woody is serving as the acting Director of the Pentagon Force Protection Agency, a premier federal police agency in the National Capital Region.

Very respectfully,

Lee

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

We published our previous chapter newsletter on September 18, 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.](#)

Reminder: Eagle Chapter Luncheon October 12 at the Pentagon - Please RSVP

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Apologies to those who tried the link without success in the previous email. Constant Contact found a technical issue with one of the applications "Google Analytics" that I now deselect. So these link work. Thank-you for your patience and I SO look forward to seeing you on Oct 12!!!

Please click on the image or click here to RSVP - First Come First Served.

We are extremely honored to have Marine Corps Lieutenant General James B Laster as our guest speaker on October 12, Room B8 at the Pentagon Conference Center.



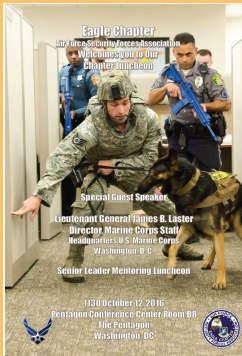
General Laster serves as the Director of the Marine Corps Staff at the Pentagon. Our Vice Chair Air Force District of Washington, Karl Blinkinsop, worked for General Laster when they both served at US Special Operations Command and Karl worked for him as the Director of Security Forces and the General served as the Chief of Staff.

We will provide free meals for all E5s and below. Due to the room limitation, we must limit the number. So please take a moment to RSVP today.

Brigadier General Andrea Tullos, Director of Security Forces HQ USAF and Chief Master Sergeant Tamala Hartz, Security Forces Career Field Manager and Senior Enlisted Advisor, will both attend.

This is a great opportunity to hear a superior military leader and meet our senior career field leaders. Again, pls click on the link above to RSVP.

Other special guests as of this writing includes Marilla Cushman of the Womens Memorial.



Our luncheon program is now available. [Click here to download the program.](#)

You can go to our Events page on our website to see information about the upcoming chapter luncheon including the RSVP link. [Click here.](#)

October 7 - The Pentagon Force Protection Agency requires us to submit our list of attendees one week from today, October 7.

Again, all attendees must RSVP by October 7 so we can submit your information to PFPA to avoid lengthy processing delays upon entry.

Any questions about entry or escort requirements, please contact [Karl, Eagle Chapter's Vice Chairman Air Force District of Washington.](#)

Eagle Chapter Officer Provides Our Salute to AF 12 Outstanding Airman of the Year - Security Forces Airman Senior Master Sergeant Rebecca Faith McNelley, at OAY Reception and Dinner



Above, Eagle Chapter Secretary, Chris Walker (right) presents Chairman's letter of congratulations, Eagle Chapter Coin and a three-year application for membership in the Air Force Security Forces Association sponsored by Eagle Chapter, Oklahoma Heartland Chapter and the Pete Magwood Chapter.

Chris raised the bar with more photos and a video at the Outstanding Airman of the Year (OAY) Dinner where Senior Master Sergeant McNeeley is introduced as one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

We've created a page on our website with these photos plus photos of Chris with his Wing Commander and Command Chief Master Sergeant at Dover Air Force Base DE, plus other photos. [To see our OAY 2016 page, please click here.](#)

[To see Senior Master Sergeant McNelley and other Outstanding Airmen of the Year for 2016, click here.](#)

Thanks again to Pete Piazza, OK Heartland Chapter, and Dave Coulie, Pete Magwood Chapter for participating in this annual sponsorship.

**Eagle Vice Chair Graduates from Army
Company Commander and First Sergeant
Course Fort Eustis VA**



At left, Chris Ricks, Eagle Chapter Vice Chairman of our Tidewater Wing (right) (Langley VA area) graduated on September 27th from the Army's Company Commander and First Sergeants Course at Fort Eustis VA. US Army Sergeant Major Bailey is to Chris' left.

We are glad to provide an avenue to announce our member accomplishments in our chapter updates. Send me a photo with words and I'm happy to get the word out. Thanks to Chris for providing this photo. [Send your achievements to me at this link.](#)

Annual Donation Drive October 1

The great services that you've come to experience with Eagle Chapter would not exist without our donors. Our donors pay for our operating expenses and everything we do. Our board of officers receive no pay or reimbursements for travel or other expenses. Every cent donated counts toward helping us sponsor unit activities, provide free attendance to our chapter luncheons for E-5s (Staff Sergeants) and below, donations to Security Force Key Spouse and Booster Clubs. Through us, you can continue to show your support to our Air Force Security Force and their families.

[Please go to any page on our website or click here.](#) Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Donate. Or you can send your donations to our post office box. See the address below.

Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act (LEOSA)



At left, Eagle Chapter Secretary, Chris Walker, participates in an active shooter exercise at Dover Air Force Base DE - LEOSA does not authorize law enforcement powers! Below, Eagle Member, Colonel Retired Bob Pike provides his experience and recommendations for folks who are interested in concealed carry for the state of Maryland.

Thanks to Eagle Member, Colonel Retired Bob Pike, for providing these instructions. This reflects his experience in applying for LEOSA

through the state of Maryland.

In order to qualify, Air Force personnel need to have at least 10 years service in security police, air police, security forces or Air Force Office of Special Investigation. DCS is the contractor that is responsible for running the application program. You can reach them by clicking here, select "U.S. Air Force" under the Service Branch tab, upper left top and READ everything. Then select APPLY NOW to get an account created. Next, go to the Checklist section and scroll down to "926C Retired" for example, select that, and you will have the application process spelled out there.

First, print out the application, then read the digital passport requirements—you need to get a digital photo from CVS or FEDEX, etc. and have it placed on your thumb drive. Then you can upload it to DCS in your account. Next, go to a local sheriff/state police office for fingerprint cards (2) that you will have to send in to get your electronic background check. You will have to go through an FBI contractor called a "channeler"—they have a list to choose from at the CJIS site—to get the background check. Then print out the report they send you later (3-4 weeks).

Next, copy your driver's license—both sides. Unless you were medically retired, you don't need the medical certification. Finally, you need a certified copy (raised seal) of your DD214—get one through www.archives.gov.

Once you have obtained all of the stuff they want, make sure you get the application form notarized and send it off to DCS with the fee. **If approved you should get your LEOSA ID card in about 2-3 months--but you aren't done yet!**

To legally carry concealed under Title 18, you also must have a current (within the last 12 months) firearms qualification from an approved organization in the state of your residence shown on your LEOSA ID card.

For me, I live in Charles County and the Sheriff's Office holds LEOSA qualifications 1st and 3rd Thursdays most every month at a range located at Middleton Hall, near Waldorf, MD. The course of fire is 60 rounds—day and reduced visibility—3, 7, 10 yards, strong hand, weak hand, kneeling and standing barricade. I think there are other organizations in Maryland who shoot LEOSA people, including Prince Georges Community College. While you are waiting for your ID card, it might be prudent to get out to a range for several days and get up to speed on your shooting skills with the weapon you plan to carry.

Once qualified, you can carry concealed, but there are several restrictions—no federal buildings, court houses, post offices, national parks, and in Maryland, courts, police offices, state

buildings, school grounds, and state parks—so be sure to find out all of the nonos—you can go to jail. Best to install a gun vault in your vehicles. I recommend a small one with a cable wrapped around the seat frame—when you need to stow it temporarily. And no drinking while carrying – you can go to jail. The rules for carrying on bases and installations are still up for grabs – call the local Security Forces organization to check.

Finally, remember you have NO POLICE POWERS. You may use your weapon to defend yourself or others only if your life or theirs is threatened. And, concealed means concealed—don't brag, flaunt, or imply to anyone that you are armed, and I recommend a minimum \$1 million personal liability policy to cover yourself.

Thanks to Colonel Bob Pike (Ret.) for providing this information for publication in our chapter update.

Eagle Chapter Board Meeting - October 5

Our next chapter board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5 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.

Calendar of Events

Upcoming events:

- **October 1** - Eagle Chapter Annual Donation Drive begins. We can't do all of this without your support. [Please go to any Eagle Chapter web page to donate.](#)
- **October 5** - Eagle Chapter Board Meeting
- **October 7** - Final day to RSVP to the Eagle Chapter Luncheon at the Pentagon featuring Lt Gen James B. Laster. You can RSVP by clicking below.
- **October 12** - [Eagle Chapter Luncheon at the Pentagon](#)
- **November 11** - Veterans Day - Eagle Chapter Wreath Layings - Air Force Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, Vietnam War Veterans Memorial, Vietnam War Women Veterans Memorial, the Women's Memorial, and the World War II Veterans Memorial in Washington DC.

In closing, thanks again for your continuing support. Any questions about how you can contribute, [just click here](#) to start

the conversation. I look forward to hearing from you.

I hope to see you at a future chapter event. Hope to see you at the October 12, chapter luncheon at the Pentagon. [Click here to RSVP.](#)

Thanks.

Very best regards,

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