



Greetings Eagle Chapter Members and Friends!

Next Thursday, February 1, less than a week away, we will have the opportunity to hold two events to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the then Security Police heroes who led in the defense of Air Force installations during the Tet Offensive in the Vietnam War. Last week, the Maisey family confirmed out invitation. We are very happy to help host them while they are here. Please see the article below.

I cannot thank our project officer, Karl Blinkinsop - Vice Chairman of Eagle Chapter's Air Force District of Washington Wing, for doing the heavy lifting in coordinating with the family and the organizations that will be participating with us. Again, please see the article below. So again Karl, a super, super job!

We have extended the RSVP from today to Monday. Monday is the final, final time, that we can take names to participate in either events due to the security procedures at Joint Base Anacostia Bolling and the Pentagon. So if you've been "gettin around to it" and you just haven't had the time, now is the no kidding time to reserve your spot.

Our numbers with RSVPs, so far, are very low - less than 20. I hope you will come on out and help honor our defenders and family of the fallen.

Thank-you for your continuing support.

Very respectfully,

Lee

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Chairman/Chief Executive Officer
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We published our previous chapter newsletter on December 28, 2017.

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.

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**Commemorating 50th Anniversary Tet
Offensive - Maisey Family Welcome - Wreath
Laying Joint Base Anacostia Bolling**



Please RSVP - Wreath laying Joint Base Anacostia Bolling
Washington, DC

0800 - February 1, 2018 Agenda

- * **Presentation of the Colors** - USAF Honor Guard Color Team
- * **National Anthem** - USAF Honor Guard
- * Invocation - Joint Base Anacostia Bolling Chaplain

Speakers:

- * **Jim Saulnier**, Vice President, Air Force Security Forces Association
- * **Timothy Gerald**, Chief of Security Forces, Air Force District of Washington
- * **Captain Jose L. Rodriguez**, US Navy Captain, Commanding Officer, Joint Base Anacostia Bolling Washington DC
- * **Colonel Kevin Eastland**, Vice Commander, Air Force District of Washington
- * **Presentation/Wreath Laying** (Saulnier, Gerald, Eastland)
- * **Taps** - USAF Band Bugler

Following the event, attendees are encouraged to meet and greet the five members of the Maisey family that will attend.

Note for attendees - the wreath laying event will be held in the Maisey Building Main Conference Room (MCR). The MCR is a secure facility Cell phones are not permitted. No guess photos will be permitted. Anyone requiring directions should contact Karl Blinkinsop by clicking [here](#).

This is the final call for RSVPs for the wreath laying.

Please click here or on the image above to reserve your spot for the wreath laying.

Commemorating 50th Anniversary Tet Offensive Maisey Family Welcome - Eagle Chapter Luncheon The Pentagon



This is the final call for RSVPs for our chapter luncheon at the Pentagon on February 1, at 1300/1:00PM at the Pentagon Conference Center, Room B10.

Our special guests of honor will be the five family members of the Maisey family.

This luncheon will feature one of the Airmen that fought at Bien Hoa Air Base, Colonel (Retired) Marty Strones. Last year, Colonel Strones aided the Vietnamese in recovering the remains of their KIA during a visit that was coordinated by the State Department. His presentation will also speak of the highlights of his trip.

Colonel Strones will appear via Skype. He could not attend in person due to being needed to help with a contract transition in Las Vegas NV. We have all of the pieces tested and ready to go.

Again, this is the final call for RSVPs for the Eagle Chapter luncheon at the Pentagon to commemorate this event and to honor the Maisey family members. [Click here or on the image above to RSVP.](#)

Thanks to Pentagon Force Protection Agency - Maisey Family Pentagon Tour

"It will be an honor for us to conduct this tour."

Woody

**W.G. Kusse
Chief, Pentagon Police**

Our thanks to Police Chief Woody Kusse for hosting the Maisey family following the wreath laying at Joint Base Anacostia Bolling. Following the wreath laying Chief Kusse's Mission Support Cadre for Special Events will host the Maisey family for a tour of the Pentagon prior to the chapter luncheon.

We have received superb support for this event. His response above within minutes of making our request is a great example. Thank-you Chief.

Chief Kusse will be an attendee at the chapter luncheon at the Pentagon on Feb 1 at 1300. Please join me in thanking him for his support.

January 9 - Law Enforcement Appreciation Day



Every year on the anniversary of Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, Eagle Chapter makes a trip to our law enforcement officer locations in Eagle Country. This year, we took baked goods and donated \$5.00 Starbucks gift cards to four organizations.



Above, Eagle member, Rachel Vis (guess who made cookies) visited the 633d Security Forces Squadron and the 733d Security Forces Squadron located at Joint Base Langley Eustis located on the southern reaches of Eagle Country. Below, Rachel makes her visit to the cops at Eustis.



Below, Karl Blinkinsop, Vice Chair AFDW Wing presents gift cards to the Pentagon Force Protection Agency.



Below, SF from the 436th Security Forces Squadron Dover Air Force Base DE displays our gifts that were presented to them by Staff Sergeant Chris Walker, Interim Vice Chair Delaware Wing.



These were a small token of our appreciation. Our thanks to PFPA and our Security Forces as well as police throughout our communities for your continued vigilance in keeping our installations and communities safe.

Our Vice Chair Public Information (VCPI) Mike Crayton, will be submitting additional photos with his article to the AF Security Forces Magazine.

Devastation and Inspiration - A Brian Kolfage Article - Air Force Magazine



Devastation and Inspiration

Security forces airman Brian Kolfage survived injuries difficult to comprehend.

My Name Copper

My first journey into Iraq started with a sandy corner, first attempt from Texas, and a Hammer named "Lunchbucket 10."

It was March 26, 2003. The four guys were from the Air Force's 17th Security Forces Squadron at Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo, Texas: A1C Valentine Corne, 21; Sgt. Chad Warm, 20; SrA. Daniel Holmes, 22; and A1C Brian Kelce, 18.

After a 30-mile walk through the desert, about 10 miles into the desert, the four men were

I was a 20-year-old embedded reporter along the ride. I had no prior military experience whatsoever. In my multiple trips to Iraq since, none of the experiences or people I've met or reported on have made as deep of an impact as those four armored men made on my first ride in. But in 2003, as the weeks wore on, I was called back to Washington, to my "real" job covering Congress. The guys stayed deployed.

Our lives would not intersect again until a year later, when Waters reached out: "Have you heard about Kellie?"

SEPT. 11, 2004: A streak of dust and stardust pushed Kallfage awake. He blinked to relieve dry eyes and with a squint and a grim Kallfage stretched out of his Air Force test bunk at Balad Air Base, Iraq. Time to hit the gym. It was shortly after 7 p.m.

"There was no way Kallage would let Cortez go back to Iraq without him. He looked for someone he could count on to switch, to convince that Iraq was too dangerous, so that he could take his spot and be with Cortez. He found a new kid, a woman-to-be dad. Kallage growled: You might lose your legs. He scared the guy into staying back, and Kallage got his place next to Cortez.

Cortez and Kallage were only on their first weeks at Julaid, but they already had a system. Night shift. Sleep. Gym. Eat. Repeat.

On this day, Kullage awoke first. He put on his shorts and a T-shirt and shuffled out of the tent that he, Cortez, and a handful of other men shared outside of Sudan's flight line. Cortez was closest to rise. As Kullage opened the tent flap, he asked Cortez if he wanted bottled water, and got only a muffled, yawning reply. Then he stepped out into the sunlight and turned left in the sand toward the gym tent.

There was no "dark and cover," as

"giant voice" — those sirens installed all over Iraq and Afghanistan in the following years that gave troops a four-to-eight-second head start to run for a

This was 2004, and Rafael wasn't expecting the 107 mm rocket shell that exploded five feet from Linzbarker 10's baby-faced armor.

"I'm dreaming," Kollage thought. "These malaria pills give crazy, crazy dreams."

Then his senses raced back, screaming, "You've been hit!"

Bringing himself first, Kollage slumped at the wall of a loose canon. He heard a soldier shout he wasn't 10 feet away from where.

"Oh shit... when I just walking?"

Next came taste. Kollage sensed a dry heave in his mouth. Then he smelled smoke.

"Oh shit oh shit," Night returned. "Is my hand blown off? Oh shit oh shit I am hurt bad." Kallge opened his wings and yelled

Kullback looked at Garbke crazy with blood on him. He pinched against his battle-hardy and yelled for Caruso to let him see his legs. Caruso put his bloody hand over Kullback's eyes to protect him.

The attack and response was 30 seconds, start stop. Koffrage screamed for water and Corcor dumped a bottle over his face and mouth as medics arrived screaming, "Don't do that you'll kill him." Koffrage slumped and told him he was tired. Corcor slapped him hard again and again to pick him off and into a comatose state.

The medics slumped him onto a blue body board and it was not until that very second Koffrage's last sense returned. He started crying out and

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Top: A severely injured ABC Brian Kallaga receives the Purple Heart in Iraq in 2004.

Top right: Kollage tackles rehabilitation at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

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An embedded reporter during the early days of the Iraq war, Tara Copp, wrote an inspirational five page article about Brian Kolfage in the November issue of the Air Force magazine. Brian who today with his wife makes return trips to Walter Reed to inspire other injured Airman to show them that there is a good life ahead.

Below, Kolfage shown with wife, Ashley (carrying son, Beckham) with daughter, Paris are shown in the Air Force Magazine at this link. This will probably only work if you are a member of the Air Force Association. For those of you who are members, I highly recommend this article.



Brian Kolfage was the second Proud Warrior Airman that we responded to support. Eagle Chapter created the Proud Warrior Program to respond to SF Airmen who were injured and med-evaced to Walter Reed. In the photo below, Brian Kolfage (in the bed) is shown with our first Proud Warrior Airman Anthony (Tony) Pizzifred. Anthony had returned to

Walter Reed in October to participate in the Army 10 miler after losing his foot in March while on patrol in Afghanistan.

Brian was the second of our Proud Warrior Airmen. In 2004, we created the Proud Warrior program to respond to SF Airmen who were injured downrange and medically evacuated to Walter Reed. In the photo below, Eagle Chairman is making a visit to see Brian at Walter Reed when the first Proud Warrior Airman, Airman Anthony Pizzifred, came by to visit. Airman Pizzifred lost his left foot via an IED while on patrol in Afghanistan. Airman Pizzifred lost his foot in March. He came back to Walter Reed to participate in the Army 10 miler.



Brian, Anthony and our other Proud Warrior Airmen it has been a pleasure for me to get to know you guys (and gals).

Our Final Act - 20th Anniversary Air Force Security Forces Celebration - Hand Gun Received



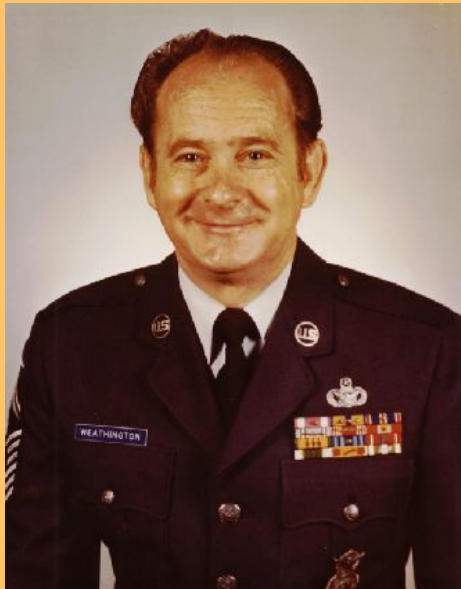
Last year during the 20th anniversary of the Air Force Security Forces, Eagle Chapter held three special luncheons to celebrate at Langley, the Pentagon, and Dover. The fourth event was a raffle to win a 9mm handgun that was donated by Sig Sauer - their P320 Nitron Carry. They gave us a certificate

where the winner would redeem to claim the weapon.

The system worked - As reported in an earlier newsletter, Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) James Fullwood of Puyallup, Washington State had won the raffle. The happy owner is shown above.

Our thanks to all who participated.

Final Guardmount - Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) Billy Weathington



It is my duty to report the death of one of our early warriors - Chief Master Sergeant (Ret) Billy Weathington passed away at home after a prolonged illness on January 1, 2018. Chief Weathington was the third Security Forces (then the Security Police) Career Field Manager. He was selected as the SF Top Chief in June 1966.

Chief Weathington's remains will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery on a future

date. Thanks to Dave Coulie for the notification.

Annual Wall Wash Dates Requested



We have made a request to the National Park Service to reserve **April 28th and August 25th** as our Vietnam War Veterans Memorial wall wash dates.

These are the approved Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) Gary

Jones dates! We will keep you posted.

Eagle Chapter Board Meeting - February 7, 2018

Our next chapter board meeting will be held on Wednesday, **February 7, 2018 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.

Contact the Eagle Chapter Secretary, Chris Walker, for more information.

In closing, Final call for donors! Back last October, we started our annual donation drive. January marks the final month. I will not bother you the rest of the year for donations! If you would and can, please send a check or click on any page of our website to donate online via Secure PayPal.

Again, think about where you could be on February 1. We'd love to see you at the wreath laying at Joint Base Anacostia Bolling and the Pentagon. Karl and many have come together to plan a great day of events. **As Navy Captain Jose Rodriguez, Commanding Officer Joint Base Anacostia Bolling, stated when we invited him to attend, "Let me clear my calendar to be there."** We need you to clear your calendars for this day.

I hope to see you at either or both - the wreath laying (Bolling) at 8AM and/or the luncheon (Pentagon) at 1PM.

Thank-you for your continuing support.

Thanks

Very best regards,

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