



Greetings Eagle Chapter Members and Friends!



How do you think our Eagle Chapter 15th Anniversary Luncheon at Joint Base Langley Eustis Went? Above, our Vice Chair Tidewater Wing, Rachel Vis greets attendees as she hosted the June 20th event.

A very nice job to our Eagle Chapter Vice Chair Rachel Vis!!! We had one of the best luncheons ever at Langley. Please see my summary of events - Rachel just hit on every possible cylinder!!!

Our chapter's first 15 years is in the record books and what a place to celebrate! To the Director of Security at Air Combat Command, the Commander, Chief, and so many folks who pitched in - thank-you so very much! As much fun as we had last year, this year was absolutely superb! Thank-you all again.

In closing, our final wall wash for the year will be at the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial in Washington DC on August 25. Please see details below. See you then!

Very respectfully,

Lee

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We published our previous full chapter newsletter on June 14, 2018.

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.](#)

Eagle Chapter Luncheon Joint Base Langley Eustis VA - June 20



Above, Colonel Michael Green presents to attendees at the Eagle Chapter luncheon at Joint Base Langley Eustis.

We had an enormously, superb speaker, **Colonel Michael Green, the Air Combat Command Top Cop** a great turnout of 53 attendees, civilian law enforcement chiefs, deputy chiefs from three local police departments, with attendees from Air Combat Command, the 633d SFS, and the 732d SFS. Guys (and gals), you are so outstanding. None of this would have happened without the superior leadership of our Vice Chair Tidewater Wing, Rachel Vis. Rachel works on the Air Combat Command staff as a Department of the Air Force Civilian.

If you **download the luncheon program**, you'll see that **we had huge participation** [bigly](#) across the wing as well as the 633d SFS. [Download the program by clicking here.](#) A great example is the wing's color guard (see below), the chaplain and of course our National Anthem singer. Please see the program for more details.



In April 2004, Eagle Chapter held it's first luncheon at Langley Air Force Base VA. I was called away by my employer to spearhead a security transition at Sears Headquarters in Chicago IL. **This was the first and only time I have not attended a chapter luncheon.** Ken Brewster, then our Vice Chair of the Tidewater Wing did a superb job with much help from chapter attendees.



Eagle Chapter's First Chapter Luncheon at Langley Air Force Base VA April 29, 2004. Left to right Ken Brewster, our first Vice Chair Tidewater Wing, Dale Moyer Eagle Chapter Member, **then Colonel Mary Kay Hertog (now Major General Retired)** Air Combat Command Director of Security Forces, **then Colonel Eli Garret, Deputy Director Security Forces** Air Combat Command (now Eagle Chapter Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Eagle Member **Chief Master Sergeant (Retired)** Gary Jones then assigned to the 11th Wing Bolling AF Base DC now of Eagle Chapter's Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Wall Wash fame.

Below, at right, then **Technical Sergeant Rachel Vis** of the then 1st Security Forces Squadron and then Staff Sergeant Jessica Pierce of the then 11th Security Forces Squadron Bolling Air Force Base Washington DC. Jessica would later serve as the Vice Chair of our Washington DC Wing and would accompany me on visiting our wounded SF Airmen at Walter Reed Army Military Hospital when it was located in Washington DC.



Go to our [Events](#) page to see images of our chapter luncheon at Langley. Also be on the look out for an article written by our outstanding Vice Chair Public Information, Michael Crayton in a future edition of the Air Force Security Forces Journal.

Thanks again Rachel for your obvious hard work!

Eagle Chapter National LE Officers Memorial Nominating Committee - Adds Staff Sergeant Todd "TJ" Lobraico



Staff Sergeant Todd "TJ" Lobraico JR
End of Watch: September 5, 2013

One of the visitors to the **Eagle Chapter Security Forces Association Security Forces Memorials at the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial in Washington, DC** this year, asked me why we hadn't recognized TJ. At the time of TJ's death, NLEOM had a strict policy of not recognizing military police (or Security Forces) who were killed in combat. Since then, though they haven't modified their policy, they will recognize military police deaths in combat if the death was comparable to circumstances that a civilian police officer would face. Two members from Sergeant Lobraico's unit (Tech Sergeant Lemm and Staff Sgt Bonacasa) were among the first to be recognized under this new criteria.

Looking at the circumstances of TJ's death and discussing it with his commander, Lt Col Alta Caputo, and First Sergeant, MSgt Chris Drews, we decided to give it a shot Within days, the commander had assigned a point of contact, Master Sergeant Daniel Rivera. Sgt Rivera, is a retired NYPD police officer who also was TJ's squad leader when TJ was assigned in Afghanistan.

He is certainly the right guy to make this happen and our committee is available to him if needed.

Staff Sergeant Todd "TJ" Lobraico JR came under small arms fire where he would later die from his injuries. 22-year old TJ who hails from New Fairfield, CT, became the first of three 105th Security Forces Squadron Stewart Air National Guard Base NY

to be killed in action. .

Senior Master Sergeant Todd Lobraico Senior, TJ's dad, is still assigned to the 105th.

Eagle Chapter's Next Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Wall Wash - Just a few weeks away!



At our April Wall Wash, we had the largest turn out ever with over 60 folks in attendance. Let's see what wonderful challenges we may face at this year's wash. :-) As you may recall, we only had one operational faucet and when the going gets slow, I know our Eagle Chapter Chaplain, Jim Stastny , gets even longer winded with his jokes as he's staffing the hose! :-)

Please set your clock for Saturday August 25, 2018. We get underway at 0630/6:30 AM with a devotional service and pledge of allegiance in honor of the fallen.

One other chapter will be joining us in our August wash. Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) John Bashara will be attending and representing the newly formed **Northwest Florida Chapter of the AFSFA.**

Eagle Bids Good Night and farewell to Our Friend, Adrian Cronauer



Adrian Cronaer, (center) poses with Eagle Chapter Members at the Eagle Chapter's Fifth Anniversary Luncheon at then Bolling Air Force Base Washington DC.

Photo above shows (left to right) Chip Schram (deceased), then Vice Chair Shenandoah Wing, Pete Nutt, then the Chairman of our Proud Warrior Committee, Adrian, Lee, Eagle Chairman, and Eagle Chapter Charter Member, Ed Erslev.

We are sad to report that our great friend, **Adrian Cronaer of the movie, *Gooood Morning Vietnam* fame, passed away on July 19, 2018 at the age of 79.** Robin Williams played Adrian in the movie, Good Morning Vietnam. Adrian once said if he'd done half the things that Williams did in the move, he'd be in the brig. Air Force Sergeant Cronauer served as a popular radio broadcaster during his stint Vietnam.

On July 23, 2008, Adrian was the guest speaker at Eagle Chapter's Fifth Anniversary Luncheon at then Bolling Air Force Base Washington DC. At the time, Adrian was working as a confidential adviser to the deputy assistant Secretary of where he represented the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency. He spoke about the agency's efforts to recover the remains of US military who were missing in action from Vietnam War.

Below, Eagle Charter Member, Ed Erslev, looks on as Adrian autographs 24" x 36" posters that celebrate the luncheon. I still have two of those originally signed posters.



Below, Eagle Member, Willie Squires, presents a Vietnam Security Police Association coin to Adrian in recognition of his service.



Below with Chip demonstrating (with wife, Judy, looking on) that we may be old but we haven't forgotten how to jack you up! :-). As you can see, Adrian was a great sport and he will be missed.



A Salute to Our Businesses

Two businesses have been among our supporters. I'm taking some time out of this month's issue to express our appreciation - especially our first one.



American Legion Synepuxent Post 166 - Ocean City MD has been the longest, most consistent donor of any of our business supporters. Eagle Member, Bill "Sarge" Garlitz (photo at left) a former board member sits on the post's executive council. Our thanks to Sarge for his continuing and many long years of support. Though Sarge no longer is a member of our board, he continues to serve. Aside from

their monetary donation, Sarge's contribution throughout the year is greatly appreciated. Please see the post's current newsletter on our chapter's website on our Resources page - [Click here](#) or click on the image below. **I have taken the plunge. Following my dad's footsteps (a WWII veteran), I have become a member of the American Legion.** I should have joined a long time ago. If you want to join the American Legion click on the link below, read about the Legion activities at Sarge's post or [click here](#) then the Join button.



CaneStar Homes, LLC - Two of the faces below might look familiar! Eagle Board Member Karl Blinkinsop (Chapter Vice Chair AFDW Wing) and Eagle Chairman/CEO, Lee Chambers (as real estate agent), collaborated recently to move Karl and his family into their new home! CaneStar Homes is a real estate redevelopment firm (buy and sell distressed homes or homes that need to sell quickly). In this role shown below, Lee functions as a Real Estate Agent. Another board member, Micheal Crayton, and his wife, Karen, have also collaborated with Lee to find their current home and their future home in Las Vegas. My personal thanks to both Karl and Michael for their very strong testimonials. Karl took it to another level - providing photos and a video. You can see Michael's testimonial on my [CaneStar Homes website](#). [Sign up for my real estate blog at this website](#).

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Lee, thank you for your expert assistance in helping us select our new home AND helping us by answering every single question we had at various stages of the process. Your ability to predict and solve issues that arose really helped to take the stress off and is very much appreciated. Long and Foster is lucky to have you! Thanks again for your excellent service. Lily, Karly, and Cooper agree! 😊



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I get a huge kick out of watching the surprise video that Karl played on us.



Karl's surprise video!

We'd love to add your business as one of our chapter's sponsors! [Contact Lee for more details.](#)

Rise in Law Enforcement Officer Deaths



According to the research arm of the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund, 2018 preliminary data through June 30, 2018 shows an increase in police officer deaths so far this year. Firearms related causes while attempting arrests led the number of deaths for this category.

Thirty-one officers have been killed in firearms-related fatalities this year, an increase of 24 percent, compared to 25 deaths during the same period last year. Traffic-related fatalities were the second leading cause of officer deaths, with 27 officers killed as of June 30, 2018. This represents a slight increase over the 26 officers killed in traffic-related incidents during the same period last year.

[See the complete report by clicking here.](#)

Eagle Board Member Relocation - SSgt Chris Walker



When Eagle Board Member, Chris Walker (shown at left in an Air Force photo) leaves us to make his journey to north to his Northern Tier assignment, **he's leaving behind three huge shoes to fill!** In addition to being our chapter secretary, Chris also is Vice Chair of our Delaware Wing and he co-chairs our Eagle Chapter National LE Officers Memorial Research Committee with me. He's been an active member of our board and he will be greatly missed.

With his departure, I'm putting our hat in the ring now to solicit volunteers to

fill all three positions. **We need one each Chapter Secretary, Vice Chair DE Wing (must live or work in DE) and we need another member of our NLEOM committee.** Our next chair person for DE Wing will be hosting our next chapter luncheon at Dover, we hope!

Chris, we will greatly miss you and we are looking forward to hearing of your successes at Malmstrom.

[Contact our chairman to volunteer.](#)

Eagle Chapter Board Meeting August 1, 2018

The next Eagle Chapter Board Meeting is tomorrow, **Wed August 1, 2018**. The Eagle Chapter Board of Officers meet monthly on the first Wednesday of the month.

Eagle Chapter Board Meetings are open to all members and spouses. Just be willing and able to pitch in to help out! :-)

Contact our [Chapter Secretary](#) for more information.

Thank-you for your continuing support. If you have not attended a wall wash, come out on August 25 at 0630. Eagle Chapter provides refreshments. It is a great joy in working alongside our Boy Scouts, their siblings, parents and friends in service to the missing in action and fallen Vietnam War war fighters. See you there!

Thanks

Very best regards,

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