



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



### **Our final wash for 2018 is this week-end - Saturday! .**

What are you doing any way at 630 AM in the morning this Saturday? Just think, instead of wasting away in bed, you can get up just like you did all this week and instead of going to make the world safe for democracy, you'll be joining our boy scout families, Eagle Chapter members to clean one of our national treasures - the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial in Washington DC.

For our Pentagon members and supporters, if you're not at the annual AF Security Forces Association meeting, here's a great way to be involved with one of your local chapters.

Please see details below. See you then!

Very respectfully,

Lee

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We published our previous chapter newsletter on July 31, 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.**

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**Final Chapter Vietnam Veterans War Memorial  
Wall Wash This Saturday, Aug 25**



### **A Wall Wash... Plus Refreshments? Yeah!**

Above one of our previous attendees enjoy refreshments. After all, it's early, the kids (boy scouts and their siblings) may not have yet eaten breakfast - nothing like some sweets to tide them over - plus mom and dad!



### **Eagle Chaplain, Jim Stastny, explains the wash protocol**

Jim, also a chaplain with the Vietnam Security Police Association, explains protocols to onlookers as we organize to wash the wall earlier this year. Jim hales from Damascus Maryland.

We don't just show up and start washing. At 6:30AM, we start our wash with a devotional service in honor of the over 58,000 military men and women whose names are inscribed on the wall.





### **The Washington Monument oversees wash attendees in an earlier Eagle Chapter Wall Wash**

Following the open, devotional service, Eagle Member, Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) Gary Jones of Charleston South Carolina, provides an historical perspective (youngest, oldest on the wall, number having birthdays on Aug 25 were they to still be living, a father and son who are both on the wall, etc.).

**Bob Sherouse - sir - you and your scouts (and their families) really make this event very special to us. Thank-you so much for attending!**



Above, a park ranger provides more insight about the history of the memorial.

Earlier, I started this discussion by asking, what are you doing any way at 6:30AM on Saturday. I hope you will consider joining us. We are usually done by 8AM.

Guess what you can then go do? Go see Bei-Bei (**pronounced bay bay**) the Giant Panda in person at the zoo

instead of [panda cam](#). She just celebrated her 3d anniversary today. Next year, the Smithsonian will return her to China on/about her 4th birthday as is customary.



[Contact me for more information by clicking here.](#)

## Defender Challenge Returns! Eagle Chapter Donates



After a ten year hiatus, the Air Force Security Forces Defender Challenge Returns this September at Joint Base San Antonio Lackland Texas. Earlier this month, Bob Christy, Secretary of the the Jack Brokaw Alamo Chapter AF Security Forces Association sent a request to all AFSFA chapters to help provide support. Your board of officers agreed to send \$100.00 donation from Eagle Chapter.

[For a video that provides more details about Defender Challenge, please click here.](#) The Defender Challenge segment follows the first news item.

I don't get a chance to tell many war stories so here is one. Back in 1981, 82, and 83, my squadron (Eagle Defenders from 36th Tactical Fighter Squadron at then Camp New Amsterdam the Netherlands) beat every security police unit large or small in the annual 17th Air Force Peacekeeper Challenge competition. **Back then, Defender Challenge was called Peacekeeper Challenge.** Back in the 80s, 17th Air Force consisted of all Air Force units north of the Alps. That included Bitburg, Ramstein,

Spangdahlem, Hahn, Lindsay Air Station (got to include that one - rub this in for Eli :-)) etc. **The secret (don't tell anyone) - once we competed to select our squadron team, we pulled posts** (one less guy/gal on a patrol, close a gate, or pull a sentry) just like the base commander would require me to do for our football and basket ball base athletes for their practices and games. For those cops that chose Peacekeeper Challenge over the base sports team, they were our heroes and we treated them like they were super stars year round. We raised a lot of money through the Officers Wives club to buy them really cool gear.

Tech Sgt Tommy Hyson was our perennial team chief. He was also one of our Flight Chiefs. So when we were in our zone to practice for winning 17th Air Force Peacekeeper Challenge, Tommy's assistant flight chief would lead his flight. We were in it to win it. If anyone knows where Tommy is today, I'd love to catch up with him. Remember, this is a secret - just between us guys! :-)

**Good luck to our Air Force! Thank-you for bringing this back.**

### **Tech Sergeant April Spilde - SF Airman - One of the Air Force Twelve Outstanding Airmen of the Year**



Security Forces Airman, Technical Sergeant April A. Spilde, a Flight Chief/Security Forces Craftsman, assigned to the 30th Security Forces Squadron, Vandenberg AFB, CA is one of the Air Force Twelve Outstanding Airmen of the Year. Tech Sgt Spilde whose Home of Record is Minneapolis, MN, has local roots. She was previously assigned at Andrews and in 2017 supported the 58th Presidential Inauguration, dedicating 80 hours training 90 Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Airmen as

Ceremonial Guardsmen with the USAF Honor Guard.

We will meet April next month at the Outstanding Airmen of the Year Dinner hosted by the Air Force Association. At that event, we will provide her an Eagle Chapter coin, (thanks to the **Oklahoma Heartland Chapter** and the **Pete Magwood Chapter (Albuquerque, NM)**), a three year membership in the Air Force Security Forces Association, and a letter of congratulations signed by all three chapter chair.

Congratulations April! I look forward to meeting you. [Click here for more information about Tech Sgt Spilde and the rest of the](#)



## Eagle Chapter Board Meeting September 5, 2018

The next Eagle Chapter Board Meeting is tomorrow, **Wed September 5, 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. I really hope to see you there!**

**We sure would love to see our Pentagon SF in attendance - if you're not at the annual AFSFA meeting. It will be a tremendous pleasure to have you and any of our active duty, AFRES, or ANG security force members.**

Thanks

Very best regards,

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