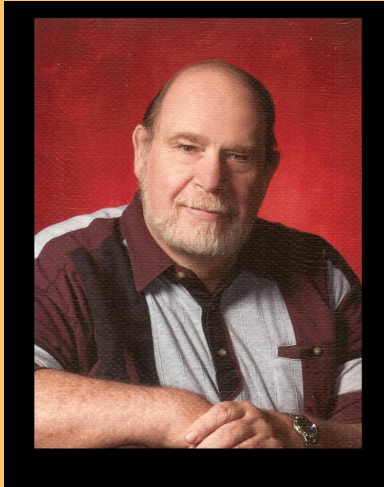




## **Greetings Eagle Chapter Members and Friends!**



**This has been the most difficult newsletter article that I've ever written. .**

On Wednesday when we had our monthly board meeting, Mike Rusaw was one of the chapter's board members who could not attend and contrary to his demeanor, he did not send our chapter secretary or me an update or notice that he could not attend. That was September 5. The following day, before I could call

Mike to see if there was an issue, I saw a Facebook posting by Mike's son, Nathaniel, that Mike had become suddenly ill and had passed away. I was shocked. It took me a few moments to gather my composure.

Later that day, Carol, Mike's wife, sent me an email with details of Mike's passing. Our association and Eagle Chapter specifically, lost a great patriot, military veteran, and servant to our military, their families, and our heritage.

To Carol, sons, Nathaniel (wife Paula) and John Christian, and sister, Anne and family, we mourn your lost and thank you for sharing Michael with us.

Please more details of Mike's passing please see the article below.

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 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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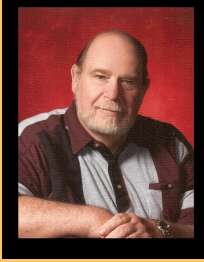
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## Eagle Chapter Board Member, Michael "Mike" Rusaw Funeral and Visitation Information



**Visitation and funeral arrangements** will be at the Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA 20110 (703) 257-6028

**\* Tuesday, September 11, 2018: 6PM - 8PM Reception/Viewing**

**\* Wednesday, September 12, 2018: Celebration of Life**

**2:00 p.m. Service**

**3-7:00 p.m. Reception**

**In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be sent in Mike's honor to Eagle Chapter Air Force Security Forces Association.**

Burial will take place later at Arlington Cemetery with full military honors. Thank-you so much Mike and the Rusaw family.

[For more details, please see Mike's obituary by clicking here.](#)

Chairman's Note: Mike is the third board member who has died since we've been chartered. The first was James Goude, Vice Chair Delaware Wing and the second was Eugene "Chip" Schram, Vice Chairman Shenandoah (VA) Wing. Mike is the first actively serving member of our board that has died.

**In honor of Mike**, we are flying the US Flag at half staff on the [chapter's home page](#) and the chapter's [About Us Page](#) for 30 days following his death.

## Our Final Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Wall Wash for the Year - a huge success - Thank-you!



Above, Cindy McCain lays a wreath at the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial in Washington DC

So what does the above photo have to do with our wall wash on August 25th? If you were one of the 40 plus attendees who came out to our wall wash on that day, it was your labor that made it possible for the National Park Service to cancel the wash scheduled the day that Cindy was to lay the wreath in honor of her husband, Senator John McCain. We'd done such a great job that don't you just know that White House Chief of Staff, Marine General (Retired) John Kelly (above at Ms McCain's left) and Marine General (Retired) James Mattis (above at Ms McCain's right) were really impressed with the great shape that the wall was in and Eagle Chapter and our volunteers made a difference.

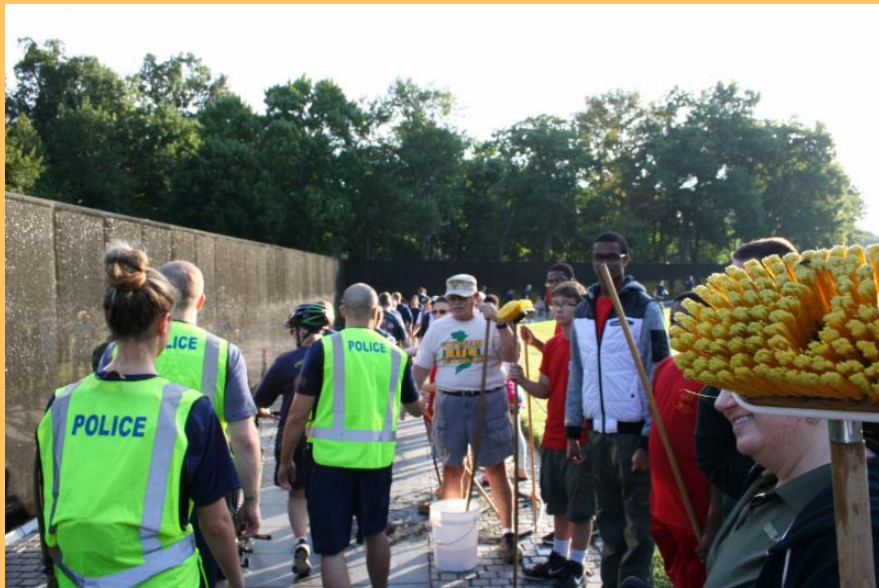


Above (left), Chief Jones greets volunteers. At right, Chester Field, a lay pastor and Vietnam Security Police Association member, would later give an invocation during the devotional service. while standing in for the chapter's chaplain who was ill and could not attend.



Thanks to Bob Sherouse and Boy Scout Troop Number 1778, Chief Master Sergeant Retired Gary Jones of Charleston SC and our volunteers who participated in this great labor of love in our final wall wash of 2018.





Above under police escort, about 80 Navy Chief Petty Officer class attendees walked through shaking the hands of our volunteers thanking us for washing the wall..



Above (center), Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) John Bashara, representing the AFSFA Northwest FL Chapter shows of their

chapter's flag at the wash. Thanks Chief Bashara for pitching in.

## National Law Enforcement Museum Commemorative Coin Act



National Law Enforcement  
M U S E U M  
A MATTER OF HONOR

I received this email below from the CEO of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Craig Floyd, that solicits our support to contact our Congressional and Senatorial Representatives to support legislation to mint a coin that will provide funding for the museum. Please see details below:

*Dear Lieutenant Colonel Chambers,*

*The National Law Enforcement Museum at the Motorola Solutions Foundation Building in Washington, DC, a project of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, will open its doors to the public on October 13, 2018!*

*Citizens and law enforcement professionals from diverse perspectives and backgrounds will have a place to learn and share in the vibrant story of American law enforcement. We are very excited about the many programs and exhibits the Museum will feature, but this kind of strong outreach programming requires robust funding for years to come.*

*Fortunately, many in Congress agree. Earlier this year, legislation was introduced to help raise millions in private dollars for Museum programming. The National Law Enforcement Museum Commemorative Coin Act directs the U.S. Treasury to mint a coin to commemorate the opening of the Museum, and proceeds from the sale of the coins will benefit the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund for these programs and exhibits.*

***This bi-partisan bill will not cost any taxpayer dollars.***  
*All funding will come from the sale of coins to private citizens.*

*Send an email to your representative by clicking here.*

*Send an email to your U.S. House Representative and Senators asking them to co-sponsor this important legislation. If they've already co-sponsored, you can send them a short email thanking them for their support of the bill and the law enforcement community.*

*Thank you for your time and longstanding support.*

*Sincerely,  
Craig W. Floyd  
Chief Executive Officer  
National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund*

## Other Upcoming Events

**This fall is shaping up to be one of our busiest ever!**

- \* **September 17 - Air Force Outstanding Airmen of the Year Dinner** - Thanks to OK Heartland Chapter and Pete Magwood Chapter for joining in with Eagle Chapter to provide a free three year membership in the Air Force Security Forces Association to this year's **OAY Security Forces Airman, Technical Sergeant April Spilde.**
- \* **October 1 - Eagle Chapter AFSFA Annual Donation Drive** Kicks off October 1 and runs through January 2019. This is the one donation drive that we run each year to raise funds needed to pay our operating costs. If you have never donated, could this be your year?
- \* **October 4** - Internment Arlington National Cemetery Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) James Dover at 1PM
- \* **October 13** - Grand Opening of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Washington DC - **See the Eagle Chapter inscription on the thin blue line glass panel. Our name is located on Panel 22 Line 1** or if you forget, you can locate our name in the donor kiosk on the observation bridge.
- \* **November 11 - Eagle Chapter Wreath Laying at Veterans Day Services at the Women In Service to America Memorial (the Women's Memorial)** program which starts at 4PM. We also place wreaths at the Air Force Memorial in Arlington VA, Korean War Veterans Memorial, Vietnam War Veterans Memorial, Vietnam War Women's Veterans Memorial and the World War II Memorial in Washington DC.
- \* **?** We might have a chapter luncheon at Dover DE in October before our Vice Chairman of the DE Wing, Chris Walker departs. No pressure Chris - we can always wait until your replacement gets settled in and have it next year.

## Eagle Chapter Board Meeting October 3, 2018

The next Eagle Chapter Board Meeting is **Wed October 3, 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, spouses, and significant others. Just be willing and able to pitch

in to help out! :-)

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

**Thank-you again to Mike's wife, Carol, and the rest of the family for sharing Michael with us. We will miss him greatly. Also thank-you for the generous consideration that you passed to donors - this is a first.**

As a final reminder, Mike's final services will be held this week at the Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA 20110.

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Very best regards,

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