



Greetings Eagle Chapter Members and Friends!

We had a huge surprise at the Women's Memorial Veterans Day ceremony when the Secretary of the Department of Veteran Affairs joined the program to introduce the key note speaker - his Chief of Staff - Air Force Colonel (Retired) Pamela Powers. We also had the cutest little presenters ever. Please see the details in the article below.

Next month, we complete our work for the year by visiting all 22 grave sites at Arlington National Cemetery to ensure that every association member or spouse internment site receives a wreath. I make my annual visit following Wreaths Across America visit to Arlington. In recent years, they have been very good at covering most of the sites. I lay our wreaths on the rear of the tombstones when there is a spouse or family member interred and if when there is one wreath at the group burial of SF KIAs Tech Sgt Norton and SSgt McElroy, I lay an additional wreath so that both of them are recognized.

Finally, November is the second month of our four month annual donation drive. As you can throughout the year, you can [go to any page of our website and click on the "Donate" button](#) to securely donate online via PayPal or send a check or money order to our PO Box. Regardless of how you chose to donate. Please take this opportunity to send us a note to let us know how we're doing and any improvements you'd like us to make next year. Keep in mind if you send a good idea, don't be surprised if I ask you to help us get it going. :-) Thank-you again!

Very respectfully,

Lee

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We published our previous chapter newsletter on Oct 15, 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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Eagle Chapter's Youthful Participants at the Women's Memorial on Veterans Day



Last month when I made the call for participants to lay the chapter's wreath during the Veterans Day Observance at the Women's Memorial, it was my great honor to have two participants step forward - Lily and Karly Blinkinsop, the daughters of Karl, Vice Chairman of Eagle Chapter's Air Force District of Washington Wing. In mid-October, Women's Memorial's Public Relations Coordinator reached out to me to inquire if the chapter will participate again in this year's observance, I quickly responded, yes. We are privileged to participate in our sixth year with the Women's Memorial. Above, US Army Maj Gen (Ret) Dee McWilliams (at the podium) and PR Coordinator, Marilla Cushman aids Lily and Karly with the Eagle Chapter wreath during the presentation. We completed our wreath laying program of the year using the same wreath colors of the Vietnam Service Medal as we used back in January at the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of then Security Police Captain Reginald Maisey, Jr and the Battle of Bien Hoa.

This year's observance had a very special surprise. Key Note Speaker, Air Force Colonel (Retired) Pamela Powers, Chief of Staff for the Department of Veterans Affairs, had a very special introduction by her boss, Honorable Robert L. Wilkie, Secretary for the Department of Veterans Affairs, the second largest cabinet in the executive branch.



Above Keynote Speaker, (Air Force Colonel (Retired) Pamela Powers, Chief of Staff Department of Veterans Affairs with Lily and Karly Blinkinsop with the Eagle Chapter wreath.

Col Powers and Secretary Wilkie agreed to my request for photos with our participants following the program. [Please see additional photos on our website by clicking here.](#)

Former MPD Chief and current NFL Head of Security, Cathy Lanier, Speaks at National LE Museum December 13



Former Metropolitan (DC) Police Chief Cathy Lanier talks about her law enforcement career and her rise to lead the police force in the nation's capital. **Hear how she became the District of Columbia's first permanent, female police chief as well as one of its most popular chiefs.**

Lanier will talk about her view on policing, what it's like for females to serve in law enforcement and her current role as head of security for the NFL. NBC4 reporter Jackie Benson will interview the former chief in this lively talk you won't want to miss.

Program ticket includes museum admission. [Click here to get your tickets.](#)

Colonel (Ret) Eli Garrett - Chief Financial Officer to Serve Out His Term - That's It!



Above, Eli Garrett presents a check during an Eagle Chapter luncheon. The chapter presents donations to Security Forces Booster Club and Key Spouse club at chapter luncheons.

One of the chief benefits that we've had as a chapter is stability in our financial leadership. Eli Garrett, our Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has provided this in spades! He volunteered to assume the position after the previous treasurer decided to end his tenure short of completing his term in office. Eli continued out that term and was nominated and voted to continue in the next term as our CFO/Treasurer.

The CFO provides a very valuable service so I'm taking to the air waves now to call for a replacement. Next summer, Eli and I will have completed our tenure in this term. I will remain on if you elect me to continue in this role; but, our great servant Eli Garrett announced at the October board meeting that he will conclude his service on our board when this term ends. A great hardy thanks to Eli. He will be greatly missed; but, we have time to lessen the impact of this transition.

If you can spend about 90 minutes a month to help manage the chapter's finances, please give me a holler. The CFO provides monthly reports to the board, reports to the IRS as needed to continue our status as non-profit, and make some bill payments as needed.

Eagle Chapter Member - Lt Col (Ret) Oliver Carter to be Interred at Arlington in January



It is my sad duty to report that Oliver Carter has passed. I'd just seen a posting on Facebook that In June of this year, Oliver was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and began treatment that would last through the early fall. On the morning of Saturday, September 22, 2018, Oliver peacefully passed away with his wife, Wanda, by his side. I was not aware of Oliver's illness and only became aware of his death just a few days ago.

If for no other reason, I'd hear from Oliver once a year during our annual donation drive. We could count on Oliver and Wanda to send a donation and also send kind words letting me know how much he appreciated the great work that Eagle Chapter was providing. He will be missed. Please join me in attending his internment at Arlington.

Burial will be at Arlington Cemetery on January 23, 2019 at 1:00 PM. If you would like to join us, the family has asked that we contact Manuel Nunez. [Contact Manuel by clicking here.](#)

Eagle Vice Chairman Member Services - Mike Rusaw - Laid to Rest at Arlington November 1



On November 1, I joined Mike's wife, Carol, their sons, other family and friends in laying one of our defenders to rest at Arlington National Cemetery. On my visit during the internment, I provide the widow a Defensor Fortis flag as a small token of our appreciation of Mike's service to our nation as a defender.

Eagle Chapter Board Meeting December 5, 2018

The next Eagle Chapter Board Meeting is **Wed December 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, spouses, and significant others. Just be willing and able to pitch in to help out! :-)

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

Again, our donation drive has begun. We thank-you in advance for your consideration and support. Go to any website web page or send to our PO Box. Any questions, please reach out to me anytime.

Thanks for your continuing support!

Very best regards,

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