



## Greetings Eagle Chapter Members and Friends!



Here is wishing you and your families the very best for the holidays. I hope you are enjoying a well deserved vacation.

Our chapter's holiday surprise came early in Dec when the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial (NLEOM) Fund, Inc. informed me that the board had approved TJ Lobraico's name to be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington DC. Please see the article below.

**Next month, January, is the final month of our annual donation drive.** If you haven't given yet, [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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**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.**

## **APPROVED! SF Airman Will be Added in 2019**



**Above, Staff Sergeant Todd (TJ) Lobraico died Sept. 5, 2013, from wounds sustained when enemy forces attacked his unit with small arms fire near Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. His name will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington DC in 2019.**

During Police Week this year, a Facebook Friend asked me why TJ was not recognized along with the other Security Forces Airmen that we were memorializing at our chapter display at the National LE Officers Memorial in Washington DC? At the time of TJ's death, the NLEOM did not recognize military police or security forces Airmen who died in combat. Our continuing campaign to point out the bias (federal and civilian agents like AFOSI were being recognized) I give every credit to getting them to change their position though they have not changed their policy. They had earlier assured me that they will consider SF if the circumstances of their death were comparable to the risk facing their civilian law enforcement counterparts. Clearly, in my mind, TJ's death qualified. So we added him to our list.



I want to take this opportunity to thank Master Sergeant Daniel Rivera (shown in the photo at left) of the 105th Security Forces Squadron of Stewart Air National Guard Base New York, TJ's unit. After the commander, Lt Col Alta Caputo, had agreed to our proposal to add TJ, she appointed MSgt Rivera to do all of the heavy lifting. Daniel provided me an opportunity to help with the package; but, again it was him to invest all of the time that it takes to put a complete package together. Plus he did it in short order. The 105th SFS has made the greatest sacrifice of any

Security Forces unit in the war on terrorism. TJ became their third Security Forces Airman to be killed in action. Technical Sergeant Joseph Lemm and Staff Sergeant Louis Bonacasa both died in 2015 and are inscribed on the memorial. In addition, 2013 was a violent year for the 105th. Losing TJ in September, they also had two SF Airmen to be medically evacuated to Walter Reed and added to our Eagle Proud Warrior Program who were serving with TJ at the time, Senior Airman Airman First Class Matthew Zuniga and Airman MarieAnn Raguso.

My thanks to MSgt Rivera. I look forward to meeting him in person (along with TJ's dad, Senior Master Sergeant Todd Lobraico who still serves with the 105th) in Washington DC during Police Week in 2019.

The response below is the goal that we sought this year.

**12/07/2018**

**Gentlemen,**

***Just a quick note to let you know that Todd Lobraico has been approved for inclusion on the Memorial. You and the family will receive a formal letter next week.***

***Have a great weekend!***

**Carolie Heyliger  
Senior Research Manager  
National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund**

## Our Second Nominee - Captain George Morris

### *Officer Is Killed In Kirtland Mishap*



Capt. George E. Morris

Chance proved a cruel master Tuesday for the Kirtland Air Force Base provost marshal. Capt. George E. Morris was killed in a ground mishap here at a time when he had planned to be en route to a tour of temporary duty in Washington, D. C.

The 35-year-old Morris, one of the best-known officers on the base, was killed instantly Tuesday morning when struck by a wheel assembly when a tire exploded on a medium bomber.

Until a few days ago, Morris had planned on leaving Kirtland early Tuesday to attend a two-month school on disciplinary control at George Washington University.

#### **Delays Trip**

Then he heard that a fellow

A few days ago, Senior Airman Taylor Nelson, Point of Contact and Law Enforcement Evaluator, 377 Security Forces Group, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, informed me that he had submitted Captain Morris' package to have Captain Morris' name added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington DC. SRA Nelson has had THE most challenging package to submit so far.

Senior Airman Nelson (at right) had a bit of an obstacle to climb. In 1996, the unit started the effort to have Captain Morris recognized. That package was incomplete and NLEOM denied the request. SRA Nelson completed the investigatory efforts including submitting all required documentation to ensure that this package is complete.



We are still awaiting confirmation from NLEOM that they have received all documentation. My point of contact was away on vacation. So I expect to obtain that confirmation this week. Will provide an update in the January edition of our newsletter. **If approved, Captain Morris will be the first Security Forces officer to be added to the memorial.**

## Brian Kolfage - Our Second Proud Warrior Airman - Raises \$18 Million - So Far





In the 2004 photo above then Senior Airman Brian Kolfage, is retiring from the Air Force. Brian was our second Proud Warrior Airman. Today, he's created a viral fund raising initiative to build the wall at the southern US Border.

**As of this morning (Dec 29, 2018), Brian's Go Fund Me page has raised \$18,005,461.00.** When Brian sent me the link when he first created the page, I was amazed that anyone wanted to send more money to Washington!. Since then, I have been amazed at how quickly he has raised millions of dollars in just a few days.

I tip my hat to Brian for his enthusiastic, creativity. I take this opportunity to remind you of his injuries. **Airman Kolfage became the most critically wounded Security Forces Airman to survive an attack since the Vietnam War.** He is a triple amputee with the following injuries: bilateral above knee amputation, left hip disarticulation (leg is completely amputated from hip), right leg has 4 inches of femur left, right forearm amputation below elbow, traumatic re-attachment of left thumb, collapsed lung, fractures in left hand, and numerous shrapnel wounds.

It's terrible that he and his family are now receiving death threats. Regardless of your political views, it's hard not to admire his initiative. If you'd like to track his success, [click here or on the image above.](#) **Attaboy Brian!**

Below, then Airman Kolfage (at left) and our first Proud Warrior Airman, Airman Tony Pizzifred celebrate Tony's return to Walter Reed to participate in the Amy 10 Miler in October 2004. Tony lost his left in March 2004 when he stepped on a mine in Afghanistan.



### **Eagle Chapter Charter Member Don Schubring Volunteers - Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer**



It is a great honor for me to announce that Eagle Chapter Charter Member Major (Retired) Don Schubring has volunteered to run and if elected to succeed our current Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Treasurer Colonel (Retired) Eli Garrett. In the November edition I announced that Eli will be retiring at the end of his current term. Don volunteered. Thank-you! Our

CFO/Treasurer is one of the critical roles in our chapter and it is a great honor for us to have Don to volunteer to take over this role. Don currently serves as the Treasurer for his Home Owners Association.

Don has hit the ground running - he's completed the officer orientation and is working with Eli to learn the ropes. Again, Don, thank-you.

### **Annual Wreath laying Arlington National Cemetery**



**In 2018, Colonel (Ret) Sam Stocks became the first of three graves to be added to the chairman's annual visit to Arlington National Cemetery earlier this month, December. Colonel Stock's grave is shown, centered above.**

Every year following the Wreaths Across America (WAA) visit to Arlington, the Eagle Chairman visits the gravesites of our members, Security Forces Airmen who are killed in action in Iraq, and one KIA in Vietnam, plus family members. The purpose is to lay a wreath in the event that WAA does not cover them all. This year every grave had been covered. So with the wreaths that the chairman takes, he adds those to the family members who are also buried in the grave or in the case of one of the group burials, he will add the second wreath so that every member, ever SFKIA or every family member is covered. In the case of one family member who is interred in the columbarium, the chairman buys a Christmas Tree ornament and place that on her tomb.

In addition to Sam's grave, I also visited the new graves of Eagle Member and Board Member, Mike Rusaw (no headstone yet) and Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) James Dover. I take photos of each site. Anyone who'd like a photo of the grave site that I visit, just let me know. As of the end of the year, there are 20 sites that we visit. Please see below:

<b>Last</b>	<b>First, Rank</b>	<b>Section Number</b>	
Aldrich	Dilbri (NMI) Master Sgt	38	4276
<b>Chavis</b>	<b>Leebernard Emmanuel</b> <b>Airman First Class</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>8427</b>
Coolidge	Kenneth Byron, Lt Colonel	64	5149
Cox	Rodney Vernon, Colonel	54	5386
Dover	James Walter Chief Master Sgt	39	477
Duffield	Luther K. (Luke), Major (with Effie)	54	5936
Garlitz	Joseph T, Master Sgt	37	5234
	James (NMI), Chief Master		



Goudie	Sgt	60	10010
Heubusch	Charles John, Colonel	66	7483
Leaf	Howard W, Lt Gen (with Patrick)	35	427
<b>Maisey</b>	<b>Reginald V Jr., Capt</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8073-B</b>
<b>McElroy</b>	<b>Brian Scott, Staff Sgt</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>8339</b>
Moses	Roderic W, Lt Colonel	60	4546
<b>Norton</b>	<b>Jason Lynn, Tech. Sgt</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>8339</b>
Parker	David Frederick, CMSgt	65	529
Rasmussen	Kenneth H. Colonel (with Judith)	33	4721
Rusaw	Michael Francis Senior Master Sergeant (Board)	57	1080
Stocks	Samuel Everett Stocks Colonel	54	2134
Strones	Marilyn Marcella (Spouse)	64	4054
Wallace	Linda S (Spouse)	Niche	Court: 7

## Outstanding Airman of the Year - Spilde - Thanks OK Heartland Chapter, Pete Magwood Chapter and Eagle Chapter

We've started the process of providing a three year membership to the one Security Force Member who was selected as one of the twelve Air Force Outstanding Airmen of the Year:



*Mr. Chambers,*

*Thank you so much for the 3-year membership, I am both honored and excited! I greatly appreciate your generosity and your congratulations.*

*All the best.*

*//SIGNED//*

*APRIL A. SPILDE, TSgt, USAF  
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Each year, Eagle Chapter, along with the OK Heartland Chapter



and Pete Magwood Chapter provide a one year membership to the AF Security Forces Association to the Security Forces member or members who are selected among the Air Force 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year. Sergeant Spilde became one of the twelve for 2018. Again congratulations to her.

### **Schram Family Announce Date of Eagle Member Eugene C. "Chip" Scham's Internment at Arlington**



Eagle Chapter Member and former Vice Chair Shenandoah Wing, Major (Ret) Chip Schram shown above at right holding the Eagle Chapter 1st Anniversary Cake will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery on **April 4, 2019 at 1500/3:00PM.**

Chip's son, Mark, has noted that **"If any of y'all wish to attend the service for the internment of dad's ashes, please know you are welcomed. Members of the Eagle Chapter AFSFA are especially welcome & I would be honored to meet anyone who knew or worked with Dad.."**

Please join me in bidding a final farewell to an enthusiastic member next year.

### **DE Wing Vice Chair Needed Among Others**

The Vice Chairs of our three forward-facing wings - Vice Chair Delaware Wing, Vice Chair AFDW Wing, and Vice Chair Tidewater Wing - are where the rubber meets the ramp for Eagle Chapter and the association in these regions. They provide the vision and energy at the ground level and they are the face of our chapter in these locations in many respects.

Now that face for Dover Air Force Base and our DE Wing is vacant.. With the PCS of our former Vice Chair of the Delaware Wing, Technical Sergeant Chris Walker to Malmstrom, last month, we now have a vacancy in that position for the first time in many years.

If you know anyone who is a self-starter, understands the career

field, and is a good communicator, we'd love to have that person to apply for this position on our board of officers. It's like having your own chapter but with the infrastructure, funding, and mentoring that the rest of the board provides.

**If the candidate is not now a member of the association, I can help them apply.** Contact me by [clicking here](#) for more information or to volunteer.

Other vacant board member positions include Vice Chair Member Services and our Vice Chair Maryland Wing.

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



Reminder: Lt Colonel (Retired) Oliver Carter 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.](#)

### **Law Enforcement Appreciation Day 2019**



On January 9th, Eagle Chapter will be joining others who will be reaching out to show appreciation of our law enforcement professionals on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. These young men and women get up every day for a special calling - to provide that shield to keep our communities safe and protected from those that would do us harm to our businesses, our communities or families. You guys (and gals) who are not serving now all understand the risk and we accept it as a part of doing the job. We had or have every intent of returning home to our loved ones at the end of the day.

For 144 families, the return home did not take place as tragically, the mom, dad, son, or daughter met a violent and untimely end. With a 14% increase over 2017 in law enforcement deaths, **2018 has been one of the most violent years for our police officers.** According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, 144 police officers have been killed so far in 2018.. Please see the table below:

Categories	2018	2017	% Change
Total	144	129	+12%
Firearms-related	52	46	+13%
Traffic-related	50	46	+9%
Other	42	37	14%

This status is as of December 27, 2018. Let's hope that the number does not increase. On LEAD Day, January 9, if you see a law enforcement professional, let them know that you appreciate them.

### **Eagle Chapter Board Meeting January 6, 2019**

The next Eagle Chapter Board Meeting is **Wed January 6, 2019**. 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! :-) Come join us on our first meeting of the year.

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

**Next month is the final month of our annual donation drive. We thank those of you that have given so far and look forward to those who will give next year.**

**I don't say this enough - MANY THANKS TO OUR BOARD MEMBERS!** These men and one woman do so much and are posturing to get started again in a few short days as we kick off 2019. With the continued grace and help from our donors and other supporters we will make next year, 2019, our best year ever.

**If you have not donated yet or you want to donate again, please go to any website web page or send to our PO Box. Any questions, please reach out to me anytime.**

**Today is my birthday!** Thanks to many of you who have reached out to wish me Happy Birthday. This is number 69 for me and I believe **69 is the new 40!** :-)



Thanks for your continuing support!

Very best regards,

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