

Greetings Eagle Chapter Members and Friends!





Come join us this Saturday, April 20th at 0630/6:30AM at the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial in Washington DC for our first wall wash of the year.

Chief (Ret) Gary Jones of Charleston South Carolina and our Chapter Chaplain, Jim Stastny, of Gaithersburg Maryland will be kicking the event off. Our special guests, Boy Scout Troop 1778, of Waldorf MD always make this day extra special for

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Eagle Board Meeting us. Please see more details below.

All my best.

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 March 28, 2019.

<u>Eagle Chapter membership is free</u> to all Air Force Security Forces Association members who work or live in DC, DE, MD, VA and WV. <u>Join us.</u>

Eagle Chapter's First Wall Wash - Saturday - April 20, 2019



Above, US Air Force Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) Gary Jones of Charleston South Carolina talks during the devotional service that we have to start the event. Prior to the Chief, our Chapter Chaplain, Jim Stastny forms up the troops for a pledge of allegiance and devotional words.

I've taken a bit of Chief Jones' words from his recent Facebook post to show the importance of the April 20th date for those service members who have given their all and whose names are inscribed on the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial.

* 139 of those killed would be celebrating birthdays on

Apr 20

- * 179 were killed on Apr 20
- * 21 of those killed on Apr 20 were 20 years old
- * 23 of those killed on Apr 20th were 19 years old
- * 7 of those killed on Apr 20 were only 18 years old

Below, our own, Eagle AF Security Forces Association and Vietnam Security Police Association Chaplain, Jim Stastny forms us up to begin the devotional service.



Again, please join us at 6:30AM - rain or shine. Eagle Chapter provides refreshments.



Eagle's Vice Chair Shenandoah Wing, Major (Retired) Eugene "Chip" Schram Internment Arlington National Cemetery



In the photo above, mounted members of the Army's Old Guard transport Chip to his final resting place in Arlington National Cemetery. Following the caisson, Air Force Honor Guard Pall Bearers escort Chip ahead of his family. To see all photos that I took, click on the image or <u>click here</u>.

In the photo below, Air Force Chaplain from the Air Force Honor Guard presents old glory to Chip's widow, Judy.



Below, with the Pentagon's E Ring in the background, Chip's sons, Charlie and Mark (Boy Scout uniform) carry Chip's remains to his final resting place at Arlington National Cemetery.



Widow's Remarks

Dear Lee, How wonderful it was to see your smiling face at Chips service Thursday. It meant so much to have you there. I feel like I'm loosing touch with many Air Force friends since Chip is gone. Please continue to keep in touch with me.

I am totally overwhelmed by the photos. Are you a professional? They certainly look professional. I can never thank you enough and tell you how much the photos mean to me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Bless, Judy

[Editor's note, we have added Judy's email address to our chapter newsletter mail list. She is always invited to attend any chapter event as a guest]

National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial To Provide Complimentary Tickets - National Law Enforcement Officers Museum



National Law Enforcement Museum at the Motorola Solutions Foundation Building

Dear Lieutenant Colonel Chambers,

The <u>National Law Enforcement Museum</u> would like to offer first-year survivors of fallen law enforcement officers complimentary admission into the Museum from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020. If your officer's name will be engraved into

This year during Police Week, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial will recognize two Security Forces Airmen, Captain George Morris (End of Watch 04/03/1956 - Kirtland Air Force Base NM) and Staff Sergeant Todd J. Lobraico (End of watch 09/05/2013 - Stewart Air National Guard Base New York) who they added to the memorial this year. For prior year survivors, the museum provides a reduced rate. To schedule a visit or learn more about the museum, <u>click here</u>.

On behalf of Tech Sergeant Chris Walker, my committee cochair and the Eagle Chapter Board of Officers, we are honored to play a role with the Security Force units to have these two Airmen recognized.

Roll Call of Heroes 2019

You can download their wall locations by clicking here See the last page. They are among the 371 police officers who are being recognized this year - 158 officers were killed in 2018 and 213 from previous year.

This year, as shown in the image above, NLEOM is offering me along with the family and supporters a one year complimentary admission to the new National Law Enforcement Officers Museum.

Candlelight Vigil Webcast Registration

The memorial holds a Candlelight Vigil to officially recognize the names that are added this year. If you can't make it to DC this year for the Vigil, <u>click here to register to view the live</u> <u>Candlelight Vigil webcast on May 13, 2019.</u>

Eagle Chapter Board Meeting May 1, 2019

The next Eagle Chapter Board Meeting is **Wed May 1, 2019** at **8PM/2000**. 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! :-)

<u>Click here</u> to contact Chris Walker, our Chapter Secretary, for more information.



Chip - A final farewell. In one of my final visits with Chip, I saw him at the AFSFA Annual Meeting when it was held in DC a couple years ago, **he showed me that he still carries his Eagle Chapter Vice Chair Shenandoah Wing business card**.

Following Chip's internment, the family had a reception at Patton Hall Officers Club at Ft Meyer VA. The image of the above is of Chip's Eagle Chapter Vice Chair Shenandoah Wing name plate that was on display at the reception table sign-in page.



Through this and other artifacts on display at club reception table, you can clearly see that Chip was a very proud Security Policeman, strong family member, and an avid supporter of the Boy Scouts. It was his membership in Air Force Security Forces Association that he chose to accompany him in his grave at Arlington. **Atop the urn that**

contains his ashes, Chip has affixed an association coin that will join him on his journey in the hereafter. Thankyou again Judy for allowing us to share him with us! He will be missed.

A final reminder - April 20 - <u>This Saturday</u> Vietnam War Veterans Wall Wash! I hope to see you there!

Thanks for your continuing support!

Very best regards,

Lee

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