

Greetings Eagle Chapter Members and Friends!

Just a few days after becoming the Eagle Chapter Vice Chair, Delaware Wing, Danny Bishop hit the ground running by providing the chapter donation and flags to the 436th Security Forces Squadron as a token of our appreciation for their annual remembrance of the Korean War battle. Please see below.

We are just a few short weeks away from our first Vietnam War Veterans Memorial wall wash in Washington DC. See the new date in April in the article 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 February 27, 2019.

Eagle Chapter membership is free 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 Celebrates - 436th Security Forces 20th Observance Korean War Battle

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In the above photo, Airmen from the 436th Security Forces Squadron walk in the **20th Annual Battle of Chosin Reservoir Ruck March** on March 16, 2019, at the Air Mobility Command Museum on Dover Air Force Base, Del. Participants had the option to register as individual runners or in teams of four. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Mauricio Campino). Eagle Chapter sponsored four, four-person teams and provided Defensor Fortis flags for all SF participants.



In the photo at left, Eagle Chapter Vice Chair Senior Master Sergeant Danny Bishop of Delaware our Wina (left) presents Defensor Fortis flags and a check to (T)Sgt Brandon Trapp, the 436th Security

Forces Squadron Booster Club President in our efforts to sponsor the four SF Ruck March teams in the annual event.

For photos of this event, please click here

Congratulations to Lt Col Mike Morales and the 436th SFS for a job extremely well done. We are proud to do our small part.

Wall Wash Dates Awaiting National Park Service Approval - New Date in April



We have made our request of the available dates for 2019. Our new dates are the third Saturday in April and fourth Saturday in August (**April 20** and **August 24**) and we have requested an additional date on behalf of the <u>Vietnam</u> <u>Security Police Association</u> - October 12 - when they will be having an association meeting in Washington DC.

The October date is still in discussion as the date had not been made available because the street had been closed for a special event. **Washington Metro Police** has volunteered to allow VSPA to wash the wall if the National Park Service will agree. We are awaiting that decision.

Eagle Proud Warrior Brian Kolfage Continues to Build the Wall with On Air Town Hall Forum



Above, former Senior Airman Brian Kolfage (at left) our second Proud Warrior Airman continues his initiative to help the Commander-in-Chief build the wall at the southern border. Instead of sending the money raised to the government, this initiative is now collaborating with the federal government to build the wall separately through the We Build the Wall organization.

In the photo above, Brian participates in a We Build the Wall Town Hall on <u>One America News network</u> (OAN News Anchor, Brian McCabe at right) where he was joined by Steve Bannon, one of our favorite cops, Sheriff David Clark and others. **Attaboy Brian!** He has now raised over \$20 million. You can go to his <u>We Build the Wall</u> Website for more details.

March 6, Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen appeared before the US House Committee on Homeland Security to discuss the way forward on border security. You can see her statement by clicking here.



Air Force Security Forces Field New Handgun

The U.S. Air Force is rolling out the new Sig Sauer M18 pistol to Security Forces units. The 9mm handgun - the smaller counterpart to the M17 adopted under the Army's Modular Handgun System contract - replaces the Beretta M9, which has been in service since 1986. A variant of the Sig Sauer P320 that Sig Sauer donated to Eagle Chapter during our celebration of the 20th USAF Security Forces anniversary in 2017, the M18 will eventually replace 1950s era revolvers used to train military working dogs with blanks, as well as the M9 and M11.

For more information and a video on the new weapon, see the article and an Air Force Security Forces Center video at this link.

The P320 Nitron Carry 9mm was one of our tributes during our celebration of the 20th Anniversary USAF Security



Mission BBQ Welcome

Greetings... Many of us old-timers remember that fateful day when the letter arrived that forever changed our lives. For me, it turned out to be the best decision I've never made. With a draft number of 003, I knew it was just a matter of time. I held out and faced the music when my letter arrived and I ventured off to basic training in August 1972. I recognized a good thing when I saw it and decided to stay beyond my initial enlistment until I retired in April 1997.

Back then, we were cautioned not to wear our uniform in public. Now, to all of our Vietnam War veterans take advantage of good deals like this one and patronize those businesses like the one above that recognize the sacrifice and overdue appreciation; and, take a moment to remember the 56,000 of our brothers and sisters who died or did not make it home.

Eagle Chapter Board Meeting April 3, 2019

The next Eagle Chapter Board Meeting is **Wed April 3, 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.



One correction. Last month, I erroneously noted that Eagle Member, <u>SES-2</u>, John Fedrigo (at left) was the first SES assigned to HQ USAF Security Forces as the Deputy Director. As many of you know, Mr. <u>Dave Beecroft</u> was the first SES deputy when he joined the SF staff in

2008. We were fortunate to have Dave speak at an Eagle Chapter luncheon before he departed in his assignment at HQ A4S.



In 2015, Dave returned for a second stint as the Dep Director until his departure in early 2018. I attended one last event with Dave as he represented A4S at the annual remembrance of the assassination of two of our SF (Tech Sergeant Lemm and Staff Sergeant Bonacasa)

and four Air Force Office of Special Investigations at the Air Force Memorial in December 2017.



Today, <u>Ms Heidi Scheppers</u> serves as the Deputy Director, HQ USAF Security Forces. She replaced Dave April 2018.

Thanks for your continuing support!

Very best regards,

Lee

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