

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



In the photo above, previous President of the Vietnam Security Police Association, Steve Gattis, lays a coin at the Vietnam War Veterans memorial in Washington DC during an earlier Eagle Chapter Wall Wash.

This week-end, the Vietnam Security Police Association will be holding their annual meeting in Washington DC and on Saturday, this Saturday (Oct 12) not next Saturday, they will be having a wash at the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial. I will join them.

I look forward to seeing many of the VSPA members who have attended our chapter wall washes over the years and Chief Jones is again making another trip up from Charleston SC. See you Saturday.

Our annual chapter donation drive is in full swing. Your donations support our chapter as an IRS-approved 501(c) (17) Veterans Services Organization. We gladly provide receipts for your tax

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Very respectfully,

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We published our previous chapter newsletter on September 30, 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>

## **Commemorating Airman Jacobson**



Sondra Millman, Airman Jacobson's paternal grandmother who helped us design the above Proud Warrior Coin many years ago, has taken on a new mission! Fourteen years ago, September 28, 2005, Airman Jacobson (who lived with her grandmother at the time she enlisted in the Air Force, lost her life while providing security for an off-base convoy near Camp Bucca in Iraq when an improvised explosive device detonated under her vehicle. As you can imagine social media is a buzz during the period of the anniversary of her death. Sondra contacted me about selling the above coins. We developed these coins to help us finance the support that we provide to Security Forces Airmen who are medically evacuated from a combat zone to Walter Reed National Medical Center now in Bethesda MD. We have them for sell but we've hidden the webpage due to construction. So she has been working through our chapter's Eagle Exchange Manager, Eric Linneman, and the rest is history. She sold the following coins to the people shown as of about Tuesday and she's still going strong

Brandon Lape Patrick Air Base FL purchased 1 coin and donated \$50.00

Sid LaJeunesse - 5 coins

Kenneth Ellington -10 coins

John Gee - who's dad just turned 100, purchased a coin Billy Robinson purchased 2 chips and gave one to Sondra for her troubles

Jared Berg - purchased a chip for his high school friend, Elizabeth

Richard Hutchings purchased a coin and one chip.

Atta-girl Sondra! **That's quite a haul**. Thank-you 'Gram!' In the photo below, I presented a plaque to Sondra (and Cos) in 2015, on the 10th anniversary of her granddaughter's death during a ceremony at the Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Pompano Beach, Florida.



Congratulations! Eagle Vice Chair Air Force District of Washington - Karl Blinkinsop!



In the photo above, Eagle Chapter Vice Chair Air Force District of Washington, Karl Blinkinsop, is the master of ceremony for the Eagle Chapter hosted 50th Anniversary Wreath Laying Ceremony at Joint Base Anacostia Bolling Washington DC in 2018.

Our contact at the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force Administrative Assistant (SAF-AA) informed Karl late last month that the FY 2020 Air Force budget contains funds to update the lettering at the Maisey Building at JBAB. At our request, the funds will add "JR" to the name of the building and refurbish the lettering that became damaged during a storm. It was amazing to watch Karl in action. The installation commander, US Navy Captain Jose Rodriguez, immediately was on board our initiative. Karl actually filled out the paperwork and bird-dogged the initiative throughout the Air Force Funding cycle.

Karl has informed the Maisey family and they are ecstatic! Thanks again Karl!



On Display at the Air Force Security Forces

Museum - Commander-In-Chief Congratulations



In 2017, when we celebrated the 20th anniversary of the USAF Security Forces career field at Eagle Chapter luncheons at Dover, The Pentagon and Langley, plus we held a weapon raffle, we reached out to the White House to obtain a congratulatory letter from the Commander in Chief. The letter has finally found it's new home on display at the Feldman Auditorium at the USAF Security Forces Museum in San Antonio TX. See the above photo.

Our thanks to Ken Neal, an AFSFA member and volunteer docent at the museum, and especially to Bill Manchester, Director Airman Heritage Training Complex, Headquarters Air Education Training Center Command History Office, Randolph Air Force Base Texas for 'dressing up' the letter with a very nice frame and providing a prominent location to place it. I will send this to the White House to show that we clinched the deal. The would not give us a hard copy of the letter until I told them that we needed it to place at the museum. With the help of many, mission accomplished.

The photo shows the letter, very nicely framed by the museum. Again, thanks to Vietnam War Veteran Ken Neal for providing this image to us. <u>Click here to see the President's words to the force</u> on the letter.

The auditorium is named in honor of Colonel Albert Feldman, founder of the Air Force Security Police Museum Foundation.



# Reminder: October 13 - Free Family Fun Day + Museum Anniversary



The National Law Enforcement Museum is having a Free Family Fun day and Museum celebration on Sunday October 13. Pls click the image for more inforationand reserve your free tickets.

Reminder: White House Welcomes Eagle Chapter With a Self-Guided Tour



Our tour sponsor notified us of a public tour of the White House South Lawn Fall Garden Tour. The grounds will be open on Saturday, October 19, from 10:00 AM to 4:30 PM, and Sunday, October 20, from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM. On these days, visitors can the South Lawn of the White House. The Jacqueline

Kennedy Garden, Rose Garden, and the White House Kitchen Garden will also be accessible to guests. <u>Click here for more information</u>.

Reminder to our self-guided tour group, we must arrive 15 minutes ahead of time. The tour will last approximately 45 minutes. Please look through the "boarding pass" instructions for more information. Arrive hydrated and relieved. See you one week from today!!!



## **Eagle Chapter Board Meeting Nov 7, 2019**

The next Eagle Chapter Board Meeting is **Thursday November 7, 2019 at 8PM/2000**. The Eagle Chapter Board of Officers meet monthly on the first Wednesday of the month. Note this is a new meeting day for our monthly recurring meeting day!

Reminder: We are now meeting the first Thursday of the month instead of Wed.

**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.

In closing, our annual donation drive began on October 1. There has been one donation so far, our Chapter Secretary. I'm joining Chris and I'm making my donation for this month tonight. Please join me. Go to any page of our website to make a donation. Thank-you for your consideration.

All of our board members are volunteers. Your donations pay for this website, the post office box, the Proud Warrior gifts that our chapter provides to hospitalized warriors, the wreaths placed at the memorials, Defensor Fortis flags placed at grave sites at Arlington and the various programs shown throughout the year. When you give, please send a message to our board and let us know how we're doing. Thanks again and I hope to see you at an Eagle Chapter event.

Very best regards,

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