



## Greetings Eagle Chapter Members and Friends



This month, I had the awesome experience of meeting one of our Air Force finest, Master Sergeant Jahara A. Brown, a Security Force member who the Air Force recognized as one of the twelve outstanding Airmen of the Year. Eagle Chapter, along with two other chapters recognize the Security Force member (or members) who are among the 12. See the article below.

**October 1st starts our annual donation drive period.** As a reminder, *Eagle Chapter is an IRS-designated 501(c) 17 Veterans Services Organization.* So when you make your donation this year, you contribute to a vibrant organization that represents your interests and it will aid in your tax-exempt contributions. See your tax or accountant professional for details. Whether you send to our post office box or donate online via Pay Pal, our Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer provides a receipt for your tax records. The drive ends January 31, 2020. Please [contact me](#) for questions or more information.

Very respectfully,

Lee

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We published our previous chapter newsletter on August 19, 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. [Join us.](#)**

## **Eagle Chapter Congratulates SF Member and the other 12 Outstanding Airmen at AFA Gala Dinner**



**Reception line.** The Air Force Chief of Staff, General David L. Goldfein and his wife, Dawn (at left), greet Master Sergeant Jahara Brown and his wife, Lynn, at the reception line for the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year. Also shown above is Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Kaleth O. Wright and Eagle Chapter Chairman, Elia C. "Lee" Chambers, at right.

In the above photo, my timing was absolutely perfect. I just happened to be with MSgt Brown when I heard a whisper, "Enlisted Jesus." I knew the CMSgt of the Air Force was close. Enlisted Jesus is the nickname that the troops fondly use to refer to CMSgt Wright due the many stellar changes that he has made to improve the force.



Our chapter has been attending the annual Air Force Twelve Outstanding Airmen of the Year Dinner since 2003. Sponsored by the Air Force Association, the Airmen form the reception line about an hour before the dinner. Every

available Major Command Commander, their Chiefs and other

distinguished dignitary attend. Some MAJCOM commanders have a stack of coins where they present a MAJCOM Commander's coin to each of the twelve. I could tell by MSgt Brown's expression that he was very surprised and extremely appreciative of our presentation.



With much thanks to the Oklahoma Heartland Chapter and Pete Magwood Chapter (Albuquerque NM), we provided him a three year membership in AF Security Forces Association. Eagle Chapter also provided a letter of congratulations, Defensor Fortis flag, Eagle Chapter coin and other chapter memorabilia.

After having many years where the AFSFA membership form was never filled out, we now provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope and an application that only needs a mailing address and an email, to complete the application process. We look forward to hearing from AFSFA that MSgt Wright has in fact filled out the form.

AFA National Chairman, Whit Peters third photo, at left, aids Chief Wright with the award presentation. Mr. Peters is a former Secretary of the Air Force.

## White House Welcomes Eagle Chapter With a Self-Guided Tour



We have an awesome opportunity to have a self-guided tour of

the White House for a "small group" (six or less).

I initially asked our board of officers. Due to TDYs other conflicts, Karl Blinkinsop, Eagle's Vice Chairman Air Force District of Washington, was the only other board member who could attend. Karl picked Officer Smith, Pentagon Police Department, who will be attending with his wife. Officer Smith provides a super coordinator for us to escort visitors into our most daunting location - The Pentagon. Thanks to Karl for extending this invitation. If any of you have ever attended an Eagle Chapter function, there is one person we can always count to be in attendance - Eagle Chapter Member (and Vietnam War Veteran) Willie Squires. We initially only had one spot remaining when I asked him. Then when one of our active duty/Guard or Reserve invitees could not respond in time. I asked Willie if his wife, Yolanda, could attend and she graciously accepted. Yolanda is our most active spouse participant. So it was my pleasure that they both could attend.

**Reminder to our 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. No substitutions are permitted. Only the people who we've submitted for clearance are allowed. If you can't attend, we'll just be down one for that visit. Any questions prior to the event, please contact me. Thanks again for your responsiveness.



**One More Wall Wash!**





In case you have not heard, the Vietnam Security Police Association (VSPA) will be in town next month for their annual meet. **The National Park Service has granted them the opportunity to wash the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial, Saturday, October 19.** If you are interested in coming out, they extend an invitation to Eagle Chapter members and friends.

**Eagle Thanks.** I also want to thank VSPA President, Jerry Nelson, for extending an invitation for me to be a guest at their association's annual awards banquet. Of course, I accepted and thanks to Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) Gary Jones whose hands I detect had a role in this invitation. Thanks Chief!

**Another Two Defenders Lost to Suicide - 9 before the end of August and Now 10**



Last month, I presented this graphic showing that we had lost eight defenders to suicide deaths this year. Before the month had ended, we had our number ninth (9th) and before the middle of September, the tenth (10) Security Forces Airman had taken their life.

To my surprise, while researching the net to prepare for this newsletter, I discovered that the first SF suicide of the year for 2019 occurred right here in our back yard at Joint Base Andrews, [Airman Mesenburg](#). Click on his image below.



As a chapter, we don't know much how to face this issue. We started at last month's board meeting with an update from a previous Top Cop who advised how the field approached this issue during his time at HQ A4S. Being

informed is a necessary first step for us as a board in determining how we can support the career field as needed.

**To Joe and the folks at Andrews, I'm so sorry to hear of this loss. You're not in this alone! We feel it with you.**

**October 13 - Free Family Fun Day + Museum Anniversary**

The source of the SF badge graphic above and the words immediately below are from the Security Forces Networking and Mentoring Group on Facebook. I've updated the numbers and am providing for your info.

# EVENTS

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 information and reserve your free tickets.](#)

**What We Hold Dear - Former Director of Security Forces - Major General Tullos**

## **Headquarters U.S. Air Force**

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### **What We Hold Sacred**



**Brig Gen Andrea Tullos**  
**Director of Security Forces**

**U.S. AIR FORCE**

In her final act for Eagle Chapter, now Major General Tullos has obtained public affairs approval to release the presentation that she provided at the Eagle Chapter Luncheon at the Pentagon in July. [Please click here.](#)

The words were her own. She provides this presentation to the MAJCOMs with the intent for the commanders to customize this to their local mission. Hearing the Air Force Top Cop relate her words to these points - even for an old timer who don't know the acronyms that you guys speak - was superb. No matter whether you were an Air Police, Security Police, or Security Forces, you can relate to her words and the attached. If you did not attend, you missed one of our best attended luncheons at the Pentagon.

Be sure to look at the last slide. One of my troops once told me while I visited him on a lonely SAC post, "The Air Plane is still here, Lieutenant!" To that I say, Thank-you!

By the way, I can't tell you how much **we just loved working with Colonel Jay Meier! He's been superb and a great partner to us as the Top Cop Exec. Thank-you sir and very best wishes in your new job at the Pentagon. A hearty**

welcome to Major Select Thomas Uhl, the new A4S Top Cop Exec. You're standing in some tall shoes but I know you're totally on top of it.

## Eagle Chapter Board Meeting Oct 2, 2019

The next Eagle Chapter Board Meeting is **Thursday October 2, 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! :-)

[Click here](#) to contact Chris Walker, our Chapter Secretary, for more information.

**In closing.** For many of you who will see this newsletter tomorrow, while you're thinking about us, go ahead and write that check or go to our website and send your annual donation. If you haven't sent one for awhile or if you've never sent one, you can always start. I look forward to seeing you at a future Eagle Chapter event.

Very best regards,

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