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*On the 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedy, Points of Light salutes the volunteers who dedicate themselves to protecting our country and sharing their expertise with the next generation of defenders, from servicemen and women to first responders and counterintelligence experts like those who work with the Lint Center for National Security Studies, today's Daily Point of Light honoree.*

James Lint was a 19-year-old Marine on his second tour of duty in the Mediterranean when he had his first encounter with a national security threat. She was an attractive young Russian woman, as James remembers the story, and she took a real interest in the warship he served on. “She asked me what types of weapons we had aboard the ship, and whether it ran on nuclear power,” Lint recalls. At the conclusion of the conversation with the woman and remembering the annual counterintelligence class, he reported the incident to the Marine Corps Counterintelligence Team on ship. That moment shaped his career in national intelligence, and Lint retells the story to the young people he mentors through the [Lint Center for National Security Studies](#), a volunteer organization he started in 2007 to support educational advancement for the next generation of national security workers.

Run entirely by volunteers, the Lint Center offers a mentoring program that connects emerging leaders with professionals in the U.S. intelligence and national security field. More than 200 mentors, seasoned practitioners in their field, volunteer through the Lint Center to show younger people what they can do in the intelligence community. This enhances the study of national security issues and creates a natural bridge for the next

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generation to acquire “the lessons learned, the wisdom gleaned from experience and the knowledge attained in the trenches,” as Lint puts it.

According to Lint, “It is important that we grow a new and smarter counterintelligence and national security workforce to replace those of us who are retiring. If future leaders in the industry cannot see where they are going, then they should have a viable resource to ask current members of the defense and intelligence community that have been there before.”

Lint, now retired from both military and civilian intelligence service, knows outsiders get many of their ideas about the intelligence community from what they see on TV or at the movies. Lint points out that, by virtue of the important and highly sensitive role they play in securing America, intelligence and defense professionals cannot - and should not - draw attention to their work. This circumstance can create barriers to the public’s understanding of the work and the careers that exist in the national security field. But Lint sees value in the volunteer mentoring program to dispel the James Bond fantasies for those seriously considering a career in intelligence. “Surveillance work is not like what people see on TV,” he states, adding “There occasionally exciting days, but there are also many boring days.”

While the topic of national security will always be incredibly serious in nature, Lint Center Chief Operations Officer Timothy W. Coleman has found opportunities to smile, asking rhetorically, “If we didn’t have fun or it wasn’t a great group, why a volunteer would or mentor sign up or stay for that matter?” The Lint Center staff are enthusiastic about their role in bringing together mentors and mentees to transfer knowledge across generations. “We are an all-volunteer force,” Lint explains, “so every action is done through the generous donation of someone’s time, skillset and desire to see our mission succeed.”

The Lint Center also awards merit-based scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 to people pursuing educational opportunities in government and international affairs that can prepare them to serve the interests of national security. Volunteers from the intelligence community, department of defense, armed forces, treasury, justice department and other branches of government review the applications to select awardees. Coleman, himself a past recipient of a Lint Center scholarship, explains that students apply from schools all over the nation, and the awardees “must demonstrate their ability to think outside the box when it comes to national security.”

Since 2007, the Lint Center has awarded 32 scholarships, with financial support from corporate sponsors ranging from a global investment bank to a leading geopolitical intelligence firm. To Lint, making phone calls to students with the good news that they’ve been selected to receive a scholarship is always a happy occasion. Coleman agrees, having been on the receiving end of one of those calls. “After I hung up the phone with Mr. Lint, I was very excited,” he remembers.

Drawing on his career experience as a leader in the national security and intelligence community, retired Special Agent James Lint and the Lint Center for National Security Studies are preparing the next generation of professionals to protect our nation through volunteer-based career and education programs. “It’s my mission, the mission of the Lint Center, and I hope we will complete it,” says Lint of his volunteer mentors and protégés. On Patriot Day and every day, good work is happening in communities everywhere, powered by volunteers. Who’s making a difference where you live? Nominate an exceptional volunteer or organization today for the Daily Point of Light Award at: <http://www.pointsoflight.org/programs/recognition/dpol/nomination>

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## January 2014 Scholarship Recipients

*Lint Center for National Security Studies announces its recipients for the U.S. Army Counterintelligence Agent, Staff Sgt. Richard S. Eaton Jr., Scholarship and Lee and Byun International Relations and Cultural Awareness Scholarship*

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 15, 2014 – The Lint Center for National Security Studies, a non-profit charity, focused on supporting the educational pursuits of the next generation of America’s Counterintelligence and National Security Workers announced today that it would award two scholarships for the January 2014 scholarship term. The scholarship fund aims to promote and advance cross-cultural understanding and global insight into national security and counterintelligence issues.

William White from Norwich University received the Staff Sergeant Richard Eaton Jr. Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was created in honor of Staff Sgt. Richard Eaton, a United States Army Counterintelligence Special Agent and to support the educational pursuits of those studying fields related to Alliance Building, Counterintelligence, Cultural Understanding, and National Security.

The Lee and Byun International Relations and Cultural Awareness scholarship was awarded to an unidentified Member of the US Naval Academy. The Scholarship aims to recognize those who revere

## Benefits of Scholarship Giving

- Your name or company on tax deductible scholarship
- Your name or company on US webpage with thanks.
- Your opportunity to mentor scholar and work with a US Charity.
- Build a US relationship for company or family
- Formal Letter of Appreciation

freedom, demonstrate an unbridled enthusiasm for liberty, and strive through hard work to secure the promise of opportunity.

Due to the generosity and continued support of the world’s leading private intelligence company, Strategic Forecasting, Inc. ([www.Stratfor.com](http://www.Stratfor.com)), both scholarship recipients will also receive a one-year subscription to Stratfor’s Subscription Service which includes industry leading intelligence reports providing situational awareness, geopolitical analysis, and analytically rigorous forecasting.



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## **SCHOLARSHIPS**

- **Army Staff Sgt. Richard S, Eaton Jr. Scholarship (\$1,000)**
- **Lee and Byun International Relations and Cultural Awareness Scholarship (\$500)**

<http://lintcenter.org/Scholarships.htm>

### **Requirements:**

- Application Form
- Personal Essay
- National Security Essay
- 2 recommendation Letters

**Deadline: Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

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## Scholarship Winner Spotlight



William Robert White is a native of Berlin, MD, a resort town on Maryland's Eastern Shore. He graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in Berlin in 2006. He was a member of the Naval Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (NJROTC) in all four years while attending Stephen Decatur. While tending to his studies, William also worked two jobs, was an active member of the Boy Scouts of America and commanded the drill team for the Stephen Decatur NJROTC.

Following high school, he originally enrolled at Texas A&M University as a history major. While attending he served as a member of the Corps of Cadets.

At the end of his first year of college William returned to Maryland to assist his family financially and decided to join the Maryland Army National Guard. After returning from the United States Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, GA in late 2008, William returned to University level studies at Salisbury University in Salisbury, MD where he majored in History and minored in Political Science with concentrations in military history and international conflict. During this time he authored numerous research papers, one of which regarding the early American conflict with the Barbary States was presented at a university undergraduate research conference. Immediately after graduating with his Bachelor's degree in 2010, Mr. White was deployed to the Sinai Peninsula of Egypt for one year at the height of the Egyptian Revolution to assist in the enforcement of the Camp David Accords between Egypt and Israel. After one year overseas, William returned home and was promoted into a position of leadership within his rifle company and also began graduate studies at Norwich University.

Currently, Mr. White is pursuing his Master of Arts degree in Diplomacy and International Relations with a specialization in international and transnational conflict. He has plans to expand his studies in a Master's of Military History in the near future. Recently, Mr. White has been awarded the prestigious Lint Center for National Security Studies Staff Sergeant Richard S. Eaton scholarship to continue his studies in foreign policy. He was also named the Brigade Non-Commissioned Officer of the year (2013) for the 58<sup>th</sup> Battlefield Surveillance Brigade of the Maryland National Guard.

When asked about his career aspirations, William often remarks on how lucky he is to serve his country from two viewpoints. "I have the amazing opportunity to work as both a soldier and a civilian; to make policy and to carry it out, all across the globe. We live in an extraordinary era in which we have the best chance we have ever had to significantly improve the lives of every person on the planet in a meaningful way," says William. He has indicated it is his plan to remain in the National Guard while pursuing a career in foreign policy, either in the public or private sector. "I plan to work wherever I can make the most difference at that time, whether it be an entity of the federal government, a non-government organization, or a private company working to better lives and American foreign policy. Wherever the most impact can be made, that is where I'll be."

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## IN THE PRESS

**"Investing in people often generates the greatest Return on Investment"**

"This award was won because of the hard work and dedication of our all-volunteer force. None of this would have been possible had it not been for our incredible team, their tireless efforts, and their passion to execute on the mission at hand. This is their award and I wish to thank all of the Lint Center volunteers, past and present, for all that they do and continue to do so"

-James R. Lint

Source: [Homeland Security Today](#)

**"Stratfor Proudly Supports the Lint Center for National Security Studies"**



"As a leading geopolitical intelligence and consulting firm that provides strategic analysis and forecasting to individuals and organizations around the world, Stratfor welcomes the opportunity to support aspiring national security and intelligence community workers. On this 13th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on our country, we are solemnly reminded of the serious challenges facing policy and decision makers as they strive to navigate the complexities of global geopolitical issues. Stratfor proudly supports the Lint Center for National Security Studies in its ongoing quest to identify and mold the next generation of counterintelligence and national security leaders, and we congratulate the entire Lint Center team for this important and well-deserved honor from the Points of Light organization."

-Fred Burton, Vice President of Intelligence at Stratfor ([www.stratfor.com](http://www.stratfor.com))

Source: [Marine Corps League](#)

**"I invest in stocks for my future, but I invest in people for the country"**

Founded by retired Special Agent James Lint, the Lint Center's primary focus is to provide support for the next-generation of America's national security workforce. Its simple mission statement is to provide a "support system for those who serve freedom around the world. Designed to "Empower, Enhance, Enable"

Kay Lee Nicholas, Director and Scholarship Committee Member for the Lint Center notes, "We created the Lint Center to fill a niche void, one that teamed emerging and talented national security rookies with veterans in the national security community. The old saying that 'rookies make rookie mistakes' is a truism, however, the number and severity does not have to be of that cardinal reality. Lint Center scholarships and our mentoring program strive to elucidate that end."

Chief Operations Officer and the first Lint Center scholarship recipient Timothy W. Coleman reflects on the sentiment of the Center.

"When I first started volunteering at the Lint Center, I asked Mr. Lint why he decided to create the Center and why providing mentoring opportunities as well as scholarships to young, emerging leaders was important to him. Really, I wanted to know why he and the other members of the Center dedicated time, energy, effort and financial resources to basically help perfect strangers.

He paused briefly and said simply: "Tim, I invest in stocks for my future, but I invest in people for the country."

That was an important observation and it conveyed a powerful sentiment as to what motivates an organization and the people that work to see it succeed. I knew then, as I do now more than ever that the purpose and motivation that drive us forward is simply to give back – to empower, enhance and enable."

-Lisa M. Ruth, [Communities Digital News](#)

**Points of Light Award "Well Deserved" Says Lyman**

"From my interaction with Tim Coleman over the past two years as the Editor-in-Chief of this website, and from publishing a number of articles by Lint Center volunteers, I can attest to the fact that it is well deserved. Well done and congratulations!"

-John Lyman, International Policy Digest

Source: [International Policy Digest](#)

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**OPEN POSITIONS**

- Volunteer Management
- Marketing
- Public Relations
- Grant Writing
- Fundraising
- Blog Writing
- Video Production
- Mentor Care
- Web/Graphic Design

Be a part of  
something **BIG**  
and **GROWING**

The Lint Center for National Security Studies is seeking motivated college students and reliable professionals to

join its team of virtual volunteers. The Lint Center awards merit-based scholarships to college students, hosts a forum on national security issues, and facilitates a mentorship program to connect emerging leaders with senior industry professionals. LC has openings in several departments and also invites interns and volunteers to create their own projects in areas of interest. Please note that all activities at the Lint Center are conducted by unpaid volunteers. To join the LC team and start making an impact today, please visit <http://www.lintcenter.org/2009/volunteers.htm>.



BUILD RESUME | EXPAND NETWORK | GIVE BACK  
DEVELOP SKILL SET | VOLUNTEER FROM HOME |  
CONNECT WITH PROFESSIONALS | INVEST IN  
FUTURE LEADERS | EARN SERVICE HOURS | GAIN  
EXPERIENCE | EXPLORE YOUR PASSION | LEAVE A LEGACY



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## Q& A with Lint

### 1. *How many people volunteer with the Lint Center?*

We have two different types of core-volunteer teams that make up the lifeblood of the Center and conduct all of its day-to-day and long-term activities.

The first type of volunteer is the dedicated men and women of our Mentoring Team. These individuals are active and retired real world practitioners within the military, defense, intelligence, and academic communities. These individuals serve in a strategic capacity and in an advisory role, helping us mentor individual scholarship winners. We match scholarship winners based on a number of criteria, including their specific focus-area of study and desired area of future professional employment.

Just as you wouldn't seek advice from a physicist about how to do your taxes, we strive to match our mentees or students with subject matter experts in their particular field of interest, whether it be counterintelligence, cyber security, linguistics, diplomacy, defense or any other relevant aspect of U.S. national security. By matching a student with an experienced and knowledgeable mentor, we provide the student with the opportunity to ask the questions they truly want answered and need to know in order to make informed, critical life choices. At present, we have over 200 mentors we can reach out to for assistance.

The second type of volunteer is comprised of those individuals who drive day-to-day operations. These folks are the very core of the organization and are the ones who do the heavy lifting. The volunteers donate their time to assist with every facet of the Center's priority efforts, from volunteer recruitment and retention to marketing, public relations, blogging, web development, administration, and more.

Currently, the Lint Center has 26 active volunteers. Since the start of our Virtual Volunteering Program, we have had over 75 volunteers contribute to Lint Center projects. All personnel are non-paid volunteers.

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

*Tuesday, December 2, 2014 is the 3<sup>d</sup> annual celebration of #GivingTuesday.*

All donations and contributions to the Lint Center are allocated solely to the Center's scholarship funds. All action and activities by the Lint Center are conducted by unpaid staff and volunteers. The

Center is Veteran and minority operated and managed.

## Volunteer Spotlight



Traci Brinling  
with the Lint Center since June 2014

Traci Brinling joined the Lint Center as a Video Production Volunteer in June 2014. Originally from the New England area, Traci graduated with a bachelor's degree in Communication from The University of Massachusetts Amherst. She spent eight years working in consumer marketing in New York City and then decided to move to Boston to pursue a job opportunity in Healthcare Marketing. Experiencing a recent lay off, Traci decided that this was an opportune time to follow her true passion of working in video editing and production. She has taken the entrepreneurial path and started her own business, Traci B. Productions (<http://www.tracibproductions.com>).

Traci discovered the Lint Center while looking for internships and volunteer work in video production. She has always had an interest in the intelligence field and decided that this opportunity would be a perfect way to use her skills to contribute to a great cause. Currently, she is working on a compelling video that will highlight our mission and shed awareness on an industry that often goes unrecognized due to the nature of our work. Expect to see this video on our website by the end of the year!

Find us on:

