

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2014

Welcome

President Dave Shiller opened the meeting at 7:30. The meeting was held at the Lockheed Martin Corporate Business Development facility located at 985 Space Center Dr., Suite 225. A list of attendees is included at the bottom of these minutes.

President's Comments (Dave Shiller)

AFA State Awards Banquet and Quarterly Meeting

The annual AFA State Awards Banquet was held July 18th at Doolittle Hall (the Air Force Academy Association of Graduates (AOG) building) on Air Force Academy grounds. Our chapter hosted this year's banquet with over 140 guests in attendance from the four AFA State Chapters as well as numerous military award winners and their Commanders. Our guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Alvin Drew, shuttle astronaut. A big thank you goes out to all those who help plan and execute the banquet. President Dave Shiller and Treasure Barbara Binn were instrumental in the banquet being a success.

On Saturday morning (July 19th), AFA State officials held a quarterly meeting at the Space Foundation facility located on Garden of the Gods Blvd. Ms. Kari Hahn, AFA National Field Operations Director attended the session. A big thank you for arranging the meeting location goes to AFA member Chuck Zimkas.

General Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest

The Sijan Chapter is sponsoring the first annual General Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay contest. AFA Sijan Chapter member Roy Griggs has lead efforts for the essay contest in coordination with HQ AFSPC. He selected the essay topic, determined the schedule and organized judges. The purpose of the contest is to stimulate thought, discussion and debate on matters relating to how the Air Force and AFSPC provide space and cyberspace capabilities for the Joint Force and the Nation. The *Air and Space Power Journal* will publish the top three essays and our Chapter will award over \$2,000 in prizes. The Chapter received twenty essays by the July 31, 2014 suspense date. Judging is now underway and is expected to be completed by the end of August. The date, location and event for announcing essay winners is being determined. Stay tuned for further information.

Air Force Wounded Warriors

Members of the Air Force Wounded Warriors sports teams were in Colorado Springs August 2 – 8th participating in training camps. The camps were held at the Air Force Academy and U.S. Olympic Training Center. Air Force Wounded Warriors will be back in Colorado Springs September 22 – 26 in preparation of the inter-service Warrior Games scheduled for September 27 – October 5. Our Chapter hosted a kickoff reception at the Antlers' Hilton Hotel on Saturday, August 2nd and we provided a

catered lunch to the athletes on August 5th. The Chapter is asking all members to plan to attend the Warrior games in September and support our wounded athletes.

IMAGE Golf Tournament

The annual IMAGE Golf Tournament was held Friday, August 8th at the Peterson AFB Golf Course (Silver Spruce). Over 90 golfers participated in the tournament. As always, all proceeds from the tournament were split evenly between the local NDIA, AFCEA and AFA Chapters and are being used to fund educational scholarships given by the three organizations. Once again, a big thank you goes out to all those Chapter members who volunteered to help with registration, hole set up (longest drive, closest to the pin, etc.) and filling gift bags.

AFA Mentorship Program

Roy Griggs and Gayle White are leading the Chapter's AFA Mentorship Program. The program, initiated by AFA National, is designed to assist Air Force personnel with their transition to civilian life. This program, Airmen Helping Airmen, will put recently retired or separating AF personnel in touch with a mentor in their field of work. Roy is coordinating our efforts with local Base TAP program representatives. A kickoff reception is planned for August 28 at 6:00 pm at the Peterson Club to brief mentor volunteers on duties and responsibilities. Contact Roy Griggs or Gayle White for more information about volunteering for the program.

2015 Air Force Ball

Air Force Ball committee members are meeting with Broadmoor Hotel representatives to reserve a date for next year's ball. Dates in February, March and April are being considered which do not conflict with other local and national events. Stay tuned for further information.

2014 AFA National Convention

Thirteen state delegates are attending this year's national convention, September 13 & 14th at the Gaylord Hotel in Washington D.C. President Dave Shiller will be attending and representing for our Chapter.

Chapter Board Elections

Elections for next year's Sijan Chapter board are right around the corner. Any chapter member interested in serving can contact any current board member.

Secretary's Report (Tom Ocvirk)

July meeting minutes were published and posted to the Chapter web site.

Treasurer's Report (Barbara Binn)

Income and expenses for the previous month were reviewed and discussed. The Chapter did not receive any income in July other than savings account interest. Expenses for the month included: a donation to the Challenger Learning Center, support the Peterson AFB STEM Rocks event, support of the Senior NCO Induction Ceremony and our Chapter's donation to Snofest 2015.

Vice President Reports

VP, Community Partners (Jeri Andrews)

Our Sijan Chapter received AFA National's Gold award. The award was announced at the 2014 AFA State banquet. A big thank you goes to Jeri Andrews for reinvigorating our Community Partners program.

VP, Aerospace Education & Scholarships (Lt Col Kimberly Fox)

Teachers of the Year

Our two TOYs precipitants were presented their awards along with our Chapter's donation at the AFA State banquet.

VP, Communications Report (Bill Houth)

Bill continues construction a new Chapter web site. The new site will be more user friendly and will provide greater capability. The site has unlimited server space. When activated, the new web site will run in parallel with the old site for several months.

VP, Veteran's Affairs (Kevin Estrem)

No update was provided.

Chapter Events & Activities

Events

Events attended by Chapter Officials in July and early August included:

- HQ and Wing Quarterly Award Ceremonies (July)
- Deployed Spouses Day at the Zoo (July)
- Colorado AFA State Banquet (July 18)
- Colorado AFA State Meeting (July 19)
- Schriever Essay Contest Paper Due Date (July 30)
- AF Wounded Warrior Team Visit (August 4 - 8)
- IMAGE Golf Tournament (August 8)
- Pikes Peak Regional Air Show (August 9 & 10)

Upcoming Events & Activities

- Range Riders Sponsor Reception (August 20)
- STEM Rocks at Peterson AFB (August 23)
- Mentorship Program Reception (August 28)
- AFA National Convention (September 12 – 14)
- Multi-Sponsor Luncheon w/Gen Hyten (Sept)
- Air Force Wounded Warrior Training Camp (September 22 – 26)
- Warrior Games (September 27 – October 5)
- Chapter Board Elections (September)

Other Business

None

Next Meeting: September 9, 2014 at the Lockheed Martin office on Space Center Drive (Suite 225) at 7:30 am

Attendees

Dave Shiller

Linda Aldrich

Tom Ocvirk

William (Bill) Houth

Bob Cooper

Gayle White

Roy Griggs

Chuck Zimkas (by phone)

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