

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes – July 15, 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 will be held July 18th at Doolittle Hall (the Air Force Academy Association of Graduates (AOG) building) on Air Force Academy grounds. Our chapter is hosting this year's banquet. Our guest speaker for the evening is Mr. Alvin Drew, shuttle astronaut. Banquet registration currently stands at 118.

Following the banquet on Saturday morning (July 19th), AFA State officials will hold a quarterly meeting. The meeting will be held at the Space Foundation facility located on Garden of the Gods Blvd. Ms. Kari Hahn, AFA National Field Operations Director will attend the session. A big thank you for arranging meeting accommodations 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 continues to lead efforts for the essay contest in coordination with HQ AFSPC. 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. To date, the Chapter has received interest from eight to ten individuals with four essays having been submitted. The final day to submit an essay is July 31, 2014. A panel of judges will review submitted essays with an award announcement expected in the August / September timeframe.

AFA President Visit

AFA President (General Retired) Craig McKinley visited the AFA Mile High Chapter on June 23 & 24. He participated in the Mile High Golf Tournament on June 23rd and met with State and Chapter leaders in the evening and following day.

AFA Sijan Chapter Sky Sox Day

Once again Chapter member Dan Beatty organized our Chapter's day at Sky Sox stadium. Chapter members attended the Sky Sox game on June 29th.

Air Force Wounded Warriors

Members of the Air Force Wounded Warriors sports teams are scheduled to participate in sports training camps at the United States Air Force Academy August 4 – 8 and again September 22 – 26 in preparation of the inter-service Warrior Games scheduled for September 27 – October 5. Sijan officers are attempting to schedule speaking engagements at local Bases so the Wounded Warriors can share their stories.

Image Golf Tournament

Planning for the annual Image Golf Tournament is underway. This year's tournament is scheduled for Friday, August 8th at the Peterson AFB Golf Course (Silver Spruce). As always, all proceeds from the tournament are split evenly between the local NDIA, AFCEA and AFA Chapters and are used to fund educational scholarships given by the three organizations. Volunteers are needed for registration, hole set up (longest drive, closest to the pin, etc.). Anyone wanting to volunteer should contact Barry Patterson (Lockheed Martin) or Sharon White.

AFA Mentorship Program

Roy Griggs and Gayle White continue to lead 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 being planned for either August 28 or September 4 to brief mentor volunteers on the duties and responsibilities. Contact Roy Griggs or Gayle White for more information about volunteering for the program as well as the date, time and location for the mentor reception.

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 and March are being considered which do not conflict with other local and national events.

Secretary's Report (Tom Ocvirk)

June 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. Income our Chapter received in May included savings account interest and our Chapter's quarterly subsidy from AFA National. Expenses for the month included: Quarterly HQ and Wing Award Winner AFA memberships, a donation to the deployed spouses organization and two Teacher of the Year donations.

Vice President Reports

VP, Community Partners (Jeri Andrews)

Jeri was unable to attend the meeting and an update was not provided.

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

Teachers of the Year

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

VP, Communications Report (Bill Houth)

Bill is constructing 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 April included:

- AFA President McKinley Visit – Denver (June 23)
- HQ AFSPC Community Leader Golf Tournament (June 27)
- AFA Sijan Chapter Day at the Sky Sox baseball game (June 29)

Upcoming Events & Activities

- 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)
- STEM Rocks at Peterson AFB (August 23)
- Multi-Sponsor Luncheon w/Gen Hyten (Sept)
- Warrior Games (September 22 – October 5)

Other Business

None

Next Meeting: August 12, 2014 at the Lockheed Martin office on Space Center Drive (Suite 225) at 7:30 am

Attendees

Dave Shiller

Linda Aldrich

Tom Ocvirk (by phone)

William (Bill) Houth

Barbara Binn

Gayle White

Roy Griggs (by phone)

Chuck Zimkas (by phone)