

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes – June 17, 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)

Chapter News Articles in Signal Magazine

The Sijan Chapter is receiving outstanding coverage in the AFA Signal magazine. Many thanks go out to Linda Aldrich for coordinating and submitting news articles about our Chapter's support to local Air Force Bases and community. Continue to look for articles and pictures in future Signal magazines.

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 one essay already having been submitted.

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. 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.

AF Memorial at Memorial Park

President Dave Shiller and his son Kyle cleaned up and repainted portions of the Air Force Memorial in preparation of Memorial Day ceremonies. As Sijan members may remember, Kyle Shiller refurbished the Air Force Memorial last year as his Eagle Boy Scout project. He repaired the cracked concrete; sand blasted the old paint and repainted the Memorial. Once again, a big thank you go out to David and Kyle.

Air Force Academy Outstanding Squadron Award

The Air Force Academy Outstanding Squadron trophy was presented at the USAFA Awards Parade on May 26th. State and National academic awards were presented later in the day at the academics awards ceremony. President Dave Shiller attended both events and presented the awards.

AFA President Visit

AFA President (General Retired) Craig McKinley will visit the AFA Mile High Chapter on June 23 & 24. He will participate in the Mile High Golf Tournament scheduled for the 23rd and meet 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 will be attending the Sky Sox game, 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. Sijan officers are attempting to schedule speaking engagements at local Base so the Wounded Warriors can share their stories. Look for more information regarding speaking engagements (times and locations) in future minutes and on the Chapter web site.

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.

Secretary's Report (Tom Ocvirk)

May 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, a member donation, and Community Partner registrations. Expenses for the month included: Pitzensbarger Award, Pikes Peak Council membership, Community Partner payment to AFA National; and software for a new web site.

Vice President Reports

VP, Community Partners (Jeri Andrews)

Community Partner June renewals are being sent out. Raytheon Corporation is the only AFA State Banquet sponsor. All community sponsors are being contacted.

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

Teachers of the Year

Our two TOYs precipitants are up for TOY State awards. Stay tuned for further information.

Scholarships

Seven students received scholarship awards. Awards were presented by Linda Aldrich at various High School award ceremonies. The Chapter was unable to host a separate awards ceremony as a majority of the awardees were unavailable to receive their awards at a reception.

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. 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:

- Colorado State AFA Meeting at Estes Park (May 3)
- Harrison High School Jr ROTC Awards Ceremony (May 6)
- Garcia Scholarship Award Presentation (May 6)
- Cyber Patriot State Winner Awards Presentation (May 8)
- Teacher of the Year (Bryce McLean) Presentation at Coronado High School (May 8)
- Armed Forces Day Luncheon – Table Sponsor (May 13)
- Teach of the Year Presentation to Ms. Katie Hobbs at the Widefield School District Board Meeting (May 15)
- Peterson AFB CCAF Pitzenbarger Award Presentation (May 22)
- USAFA Outstanding Squadron Award Presentation (May 26)
- Outstanding USAFA Engineering Graduate Award Presentation (May 26)

Upcoming Events & Activities

- 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)
- 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)
- IMAGE Golf Tournament (August 8)
- Pikes Peak Regional Air Show (August 9 & 10)
- STEM Rocks at Peterson AFB (August 23)
- Warrior Games (September 22 – October 5)

Other Business

None

Next Meeting: July 8, 2014 at the Lockheed Martin office on Space Center Drive (Suite 225) at 7:30 am

Attendees

Dave Shiller

Barbara Binn

Tom Ocvirk (by phone)

William (Bill) Houth (by phone)

Sharon White

Gayle White

Maj Glenn Richard

Jeri Andrews (by phone)

Hank Scarangella (by phone)