

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes – May 13, 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 will receive coverage in upcoming AFA Signal magazines as a result of Linda Aldrich's efforts submitting news articles about our Chapter's support to local Air Force Bases and community. Look for articles and pictures in future Signal magazines beginning with the June issue.

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 is leading the effort to initiate 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 five to six individuals.

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. 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.

Sky Sox Tickets to Airmen

As in previous years, our Chapter purchased 300 Sky Sox baseball tickets to be given to local airmen. The tickets will be given to Command Chiefs for distribution to the airmen.

AF Memorial at Memorial Park

President Dave Shiller and his son Kyle are refreshing the Air Force Memorial in preparation of Memorial Day ceremonies. They will repaint portions of the memorial which received wear over the winter months. 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 will be presented at the Awards Parade on May 26th. State and National academic awards will be presented later in the day at the academics awards ceremony. President Dave Shiller will attend both events and present 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.

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.

Secretary's Report (Tom Ocvirk)

April meeting minutes were published by Linda Aldrich 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 April included savings account interest, final Air Force Ball sponsorship checks, and Community Partner registrations. Expenses for the month included Junior ROTC support; scholarship donations; Community Partner payment to AFA National; and Chapter administration fees (stamps, and P.O. Box rental fee).

Vice President Reports

VP, Community Partners (Jeri Andrews)

No report was available as Jeri was unable to attend the meeting.

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

Teachers of the Year

Two TOYs were selected. Katie Hobbs was selected as the Chapter's Elementary TOY and Bryce McLean (Harrison H.S.) was selected for our Chapter's Junior/High School TOY. Congratulations to both teachers.

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)

The 1Q2014 Chapter newsletter is published and posted to the Chapter's web site. In addition to his duties to publish the newsletter and maintain the Chapter web site, Bill Houth is investigating an alternate web site to host the Chapter's web page. The web site is free to use but there is a cost (\$200.00) to purchase the necessary software. The site is more user friendly and provides greater capability. The site has unlimited server space.

VP, Veteran's Affairs (Kevin Estrem)

No update was provided.

Chapter Events & Activities

Events

Events attended by Chapter Officials in April included:

- Scholarship Board (April 28)
- Chapter Reports and awards turned in to State (April 30)

Upcoming Events & Activities

- 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 Luncheon (May 13)
- Teacher of the Year (Katie Hobbs) Presentation (May 15)
- Peterson AFB CCAF Graduation Ceremony & Pitzenbarger Award presentation (May 22)
- USAFA Outstanding Squadron presentation (May 26)
- Outstanding USAFA Engineer graduate presentation (May 26)

- AFA Western Region Webinar (May 31)
- McKinley Visit – Denver (Jun 23)

Other Business

None

Next Meeting: June 10, 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

Sharon White

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