

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes – November 18, 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)

General Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest

The Sijan Chapter sponsored the first annual General Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay contest and it was a huge success. AFA Sijan Chapter member Roy Griggs led efforts for the essay contest in coordination with HQ AFSPC. He was responsible for selecting the essay topic, determining the schedule and organizing 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 complete and the winners were award their prizes at a ceremony held at HQ AFSPC. There were three winning papers and three honorable mention papers. Planning is underway for next year's essay contest. Any Chapter member wanting to assist with 2015 essay planning should contact Roy or any Chapter Board member.

2015 Air Force Ball

The 2015 Air Force Ball will be held Friday, March 20, 2015 at the Broadmoor Hotel. Anyone interested in assisting with Ball planning and execution can contact any Sijan Chapter Board member. Volunteers are needed. Both Lockheed Martin and Boeing will be Platinum sponsors. Raytheon will be a Gold level sponsor. Gentle Rain Disc Jockey will play after dinner music.

Chapter Board Elections

Elections for next year's Sijan Chapter board are underway. Ballots were sent out with voting closing by the end of November.

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. Volunteers are needed to act as mentors to out-processing or retiring Air Force service members. Contact Roy Griggs or Gayle White for more information about volunteering for the program.

Community Partner and Volunteer Recognition Reception

The annual Community Partner and Volunteer Recognition reception was held Wednesday, November 19th at the National Space Foundation. The reception was well attended by Chapter Community Partners and Chapter volunteers.

Cyber Patriot Program

Twenty Four local high school cyber patriot teams (11-Service Division, 12-Open Division, 1-Middle School) are enrolled in the competition. Falcon, Vista Ridge, Air Academy, Lewis Palmer, Fountain-Fort Carson, and Civil Air Patrol are participating.

Space Patriot Program

Planning has begun on a Space Patriot Program which parallels the Cyber Patriot Program. The goal of the program is to encourage participation and interest in space by junior and senior high students. Means for encouraging interest in space are being considered and discussed. Means currently under consideration are on-line satellite computer games and high altitude balloon launches. Program planning is currently in the conceptual stage. National and Chapter AFA representatives are meeting with HQ AFSPC officials.

Pearl Harbor Memorial Day

The chapter is seeking volunteers to attend and represent the Chapter at the local Pearl Harbor Memorial Day event held at Memorial Park. The Chapter will donate \$250.00 to the event to help defray costs.

Secretary's Report (Tom Ocvirk)

October 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 received income from AFA National, Community Partners, Air Force Ball sponsors and from checking account interest. Expenses for the month included: Wing Award Winner AFA memberships and gift cards, payment for an Air Force Wounded Warrior meal, postage, General Douglas' reception, and Essay Contest winner prizes.

Vice President Reports

VP, Community Partners (Jeri Andrews)

Jeri continues to send out notices to Community Partners to renew their memberships. New community partners are being sought.

VP, Aerospace Education & Scholarships (Linda Aldrich)

Planning for 2015 scholarships is underway. Essay topics are being considered and judges are being identified. An announcement regarding how to apply will be forthcoming.

VP, Communications Report (Bill Houth)

The Chapter web site is being updated.

VP, Veteran's Affairs (Kevin Estrem)

No update was provided.

Chapter Events & Activities

Events

Events attended by Chapter Officials in October included:

- Inter-Service Warrior Games (September 27 – October 5)
- USAFA Quarterly Awards Luncheon (October 23)
- 21SW Quarterly Awards Breakfast (October 30)
- HQ AFSPC Quarterly Awards (October 31)
- Schriever Essay Winners Presentation (October 31)

Upcoming Events & Activities

- 50SW Quarterly Awards Breakfast (November 3)
- Veteran's Day – Parade (November 8)
- Veteran's Day Wreath Laying (November 11)
- Chapter Board Elections (November)
- YMCA Holiday Party (December 2)
- Team Peterson Quarterly Awards Breakfast (December 2)
- Tri-Command Holiday Party (December 6)
- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony (December 7)
- State AFA Meeting (January 10) – Sijan Chapter hosting
- SNOFEST (January 23 – 25)
- USAFA Wing Open (February 19)

Other Business

None

Next Meeting: TBD

Attendees

Dave Shiller

Linda Aldrich

Tom Ocvirk

Barbara Binn

Bob Cooper

Gayle White (by phone)

TSgt Tim Tichawa

Bill Houth

Sharon White (by phone)

Vivian Firman (Silver Wings)

Bailey Eppard (Silver Wings)

Jerry Andrews (by phone)