

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes – October 14, 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. 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 are being notified. There are three winning papers and three honorable mention papers. Planning is underway as to when and where the winners will be announced and the awards presented.

Air Force Wounded Warriors

Air Force Wounded Warriors were back in Colorado Springs September 22 – 26. They were preparing for the inter-service Warrior Games which were held September 27 – October 5. Our Chapter assisted athletes in preparing for the inter-service games. We paid for a lunch for all athletes.

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. Entertainment is being researched.

2014 AFA National Convention

Thirteen state delegates attended this year's national convention, September 13 & 14th at the Gaylord Hotel in Washington D.C. President Dave Shiller, VP Linda Aldrich, Barbara and Brian Binn and Sharon White attended and represented 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.

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.

Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

Support to have the Sijan Chapter designated as non-profit organization that can receive CFC donations was put on hold by AFA National.

Community Partner and Volunteer Recognition Reception

The annual Community Partner and Volunteer Recognition reception will be held Wednesday, November 19th at the National Space Foundation. The reception will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Cyber Patriot

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.

Secretary's Report (Tom Ocvirk)

September 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, and from checking account interest. Expenses for the month included: Wing Award Winner AFA memberships and Essay Contest winner prizes.

Vice President Reports

VP, Community Partners (Jeri Andrews)

No update was provided.

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

No update was provided.

VP, Communications Report (Bill Houth)

No update was provided.

VP, Veteran's Affairs (Kevin Estrem)

No update was provided.

Chapter Events & Activities

Events

Events attended by Chapter Officials in August included:

- AFA National Convention, Gaylord Hotel, Washington D.C. (September 12 – 14)
- Retiree Appreciation Day (September 13)
- Air Force Wounded Warrior Training Camp (September 22 – 26)
- Warrior Games (September 27 – October 5)

Upcoming Events & Activities

- USAFA Quarterly Awards Luncheon (October 23)
- 21SW Quarterly Awards Breakfast (October 30)
- HQ AFSPC Quarterly Awards (October 31)
- Schriever Essay Winners Presentation (October 31)
- 50SW Quarterly Awards Breakfast (November 3)
- Veteran's Day – Parade and Wreath Laying (November 11)
- Chapter Board Elections (November)
- State AFA Meeting (January 10) – Sijan Chapter hosting
- SNOFEST (January 23 – 25)

Other Business

None

Next Meeting: November 18, 2014 at the Lockheed Martin office on Space Center Drive (Suite 225) at 7:30 am

Attendees

Dave Shiller	Linda Aldrich	Tom Ocirk (by phone)
Barbara Binn	Hank Scarangella	Gayle White (by phone)
Roy Griggs (by phone)	Bill Houth	Chuck Zimkas (by phone)
Jerry Andrews (by phone)	Tim Tichawa	