

# AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting

## Minutes – January 13, 2015

### Welcome

New Chapter President Don Kidd opened the meeting at 7:30. The meeting was held at the Exelis Information Systems Building, 4450 East Fountain Boulevard, Colorado Springs. A list of attendees is included at the bottom of the minutes.

### President's Comments (Don Kidd)

#### Chapter Appointees

Vice President for Membership – Dave Shiller

Vice President for Aerospace Education-Tim Tichawa

#### State AFA Meeting

The State AFA Meeting was held on January 10<sup>th</sup> at the Lockheed Martin Building and was attended by representatives from all the Colorado Chapters. Shannon Farrell from National AFA conducted a training session on the e-Reporting system. State events announced were:

- AFCEA Wounded Warrior Charity Event, Feb 3, Broadmoor Hotel
- State Quarterly Meeting hosted by Harmon Chapter, April 18
- State Awards Banquet and Convention hosted by Mile High Chapter, August 21 or 28

The Sijan Chapter's activity and financial plan were submitted IAW with guidance from the new e-Reporting system.

#### Space Patriot

A meeting is scheduled with Gen Hyten, AFSPC/CC, on January 20th to discuss the way forward. Steve Gourley is working the project at the state level; Dave Warner will be the primary POC for the meeting with Gen Hyten and will be joined by Tim Tichawa to discuss Space Patriot development. Per information from Steve Gourley, Colorado took an action item from the AFA Space Task Force to begin detailed planning of a demonstration in April, nominally in concert with the National Space Symposium. Some of the planning is being driven by Bill Yucuis/ plan to brief the AFA EXCOM in February on "details for execution of the April demonstration, such as how it will work, schools participating, resources needed, and cost estimate.

#### Air Force Ball

Hank Scarangella updated the Chapter on Air Force Ball planning activities. A taste testing will take place at the Broadmoor on January 15<sup>th</sup>, the contract with the Broadmoor Hotel has been signed, the advertisement poster is nearing completion, and a liaison, Lt Li, has been named by AFSPC. Tickets sales will begin February 2. Gayle White is in charge of the O'Malley award.

### JROTC State Drill Meet Competition

The Fourth Annual State competition is scheduled for January 31<sup>st</sup> hosted by Mitchell High School in Colorado Springs. The Sijan Chapter sponsors the event and will be donating \$750 for the activities. Total number of competing schools is unknown at this point in time, but the usual number is eight to twelve. The Chapter needs confirmation on who will attend and who will take pictures for publication on the website and in the newsletter.

### Sno-Fest

Don Kidd and Barbara and Brian Binn will represent the Chapter at Sno-Fest activities, January 23-25.

### Awards Events

Dave Shiller explained the usual activities relating to awards ceremonies at 21 SW, 50 SW, HQ AFSOC and USAFA. Dave will draft a new congratulatory letter signed by Don Kidd. In addition to free AFA memberships, awardees receive a \$25.00 gift card from the chapter.

### Military Consortium

President Don Kidd explained the concept for the establishment of a military consortium as a catalyst for information sharing from multiple organizations in the DOD community. Exchange of information will include events, community concerns, and economic issues. An example of an upcoming event that should be supported by AFA is the AFCEA Wounded Warrior Charity Event at the Broadmoor on Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>. Don asked Barb Binn to write an article about the event. Another upcoming event is the BRAC listening event at Ft Carson on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Secretary's Report (Tom Ocvirk)

December meeting minutes were published and posted to the Chapter website.

## Treasurer's Report (Barbara Binn)

Income and expenses for the previous month were reviewed and discussed. The 2015 Budget was submitted to the State via the new reporting system. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter input was not yet reviewed at the State level. It was determined that support for the Outstanding USAFA Squadron should not be categorized under Aerospace Education.

## Vice President Reports

### VP, Community Partners (Jeri Andrews)

No update was provided.

### VP, Aerospace Education (Tim Tichawa)

Tim will meet with Linda Aldrich for a hand off of scholarship material. She will meet with Dave Geuting who has accepted the position of Scholarship Chairman. Tim is working with State and National on the Space Patriot plans. The Chapter still needs a lead for Cyber Patriot activities.

### VP, Website and Newsletter Report (Bill Houth)

Bill has almost completed set up for the new website. The old website will contain AF Ball information and a link to the new website. One issue to be worked is military AF Ball attendees being able to access the website and AF Ball registration from the base. Linda Aldrich explained that she will act as the Chapter Communications lead to coordinate input to the website and newsletter, including writing articles to be submitted to the AFA Magazine and Wingman.

### VP, Veteran's Affairs (Kevin Estrem)

No update was provided.

## Chapter Events and Activities

### Upcoming Events and Activities

- Sno-Fest (January 23-25)
- JROTC Drill Competition (January 31)
- AFCEA Wounded Warrior Charity Event (February 3)
- USAFA Wing Open Boxing (February 19)
- AF Ball (March 20)

Chapter Meeting Attendees: Don Kidd, Dave Shiller, Barbara Binn, Linda Aldrich, Bill Houth, Gayle White