

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2015

Welcome

President Don Kidd opened the meeting at 7:30. The meeting was held at the Moorman Space Education and Training Center on Peterson AFB. A list of attendees is included at the bottom of these minutes.

President's Comments (Don Kidd)

2015 Air Force Ball

The 2015 Air Force Ball will be held Friday, March 20, 2015 at the Broadmoor Hotel. Hank Scarengella is once again the 2015 Ball Committee Chairperson. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased through the Sijan Chapter web site. Additional corporate sponsors are being solicited along with companies interested in purchasing tables. Lockheed Martin and Boeing will be Platinum sponsors. Raytheon will be a Gold level sponsor. Gentle Rain Disc Jockey will play after dinner music.

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. A planning was held to determine a date and location for a mentors' reception to explain the program and the responsibilities of begin a mentor. Roy drafted a concept paper and is maintaining a list of mentor volunteers. Contact Roy Griggs or Gayle White for more information about volunteering for the program.

Cyber Patriot Program

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

Space Patriot Program

Planning for the new Space Patriot Program which parallels the Cyber Patriot Program is well underway. The goal of the program is to encourage participation and interest in space by junior and senior high students. A \$10,000 budget was established and rules are currently being developed. Six local schools were signed up to participate in the initial competition. The schools will develop a solution to a space related problem presenting their solution to a panel of judges comprised of Air Force Officers and industry experts. An awards ceremony is planned for Wednesday night of the National Space

Symposium, April 15th. Presentations are planned to be made in the AGI lab at the National Space Foundation. For more information regarding the Space Patriot competition, please contact TSgt Tishawa.

General Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest

Roy Griggs is again leading the planning activities for the second, annual General Bernard A. Schriever Memorial essay contest. Dave Shiller will assist Roy with planning actions. Roy has identified a topic for this year's contest and is soliciting judges. Expect a mid-March announcement regarding the timeline for submitting papers. Roy anticipates essay papers will be due mid-August with judging completed by the end of September and an award ceremony in October.

USAFA Wing Open

The annual Air Force Academy Wing Open boxing Championship is scheduled for February 19th at the Cadet Field House. As in the past, our Chapter in concert with the local chapter of the Air Force Academy Association of Graduates (AOG) will host a pizza party at the field house. Pizza party tickets are \$15.00 for an individual, \$30.00 for a family. All proceeds go to the cadet selected charity. This year's charity recipient is Home Front Cares. Bob Cooper is heading planning activities for our Chapter's participation and support for the Wing Open.

Secretary's Report (Tom Ocvirk)

January meeting minutes are being drafted and will be 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 Community Partners, Air Force Ball sponsors and from checking account interest. Expenses for the month were for Wing Award Winners AFA memberships and gift cards.

Vice President Reports

VP, Community Partners (Jeri Andrews)

No update was provided.

VP, Aerospace Education & Scholarships (TSgt Tim Tichawa)

Essay topics for 2015 scholarships have been drafted and scholarship applications are being accepted. Applicants have until April 7th to submit their application including a 500 to 1000 word essay. All Air Force member families are eligible for the scholarships. Judges are being identified. Additional information regarding the Chapter's scholarship program can be found on the Sijan Chapter web site.

Teacher of the Year nominations are also being solicited from local elementary, junior, and senior high schools. Teachers being nominated need to have a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) focus.

VP, Communications Report (Bill Houth)

The new Chapter web site is up and running (www.lancepsijanafa.org). Please visit the site and let us know what you think. A very big thank you goes out to Bill Houth for updating the site with modern graphics and animation.

VP, Veteran's Affairs (Kevin Estrem)

No update was provided.

Chapter Events & Activities

Events

Events attended by Chapter Officials in November & December included:

- State AFA Meeting (Sijan Chapter Hosted) - January 10
- SNOFEST - January 23 – 25
- AF Wounded Warrior Charity Fund Raiser – February 4

Upcoming Events & Activities

- USAFA Wing Open - February 19
- USAFA Quarterly Awards Ceremony

Other Business

None

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held March 10th at Exelis's facility on Fountain Blvd. The meeting will begin at 7:30 am.

Attendees

Don Kidd

Linda Aldrich

Tom Ocvirk

TSgt Tim Tichawa

Bob Cooper

Jerry White

Mike Waters

Bill Houth