

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes –June 9, 2015

Welcome

President Don Kidd opened the meeting at 7:30. The meeting was held at the Lockheed Martin offices located at Space Center Drive. A list of attendees is included at the bottom of these minutes.

President's Comments (Don Kidd)

Stellar Explorer Competition

Planning for the 2016 Cyber Patriot Competition is underway. Expectations are for more schools to participate outside of southeast Colorado. Leaders will be visiting schools to promote the competition.

General Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest

Roy Griggs and Dave Shiller are leading the planning activities for the second, annual General Bernard A. Schriever Memorial essay contest. They released a notice to judges in preparation of papers being received. Roy and Dave have been working with the Air Force Space Command (AFSPC) Historian Office to develop this year's topic. The theme for this year's Gen Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest is:

How does Air Force Space Command best develop space and cyber Airmen to "win tomorrow's fight"? Specifically, how does the Air Force change recruitment, initial qualification, advanced training, and career development to build the space and cyber leaders who are prepared to excel in space and cyber domains that are increasingly contested, congested, and competitive? In addition, how does the command gracefully transition from our current force-development system to one that better prepares AFSPC for the future?

Papers need to be submitted by July 31, 2105. Entries must conform to all guidelines found in AU-1, *Air University Style and Author Guide*, are **limited to 3,500 words** (excluding endnotes and graphics), and must be double spaced. Essays must be original, unpublished, and not currently under consideration for other publications. Essays may have no more than two authors. The *Air and Space Power Journal* will hold the right to publish winning entries. In addition, the Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association will sponsor awards for the three best essays. Trophies will be presented along with cash rewards. The winning entrant will receive \$1,000, the second place winner will receive \$750, and the third place winner will receive \$500.

Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

The Chapter's CFC application to be listed as a charitable organization was approved. Former Sijan President Dave Shiller submitted an application for the Sijan Chapter to be listed as a charitable organization to receive CFC contributions. Individuals making CFC contributions can allocate a portion or

all of their donations to our Chapter. Vice President for Aerospace Education Tim Tichawa attended initial training for this year's campaign. Rules for being a recipient were discussed (can and cannot do's). Chapter leaders will develop a campaign plan to get the word out to the Wings and Air Force Bases about our new status. The 2015 CFC Campaign will run from September through January.

State AFA Meeting

Vice President Linda Aldrich and Tim Tichawa will attend the upcoming AFA State Meeting. Chapter activities will be presented. AFA National Executive Vice President Mark Barrett will be attending the meeting.

Air Force Wounded Warriors

Seventy-five Air Force wounded warriors and their caregivers will be visiting Colorado Springs July 19 – 23. The warriors will receive equestrian therapy at the Academy stables. The Chapter is working with the Air Force Wounded Warrior organization to provide a meal and support other needs during their stay. Anyone interested in assisting our wounded warriors may contact a Sijan Board officer.

AFA Mentorship Program

Mike Waters reported that Roy Griggs, Gayle White, and he met to discuss the program and an approach to fulfilling AFA National desires. The group recommended to the Sijan board and it was approved for our mentoring program to not only develop a list of mentors for transitioning service members but to act as a clearing house of local community organizations providing transitioning services to include educational services. The three members will continue researching local organizations providing job and education services for transitioning Airmen.

2016 Air Force Ball

Sijan member Hank Scarengella volunteered once again to lead planning activities for next year's Air Force Ball. The Ball will be held February 12, 2016 at the Broadmoor Convention Center. Hank and Sharon White are meeting with Broadmoor staff to discuss lessons learned from the 2015 Air Force Ball and to begin planning the 2016 Ball. Tops In Blue is being contacted to determine their availability for entertainment.

Secretary's Report (Tom Ocvirk)

May meeting minutes are drafted and were 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 a member donation and from checking account interest. Expenses for the month were for the Pitsenbarger Award, 2015 education scholarships, Teacher of the Year awards, sponsorship of the cadet leadership course for the Mitchell High School JROTC, Community College of the Air Force graduation refreshments, postal box rental, annual web site server hosting fee, and AFSPC, N-NC, and USAFA 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)

A reception honoring the Sijan Chapter's scholarship and Teacher of the Year award winners was held May 20th at the National Space Foundation. The Chapter's ten scholarship winners and two TOY awardees were presented their awards. A big thank you goes out to AFA members Linda Aldrich, Tim Tichawa, and Cathryn Kimsey for taking the time to review and judge the papers, and select this year's scholarship winners.

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. Anyone wanting to post an announcement to our Chapter's web site should send the announcement to Linda Aldrich and Bill Houth.

Bill released the Chapter's 2015 second quarter newsletter. The newsletter can be read on the Chapter's web site.

VP, Veteran's Affairs

No update was provided.

Chapter Events & Activities

Events

Events attended by Chapter Officials in March & April included:

- Wing Quarterly Awards Ceremonies
- Armed Forces Day Luncheon – May 13
- Presentation of Scholarship Awards and Teacher of the Year Reception – May 20
- USAFA Graduation Awards Parade – May 27

Upcoming Events & Activities

- Wing Quarterly Awards Ceremonies
- USAFA Community College of the Air Force Graduation & Pitsenbarger scholarship – June 9
- AFA State Golf Tournament, Heritage Eagle Bend Golf Course – June 22
- State AFA Meeting – June 23
- Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Awareness Kickoff – August 1
- IMAGE Golf Tournament, Silver Spruce Golf Course – August 14
- AFA State Annual Awards Banquet, Denver – August 21
- AFA National Convention & Air and Space Symposium, Washington D.C. – September 12 - 15

Other Business

None

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held July 14th at Lockheed Martin's office, Space Center Drive. The meeting will begin at 7:30 am.

Attendees

Don Kidd

Linda Aldrich

Tom Ocvirk

Barbara Binn

Dave Shiller

Bill Houth

TSgt Tim Tichawa

Gayle White

David Stanton

Mike Waters

Rebecca Decker

Rayetta Lantzy

Hank Scarengella (Phone)