

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes – May 12, 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)

Cyber Patriot Program

Planning for the 2016 Cyber Patriot Competition is underway. Expectations are for more schools to participate.

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. 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 Essays must be original, unpublished, and not currently under consideration for other publications.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. The Chapter now needs to get the word out to the Wings and Air Force Bases about our new status.

Secretary's Report (Tom Ocvirk)

April 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 Community Partners, Air Force Ball sponsors, a member donation, National AFA, and from checking account interest. Expenses for the month were for Air Force Ball expenses 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)

Applications for 2015 scholarships were received and evaluated. Fourteen applications were received (ten applications from high school and four applications from college students). Scholarship applications were received from Liberty, Lewis Palmer, Sand Creek, Rampart, Discovery Canyon, Cheyenne Mountain and Air Academy High School students while students presently enrolled at Pikes Peak Community College, UCCS, Colorado University – Boulder, and Clemson University also submitted applications. As part of their application, students were asked to write a short response to the following question: *Why is a nation's military instrument of power important in a 21st Century world and how does it compare in importance to the diplomatic and economic instruments of power.* Winners of this year's Sijan Chapter's scholarships are as follows:

College	
<u>Student</u>	<u>Award</u>
Emilie Loehr	\$1,000
Vivian Harmon	\$1,000
Mary Allison	\$500

High School	
Andrew Roth	\$1,000
Cheyenn-Asia Hutto	\$1,000
Spencer Randell	\$500
Daniel Ziegler	\$500
Julie Henninger	\$500
Christina Reyes	\$500
Mitchell Reddish	\$500

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.

Teacher of the Year nominations were also received from local elementary, junior, and senior high schools. Nominated teachers needed to have a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) focus. The Space Foundation and the challenger Learning Center assisted the Chapter in the nomination process based on outstanding performance as an educator, dedication to their students, and recommendations from their principals. Ms. Carah Barbarick and Ms. Rae Ann Dotter were selected as the Sijan Chapter's TOY. Ms. Barbarick was selected for the Kindergarten to Eight Grade category. She is a third grade teacher at Manitou Elementary School. Ms. Barbarick has been teaching for 12 years. Ms. Dotter has taught for 11 years and is the Chapter's Ninth to Twelfth Grade TOY. She has been teaching at the Cotopaxi Consolidated Schools for eight years. Both teachers received a monetary award from the Sijan Chapter as well as from AFA National along with a certificate, a pin, and an AFA portfolio.

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 is collecting material for the next quarterly newsletter to be published in June.

VP, Veteran's Affairs (Kevin Estrem)

No update was provided.

Chapter Events & Activities

Events

Events attended by Chapter Officials in March & April included:

- Stellar Space Competition Awards Ceremony – April 15
- Wing Quarterly Awards Ceremonies

Upcoming Events & Activities

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

Other Business

None

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held June 9th at Lockheed Martin's office, Space Center Drive. The meeting will begin at 7:30 am.

Attendees

Don Kidd

Linda Aldrich

Tom Ocvirk

TSgt Tim Tichawa

Dave Shiller

Bill Houth

Roy Griggs

Gayle White (Phone)

Sharon White (Phone)