

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes –July 14, 2015

Welcome

Vice President Linda Aldrich 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)

State AFA Meeting

Vice President Linda Aldrich and Tim Tichawa attended the AFA State Meeting. AFA National Executive Vice President Mark Barrett attended the meeting. Chapter activities were presented. The requirement to send out an annual newsletter to all Chapter members was discussed and reaffirmed. Our Chapter will send out a one page newsletter. Barbara Binn researched various means of printing and mailing the newsletter at the least cost.

Chapter of the Year

Discussions regarding the Chapter's selection as the National Chapter of the Year ensued. The Chapter will receive the award at the upcoming AFA National Convention. Our Chapter was selected from over 200 AFA Chapters. We were also selected for Best Communications Chapter. Fox 21 recently covered the Chapter's selection and the Chapter received a congratulatory letter from General Hyten, AFSPC Commander. During the meeting, the letter was presented by Mr. Mike Pierson AFSPC Public Affairs to Linda Aldrich and our honored guest, Ms. Jeanine Sijan whose brother is the Chapter's namesake.

AFA National Convention

The Nation Air Force Association Convention is will be held September 12 & 13 in Washington D.C. at the Gaylord Convention Center. Currently, nine individuals are attending the convention representing Colorado. Anyone interested in attending the convention should contact a Chapter board member.

General Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest

An update was not provided.

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 are developing 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.

Air Force Wounded Warriors

Sixty 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 snacks, drinks, and support other needs during their stay. Kristen Christy and Rebecca Decker volunteered to purchase and deliver snacks and drinks to the warriors.

AFA Mentorship Program

Mike Waters reported that Roy Griggs, Gayle White, and he researching local organizations providing job and education services for transitioning Airmen. Some organizations being visited are the VECI Business Alliance, Aspen Point, and Mount Carmel Center of Excellence. Further information will be presented at future board meetings.

2016 Air Force Ball

The 2016 Air Force Ball will be held February 12, 2016 at the Broadmoor Convention Center. A contract with the Broadmoor Hotel was signed. Tops In Blue is being contacted to determine their availability for entertainment. Other suggestions for entertainment were also discussed. Hank will host an initial Ball Committee meeting next month.

Jeanine Sijan Visit

The sister of Lance P. Sijan, Jeanine Sijan, visited and spoke with Chapter representatives. She is developing a 90 minute video documenting Lance's life. Jeanine presented a portion of the video to meeting attendees. The Lance P. Sijan foundation she has founded focuses on developing character and leadership qualities in elementary, junior and senior students. More information regarding the foundation can be obtained at: www.lancesijan.com.

Secretary's Report (Tom Ocvirk)

June 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. Linda Aldrich is preparing a thank you note for donors who give more than \$250.00 annually. Barbara Binn presented information regarding the Purple Heart Homes Foundation. Purple Heart Foundation provides donated homes from banks to veterans with war injuries (10% or greater). The Colorado Chapter of Purple Heart Foundation is getting started. The Chapter plans to remodel homes for veterans. Our Chapter may provide financial support to the local Purple Heart Foundation Chapter.

Vice President Reports

VP, Community Partners (Jeri Andrews)

No update was provided.

VP, Aerospace Education & Scholarships (TSgt Tim Tichawa)

No update was provided.

VP, Communications Report (Bill Houth)

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

VP, Veteran's Affairs

Mr. Paul Bailey is the Chapter's new representative. He reported that the El Paso County Homeless Coalition will be holding a Stand-down Day October 20th. Planning for the National WWI 100th Anniversary is beginning.

Chapter Events & Activities

Events

Events attended by Chapter Officials in March & April included:

- 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

Upcoming Events & Activities

- Wing Quarterly Awards Ceremonies
- 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
- Blood Drive hosted by MTSI – September 11
- AFA National Convention & Air and Space Symposium, Washington D.C. – September 12 - 13

Other Business

None.

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held August 11th at Lockheed Martin's office, Space Center Drive. The meeting will begin at 7:30 am.

Attendees

Linda Aldrich

Tom Ocvirk

Barbara Binn

Dave Shiller

Mike Waters

Rebecca Decker

Paul Bailey

Kristen Christy

Bob Cooper

Mike Pierson

Hank Scarengella (Phone)