

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2015

Welcome

President Don Kidd opened the meeting at 4:30 pm. 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)

Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)

As our Chapter was recently approved as an electable charity for the upcoming Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), meeting attendees discussed upcoming CFC events at local Air Force Bases at which information can be provided about the Air Force Association and our Chapter. Volunteers are needed to prepare marketing material and staff tables at these events. Dave Shiller and Tim Tichawa are leading efforts to organize our Chapter's support. Meeting attendees also discussed approved methods to distribution information and the associated costs to advertise in Base newspapers. Kristen Christy is handling the printing of flyers and items to be handed out. Our Chapter Web Site is current and up to date information regarding the campaign. A CFC logo is posted to our Chapter's home page to make it easy for individuals to contribute. The 2015 CFC Campaign runs from September through January.

State AFA Banquet & Meeting

Several members attended the annual State AFA Banquet. This year's banquet was hosted by the Mile High Chapter. The banquet was held August 21st at the Denver Tech Center Marriott Hotel. Sijan Chapter and Board Member Ms. Barbara Binn was selected as this year's Member of the Year for the State. Several other members from the Chapter received recognition and awards for their contributions to AFA.

The following morning, a quarterly State AFA meeting was held. Chapter activities were presented and discussed. New board members were also elected. Sijan member Tim Tichawa was elected as the new AFA State President.

AFA National Convention

The Nation Air Force Association Convention was held September 12 & 13 in Washington D.C. at the Gaylord Convention Center. Nine individuals attended the convention representing the State.

STEM Rocks

The annual STEM Rocks outing was held August 29th at Peterson AFB. Even though our Chapter did not participate in this year's event, the Sijan Chapter did contribute as a sponsor.

IMAGE Golf Tournament

The Chapter will receive between \$4,000 and \$5,000 from IMAGE Golf Tournament proceeds to use for our scholarship program in 2016.

General Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest

Roy Griggs provided an update on contest activities. Twenty four essays were received and are in their first round of judging. After the top 12 papers are selected a second round of judging will take place with the top six papers being determined. Roy expects the judging to be completed by the end of September. The date and location to announce the winning papers is being determined with HQ AFSPC and will be announced.

AFA Mentorship Program

Roy Griggs, Mike Waters and Gayle White provided a slide presentation (see attached slides) on their efforts to develop a Chapter Mentor-Protégé Program. Instead of recreating the services many other local organizations provide for airmen transitioning to the civil sector, the trio are creating a clearing house of local programs, organizations, and Points of Contact providing mentoring, veteran, and employment services. Roy, Mike and Gayle are researching and contacting these organizations about their services. Mentoring information will be included on our Chapter web site about the organizations with a link to the National AFA Mentoring program.

2016 Air Force Ball

The 2016 Air Force Ball will be held February 12th, 2016 at the Broadmoor Convention Center. A contract with the Broadmoor Hotel was signed. Tops In Blue is not available for entertainment. Hank hosted the first Ball Committee meeting. He reminded everybody that the 2016 Ball will be the final Ball he chairs and organizes. Hank is seeking someone to take the lead after next year's Ball, preferably someone who has worked on the Ball committee in the past.

SNOFEST 2016

SNOFEST 2016 will be held January 22 – 24 at the Keystone Ski Resort. Our Chapter will help sponsor the event (\$1,000). For our sponsorship we will man a table handing out AFA literature and soliciting memberships.

Secretary's Report (Tom Ocvirk)

August 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 two donations through our Chapter web site. We also received a donation of \$1,500 from the Sertoma Club's Pikes Peak Rodeo Street Breakfast proceeds. Barbara Binn also purchased three separate Certificates of Deposit which pay a higher rate of return than our savings account.

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 (Paul Bailey)

Paul Bailey announced the upcoming Veteran's events:

- Homeless Veteran's Day – Oct 23rd
- Veteran's Day Parade – Nov 7th
 - Theme: Honoring the Military Family
- 100th Anniversary of WWI

Chapter Events & Activities

Events

Events attended by Chapter Officials in March & April included:

- 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

Upcoming Events & Activities

- Wing Quarterly Awards Ceremonies
- Blood Drive hosted by MTSI – September 11
- AFA National Convention & Air and Space Symposium, Washington D.C. – September 12 – 13
- Community Partners & Sijan Chapter Volunteers' Reception - October

Other Business

None

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held October 13th at Lockheed Martin's office, Space Center Drive. The meeting will begin at 4:30 pm.

Attendees

Don Kidd - President

Linda Aldrich – Vice President

Barbara Binn - Treasurer

Tom Ocvirk (Phone) - Secretary

Tim Tichawa

Roy Griggs

Dave Shiller

Mike Waters

Rebecca Decker

Paul Bailey

Kristen Christy

Gayle White (Phone)

Jerry White -

Hank Scarengella (Phone)