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WELCOME TO SIJAN CHAPTER 125!

President: Don Kidd
Vice President: Linda Aldrich
Treasurer: Barbara Binn
Secretary: Tom Ocvirk



PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO THE CHAPTER

Lance P. Sijan Chapter Members,

On one hand, it is hard to believe 2015 is over; on the other, it has certainly been a busy one for the Lance P. Sijan Chapter. And whether we were recognizing the abilities and accomplishments of local JROTC cadets, recognizing outstanding Airmen at Quarterly and Annual Awards Ceremonies, welcoming senior leaders at Change of Commands and participating in civic events, it's been a true honor to represent you. Thank you for the opportunity.

We have already begun planning for 2016 and it promises to be even more busy. Quarterly and Annual Awards ceremonies are rapidly approaching; our Community Partner and Volunteer Recognition Reception will be held on January 14th; the Air Force Ball (get your tickets now!) and award of the General Jerome F. O'Malley Leadership in Space Award is right around the corner (12 Feb); The General Bernard Schriever Memorial Essay Contest – which we just concluded for 2015 – will quickly be underway in April; we will be selecting students for scholarships; we will be nominating a Teacher of the Year for national recognition...and that's just the first half of the year. The list of events we support for our Airmen, their families and our veterans goes on and on.

And we are always looking for new ideas, new ways to recognize and support our Airmen. So if you have any, please don't hesitate to let us know. And if you have even a little spare time, we can always use your help. Please check out the events on our website and if you find something that compels you to get involved, please contact any of the officers. For example, some of the areas where we need help:

Chapter VP for Membership
Chapter Secretary
Air Force Ball Chair
Air Force Ball Vice Chair

If none of these reflect your interests, contact us anyway and we'll find something for you. I promise. As we wrap up the year, I want to express my gratitude to the many who have stepped up to the plate this year to assist the Lance P. Sijan Chapter of our Air Force Association. The work you have done, and the impact you have had on our local installations and our Colorado Springs community has been significant and appreciated more than you may ever know.

On behalf of the Board and our officers, we wish you and yours the most blessed of holidays and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

Happy New Year!
Don and Ann Kidd

In Recognition of Military & Civilian Contribution To the Community of Colorado Springs

In acknowledgement of the many contributions to the military and civilian community of the Colorado Springs area, the officers of the Lance P. Sijan Chapter were invited as guests to the 2015 Tri-Command Holiday Reception.

The event was hosted by Admiral and Mrs. William E. Gortney, General and Mrs. John E. Hyten and Lieutenant General David L. Mann, representing NORAD/NORTHCOM, AF Space Command and US Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command. The many military affiliated organizations and business key leaders were thanked for their continual support for the military members and military units in the area. Chapter President Don Kidd, Vice President Linda Aldrich and Treasurer Barbara Binn were proud to represent Sijan Chapter and have the opportunity to interact with so many people with mutual interests in serving the Colorado Springs Community.



General Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest Results

For another highly successful year, the Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association sponsored the General Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest in the name and memory of this great Air Force pioneer. The purpose of the contest is to stimulate thought, discussion, and debate on matters relating to how the Air Force and Air Force Space Command provide space and cyberspace capabilities for the Joint Force and the Nation. Specifically, General John E. Hyten, AFSPC Commander, approved the theme for this year as "How does Air Force Space Command best develop space and cyber Airmen to win tomorrow's fight? The contest was open to all current AF military and civilian personnel, including AF Reserve and Air National Guard members. The Chapter is proud to announce the three winning essays selected from a tough competition with excellent submissions. The three top essays are:

"Preparing for the Cyber Battleground of the Future," by 2nd

Lieutenant Chris Babcock; "Defending Our Satellites--the need for Electronic Warfare and Training," by Lt Colonel E. Lincoln Bonner; and "Developing Tomorrow's Cyberspace Warfighter--the Argument for Contracting Out," by Major Sean C. Temple. The *Air and Space Power Journal* will publish the top three essays, and the chapter awarded \$1000 for first place, \$750 second prize, and \$500 third place for the top essays. Additional essays receiving Honorable Mentions are: "The AOC Model for Space C2: Enhancing the

Future of Joint Operations," by Col John Wagner and Lt Colonel Nathan Yates; "towards the Battle: Recommendations on Cyberspace Training," by Lt Colonel Greg McCulley; and "Reconsidering the Cyberspace Human Capital Strategy," by Major Elisabeth White. Topics from the other submissions ranged from space and cyber ops to sustainment, testing, training, mission resilience, mission assurance and more. Gen (Retired) Lance Lord led the judging committee, comprised of six senior leaders from HQ AF Space Command, Air University, industry and AFA.



Sijan Chapter Representation at the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony

In support of the Navy League sponsored Pearl Harbor Observation on December 7th, Chapter Vice President Linda Aldrich and Vice President of Aerospace Education Tim Tichawa attended the ceremony. The Colorado Springs area has six survivors of the Pearl Harbor attack, one of which, Sergeant John Eck from Monument, was able to attend the ceremony, along with several World War Two veterans. The El Paso County Commissioners read a Proclamation of Observance and the Master of Ceremonies and Guest Speaker Captain David "Roy" Rogers, US Navy, Retired reminded the audience of the sacrifices and the heroism of those present that day. In a solemn wreath



Photo: Linda Aldrich and Tim Tichawa with Master of Ceremonies and Guest Speak CAPT "Roy" Rogers.

laying ceremony, the NORAD /NORTHCOM Joint Color Guard honored all military services, followed by the Fort Carson 4th Infantry Division band members playing the Navy hymn and TAPS. The well attended ceremony was a respectful event that appropriately honored "the day that will live in infamy" and the response of the American military members and civilians.



Photo: Linda Aldrich and Tim Tichawa with the ceremonial wreaths.

The Lance P. Sijan Chapter is busy planning the 2016 AF Ball

Join us in celebrating *The Air Force and Colorado – A Long and Great Partnership* with our annual black-tie ball on Friday, February 12, 2016. The chapter president, Don Kidd will present the General Jerome F. O'Malley Distinguished Space Leadership Award to an honored recipient in recognition of his or her leadership contributions to space. The event will also feature the band The Martini Shot, a seven-piece, horn-powered, Pop-Rock cover and original band based out of Southern Colorado. The ball, which will be held at The Broadmoor beginning at 6:00 p.m., will also include a cocktail reception, dinner, and dancing.

Tickets for the event are available at www.lancepsijanafa.com.

Ticket Prices:

E1—E3, GS-1—GS-3, ROTC and US Air Force Academy Cadets: \$30.00

E4—E6, GS-4—GS-6: \$40.00

E7— O3, GS-7—GS-11: \$50.00

O4—O5, GS-12—GS-14: \$60.00

O6 and Above, GS—15 & Above: \$70.00

AFA Members: \$70.00

Non-AFA Members: \$100.00

Table sales and sponsorships are also available. For table sales, please contact Jeri Andrews at jerry.a.andrews@lmco.com. For sponsorships, please contact Ewa Folden at ewa13@msn.com.

Rooms at The Broadmoor are available for Air Force Ball guests at a special rate of \$165.00, plus 12.38% tax and a \$32.00 resort fee, for a total of \$221.00. Please contact The Broadmoor directly at (719) 623-5112 or (888) 974-4990.



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Sijan Chapter Representation at the Veterans Day Remembrance Ceremony

Our Vice President for Veterans Affairs, Paul Bailey, represented the Sijan Chapter at the Veterans Day Ceremony sponsored by the Pikes Peak Veterans Council. The Stellar Brass from the AF Academy Band opened the ceremony, which honored both the U.S. Veterans Day and the Canadian Remembrance Day. Paul joined with other local organizations in presenting ceremonial wreaths on behalf of the many organizations who support this significant remembrance. The guest speaker was Major General Christopher J. Coates, Director of NORAD Operations at HQ NORAD, and the American Legion Post 209 provided the rifle salute that preceded TAPS and moment of silence to honor the fallen. Thank you to Paul for representing the Sijan Chapter and paying our respects On November 11th. "We must never forget"



Photo: VP of Veterans Affairs: Paul Bailey.

2016 High School and College Scholarship Opportunity:

Each year the Chapter awards scholarships to outstanding high school seniors who have been accepted for enrollment at a college or university, and to current outstanding freshman, sophomore and junior students at a college or university. Scholarships are open to family members of active duty and retired Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members plus Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings members. The Chapter scholarships are awarded based on the overall character and leadership potential of the student, which includes the academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, community service and writing composition. There is no specified restriction on the use of the scholarship monies, however, it is the intent of the Sijan Chapter that they be utilized in the direct support of academic pursuits. All applications must be postmarked no later than 1 April 2016 and winners will be notified no later than 1 May 2016. Complete application information is currently posted on the Chapter website at <http://www.lancepsijanafa.com> or contact the project manager at Dave.Geuting@exelisinc.com or 719-445-0607 (H) or 719-377-0417 (C).

2016 Teacher of the Year Opportunity:

The TOY program recognizes classroom teachers at the Chapter, State, and National level for their accomplishments in exciting K-12 students about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and preparing them to contribute to tomorrow's technologies. This is an excellent opportunity to recognize special teachers who are furthering excellence and making coming to class an adventure!

The Lance P. Sijan Chapter recognizes teaching excellence at two levels: grades K-8 and grades 9-12. In addition, we select one of the honorees to compete for the State/Regional Teacher of the Year.

Each honoree, along with their school's principal, will be recognized at the Lance P. Sijan Chapter's Scholarship/Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony and will receive a check for \$250, a Certificate of Excellence, an AFA tote bag, and a complimentary one year Civil Air Patrol Aerospace Education Membership. Further information on the award can be found at <http://www.afa.org/ChapterTeacheroftheYearAwardWinners1>. If you have questions, you can reach me at dave.geuting@harris.com.

Application Package:

- Chapter Teacher of the Year Application Form
- One page narrative of the teacher's accomplishment and achievements in support of STEM and the impact of these activities on the students.
- A letter of recommendation/support from a school official (principal or higher).
- Optional three pages of newspaper articles, other documents, and/or photos that include the teacher with students completing STEM activities (ensure students in photos have media release permission for use).
- NOTE: AFA elected chapter officers and their immediate family members (spouse/children) are not eligible

Nominations should be completed by 1 April, 2016 and sent to:
Air Force Association Lance Sijan Chapter 125; P.O. Box 15007; Colorado Springs, CO 80935-5007



AFA Value Statements

The purpose of this small collection of value statements to relate a few members' value statements related to their experience in AFA. They're not inclusive and by no means exhaustive.

Some themes that arise from these that you can develop as you reflect on your own story are:

- AFA as a professional organization for education, professional development, and leadership and management experience
- AFA as a network of professionals. AFA has people from all walks of life and all kinds of professions. If you need to connect with someone local or a place you're moving to, or to connect with someone about a job, someone in AFA can probably help you
- AFA as a social organization of airpower advocates who know and contributed to the history of the Air Force. AFA affords you access to active and retired senior leadership in forums that allow for frank and candid discussions

While the stories or views shared below on AFA's value to them may seem mundane or ordinary, they all share a common thread of dedication to AFA as an organization and group of people concerned about national defense and a strong Air Force.

Industry Member with no Military Service, AFA Member

Actively engaged in supporting the world's greatest Air Force has been an exceptional experience. It is my small part in contributing to the force behind the force. My membership and active participation in AFA has provided significant moments in time that I will never forget. I have met many outstanding individuals and collectively we have accomplished many worthwhile things. I feel that being a part of AFA has made me more aware of the challenges that our airmen endure and has provided a greater appreciation for what they do every day to ensure our freedom. AFA membership and participation continues to provide more to me than I can provide to AFA. AFA is truly the force behind the force.

Active Duty Air Force Captain, AFA Member

The Air Force Association (AFA) has many benefits for Active Duty members. AFA symposiums and monthly Air Force Magazine publications provide an opportunity for Active Duty members to learn about integrating their roles and responsibilities into the Air Force's strategic goals. The symposiums and magazines can be used as professional development tools and can greatly supplement traditional military training. The AFA fosters Command-level networking opportunities. Peer-networks can be greatly enhanced through the AFA's events and the vast knowledge and experience of AFA members provides the perfect environment for finding professional mentors.

AFA Chapters throughout the world are dedicated to supporting Airmen at home and abroad. The AFA recognizes units across the globe for outstanding achievements to include awards such as the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year, Team of the Year, and the Joan Orr Spouse of the Year award. In support of deployed Airmen, the AFA takes care of families and commits resources to those who are wounded in action. In 2013, the AFA stood up the Wounded Airmen Program giving a life-long sponsor to assist Airmen wounded in combat with reintegration at home and transitioning into the next phase of their life.

Additionally, the AFA provides crucial transition assistance that can ease the move from active duty military to civilian life as a member nears the end of their service. The résumé assistance service helps explain the value of military experience to civilian industry. AFA résumé professionals provide résumé review or they can assist with full résumé preparation. The AFA career center can help find follow-on jobs and the AFA's Veteran Benefits Association helps secure military benefits by providing financial, insurance, health, travel, education and legal services.

Retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant, AFA Member

Being in the Air Force was the greatest thing that has ever happened to me. The camaraderie, love of country, and team work I experienced created a bond that will last a lifetime. This bond is amplified by membership in the Air Force Association (AFA).

AFA's goal is to Educate, Advocate and Support. These goals are met while supporting the Total Force, (Active, Guard and Reserve Forces). AFA provides tangible and intangible benefits to the component member and their families while promoting the Air Force as the greatest military in the world. AFA is our professional organization and its strength is in its membership.



AFA Value Statements Cont.

Retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel, AFA Member

Over the years, AFA came to mean three important things to me: A Family Affair, the professional organization of the Air Force, and a living history of the Air Force.

As a Family Affair, I've shared a lot of time together with my Air Force family at AFA events while I was on active duty. They were the leaders and members who took an interest in me and mentored me over the years. It really makes AFA events like family reunions. Now that I'm a retiree, I still value the camaraderie and the network of friends and colleagues developed over my time as a member.

As an Air Force officer my appreciation of our Air Force heritage has truly been enriched by the opportunity to meet heroes who built the Air Force and continue to lead the charge for airpower and a strong Air Force. I sat at dinner tables with Aces and Astronauts and listened to stories from World War II bomber pilots and their harrowing escapes from POW camps all the way to the narrow escapes of action officers at the Pentagon. I've done my professional military education and read the books I was supposed to read as an Air Force officer, but nothing compares to the chance to shake the hand of one of our Air Force heroes who made that history.

Doctors belong to the AMA, Lawyers belong to the Bar Association but we belong to a world class professional organization that hosts superb events, an award-winning magazine, and outreach and engagement from the halls of Congress all the way to the chapter level to educate, advocate, and support national defense, airpower, and our Air Force.

Career Air Force Officer now in Industry, AFA Member

I joined AFA during a time when the active duty Air Force actively supported AFA at the base and leadership levels. I was informed by my first squadron commander that AFA was the professional association supporting the Air Force and every professional officer should join AFA. For most of my 30 year active duty career, AFA was just the Air Force magazine with interesting articles and the National Symposium in Washington DC to hear my Air Force leadership speak on key issues of the time. After I retired from the active duty Air Force, I was approached to take an active part in an AFA Chapter by my work leadership. I started as a supporting VP, then the Vice President and President of the Chapter. I attended State meeting and the National Convention. This allowed me to further network with my former Air Force friends and continue my leadership to help the Air Force remain great and support our nation.

2016 Wing Open Boxing

Each winter, the U.S. Air Force Academy (USAF) conducts a charity drive during its Wing Open Boxing Tournament, and the Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association (AFA) sponsors a pizza party to support its cause. Last year, the Senior Class of the Cadet Wing chose The Home Front Cares as its Wing Open charity. The Home Front Cares is a Colorado 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to help needy veterans and military families with rent/mortgages, utilities, car and home repairs, childcare and groceries, and other essential life needs.

**Air Force Association & Rampart Chapter of the USAFA
Association of Graduates Cadet
Wing Open Boxing Tournament Annual Pizza Party**

**Thursday February 18, 2016 @ 5:45pm: Cadet Field House USAF
Academy Door Prizes and all you can eat Pizza & Soda
Donation: \$15 per person, or \$30 per family**





2016 SnoFest

SnoFest is held at Keystone Resort in the heart of the Colorado Rockies. It's hosted by the Force Support Squadrons from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Peterson, F.E. Warren, Buckley, and Schriever Air Force Bases. Activities include world-class skiing, snowboarding, fabulous lodging, parties, giveaways, races, a hilarious cardboard derby, sleigh rides, tubing, ice-skating, non-skier excursions and more. All at discounted prices for the military community thanks to the generous support of SnoFest sponsors. The Lance P. Sijan Chapter is proud to be a sponsor for the 10th year. For details visit: www.mysnofest.com

Snofest 2016; January 22-24



The Lance P. Sijan 2016 Community Partner Reception

The local Colorado Springs Community Partners of the Sijan Chapter are essential to our support for a deterrent force with the sufficiency to ensure national peace and security. The Chapter sponsors a reception at the Space Foundation every year to honor and thank our Community Partners for their continuing and generous support. Jeri Andrews, Vice President of Community Partners, is in charge of organizing this wonderful event reception.

The interaction between the AFA Sijan Chapter and the Community Partners is a two-way benefit, promoting a common bond and understanding between the businesses and the military in Colorado Springs. Please visit the Lance P. Sijan website Community Partner link to become acquainted with all our outstanding local Community Partners.

Volunteer Recognition Reception
Thursday, January 14, 2016
Space Foundation
4425 Arrowswest Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80907

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Hors d'oeuvres
RSVP due Thursday, January 7, 2016



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

How To Contact AFA

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- For details on your AFA member benefits, go to: <http://www.afavba.org/AboutUs/member/>



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AFA LANCE P. SIJAN CHAPTER

Points of Interest & Up Coming Events

LANCE P. SIJAN CHAPTER MONTHLY MEETINGS

PLACE: 985 SPACE CENTER DR. CLSP, CO. 80915

DATE: EVERY 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH / TIME: 04:30PM

CHALLENGER 30TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

PLACE: ANTLERS HILTON

DATE: 28 JANUARY, 2016

COMMUNITY PARTNER RECEPTION

PLACE: SPACE FOUNDATION

DATE: 14 JANUARY, 2016

SNOFEST

PLACE: KEYSTONE COLORADO

DATE: 22, 23, & 24 JANUARY, 2016

AIR FORCE BALL

PLACE: BROADMOOR

DATE: 12 FEBRUARY, 2016

WING OPEN BOXING

PLACE: CADET FIELD HOUSE USAF ACADEMY

DATE: 18 FEBRUARY, 2016

AFA AIR WARFARE SYMPOSIUM & TECH EXPO

PLACE: ORLANDO FLORIDA

DATE: 24-26 FEBRUARY, 2016

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Membership Changes

Any changes to members' home / work addresses and email addresses must be sent to AFA National not the Sijan Chapter because we cannot add, delete or change a members mailing address due to privacy laws.

[Click here](#) to update your address and email, or mail changes to AFA National address at:

Air Force Association
Member Services
1501 Lee Highway
Arlington, VA 22209

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The AFA is an independent, nonprofit, civilian education organization promoting public understanding of aerospace power and the pivotal role it plays in the security of the nation. AFA publishes Air Force Magazine, conducts national symposia and disseminates information through outreach programs. It sponsors professional development seminars and recognizes excellence in the education and aerospace fields through national awards programs. AFA presents scholarships and grants to Air Force active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members and their dependents, and AFA awards educator grants to promote science and math education at the elementary, secondary, and high school level. Nationally, AFA has more than 100,000 active members. The AFA National Website is WWW.AFA.ORG

The Lance P. Sijan Chapter is one of the largest, most active chapters in AFA, with more than 2100 members. The Sijan Chapter, one of four AFA Chapters in Colorado, primarily focuses on support to the Colorado Springs area, including Peterson AFB, Schriever AFB, Cheyenne Mountain Air Station, and the USAFA. The AFA Sijan Chapter is proud of our rich heritage and strong support for the Colorado Springs Air Force community. We pride ourselves on active support to the local Colorado Springs "Air Force Family," providing approximately \$40,000 and thousands of volunteer hours in support annually!

NEW AND RENEWED COMMUNITY PARTNERS

