

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes – December 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)

General Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest

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. General Hyten and the AFA Sijan Chapter recognized the three essay winners at an award ceremony held at HQ AFSPC, Building One on December 10th.

AFA Mentorship Program

Roy Griggs, Mike Waters and Gayle White continue their efforts developing a Chapter Mentorship 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. They met with Rising Professionals.

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. AFA member Hank Scarengella is hosting Ball Planning Committee meetings. Entertainment will be Martini Shot, . He reminded everybody that the 2016 Ball will be the final Ball he chairs and organizes. Ticket sales 10DEC2015. Inventions sent out. Menu tasting is 15DEC2015 at the Broadmoor. Boeing and LM are both Platinum sponsors. Room reservations need to be made quickly as rooms are filling up quickly. Twenty Three rooms are were blocked.

SNOFEST 2016

SNOFEST 2016 will be held January 22 – 24 at the Keystone Ski Resort. Our Chapter will help sponsor the event with a \$1,000 donation. For our sponsorship we will have a table where representatives are able to hand out AFA literature and soliciting memberships.

Secretary's Report (Tom Ocvirk)

November 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. Chapter income included saving account interest, donations, and donations for the 2016 Air Force Ball. Expenses included donations for the Essay Contest awards, the Pearl Harbor Remembrance ceremony, StellarXplorer registrations, Community Partner contributions to National AFA, and the Community Partner Reception.

Vice President Reports

VP, Community Partners (Jeri Andrews)

Jeri Andrews is making arrangements for the annual Community Partners reception. The reception will be held at the National Space Foundation in the Area 21 VIP room. The reception will be held January 14th, 2016. The Picnic Basket will cater the reception. New Community Partners will be presented a plaque and decal for display and Chapter volunteers will be recognized.

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. Articles are being collected for the next Quarterly Newsletter. The Chapter web site is ready to accept ticket sales for the 2016 Air Force Ball. Chapter information is also being sent out via Tweeter, Linked-In, and Facebook.

VP, Veteran's Affairs (Paul Bailey)

Paul Bailey reviewed Veteran events:

- Veteran's Day Parade – Nov 7th
 - Theme: Honoring the Military Family
- Veteran's Day Wreath Laying at Enlisted Association – Nov 11th
- Pearl Harbor Ceremony – Dec 7th

Chapter Events & Activities

Events

Events attended by Chapter Officials over the last month included:

- Wing Quarterly Awards Ceremonies
- USO Fort Carson RP/6 Grand Opening – November 24
- Tri-Command Holiday Party – December 5
- Pearl Harbor Ceremony – December 7

Upcoming Events & Activities

- Wing Quarterly Awards Ceremonies
- Essay Contest Awards Ceremony – December 10
- USAFA Open House – December 12
- Community Partners & Sijan Chapter Volunteers' Reception – January 14
- Snowfest (@ Keystone) – January 22 – 24, 2016

Other Business

None

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held January 12th, 2016 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 - Secretary

Paul Bailey

Jeri Andrews

Bill Houth (phone)

Kristen Christy

Lt. Jason Rogers