

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2016

Welcome

Vice President Linda Aldrich 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.

Vice President's Comments (Linda Aldrich)

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 leading Ball Planning Committee meetings. Entertainment will be provided by Martini Shot. 673 tickets have been sold along with 19 corporate tables. Boeing and Lockheed Martin are Platinum Ball sponsors. Braxton Technologies is a Diamond Ball sponsor. Publicity notices were sent out.

STELLAR EXPLORER COMPETITION

The Stellar Explorer completion will be held during the upcoming International Space Symposium. The competition will be a two-day event, April 13 & 14. Twenty five teams from 15 states and one foreign team from Germany competed for the final 10 positions.

General Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest

Dave Shiller is leading planning activities for the annual General Bernard A. Schriever Memorial essay contest. Dave is working with the Air Force Space Command (AFSPC) Historian Office to determine this year's topic. A separate category is being created for young airmen. More information will be provided in the coming months.

IMAGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Planning is underway for the 2016 Image Golf Tournament. This year's tournament will be held at the Eisenhower Golf Course, United States Air Force Academy Blue Course, August 19th. Our Chapter is the host organization. Chapter member Joe Kahoe is leading planning activities. Save the Date cards were distributed at the Cyberspace Symposium and Air Force Ball.

Wounded Warrior Silent Auction

Our Chapter participated in the Wounded Warrior Silent Auction held in conjunction with AFCEA's Cyberspace Symposium. The auction was held February 1st at the Broadmoor Hotel. As in previous years, Denver Bronco Randy Gradishar, U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Athletes attended.

USAFA Wing Open Boxing Finals

This year our Chapter is providing advertising support to the Wing Open Boxing Finals. Due to financial constraints, we are unable to make a donation to the Cadet Wing's Charity organization. The Wing Open will be held March 3rd beginning at 7:00 pm.

Secretary's Report (Tom Ocvirk)

January 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, Air Force Ball ticket sales and sponsorships, and Community Partner memberships. Expenses included Air Force Ball payments, gift cards for Wing Quarterly Award winners, and sponsorship of the 21st Space Wing annual awards banquet.

Vice President Reports

VP, Community Partners (Jeri Andrews)

The Chapter hosted its annual Community Partners reception at the National Space Foundation in the Area 21 VIP room. The reception was held January 14th, 2016. The Picnic Basket catered the reception. New Community Partners were presented a plaque and decal for display and Chapter volunteers were recognized.

VP, Aerospace Education & Scholarships (TSgt Tim Tichawa)

The Chapter is accepting Teacher of the Year (TOY) nominations as well as scholarship applications. Local schools are being contacted. The Chapter received its first scholarship application.

VP, Communications Report (Bill Houth)

Articles are being accepted for the next Quarterly Chapter newsletter. The newsletter will feature and recognize Chapter Community Partners. Our Chapter Web Site also includes a page featuring Chapter Community Partners. New postings to the web site will include Schriever Essay Contest winners, scholarship and TOY announcements, and Quarterly Award Winners.

VP, Veteran's Affairs (Paul Bailey)

- No Report.

Chapter Events & Activities

Events

Events attended by Chapter Officials over the last month included:

- Wing Quarterly Awards Ceremonies
- Community Partners & Sijan Chapter Volunteers' Reception – January 14

- Snowfest (@ Keystone) – January 22 – 24
- Military Order of World Wars Luncheon – January 28
- Challenger Remembrance Dinner – January 28

Upcoming Events & Activities

- Wing Quarterly Awards Ceremonies
- Wounded Warrior Silent Auction – February 1
- USAFA Wing Open Boxing Finals – March 3
- Stellar Explorer Competition – April 13 & 14

Other Business

None

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held March 8th, 2016 at Lockheed Martin’s office, Space Center Drive. The meeting will begin at 4:30 pm.

Attendees

Linda Aldrich – Vice President

Barbara Binn - Treasurer

Tom Ocvirk - Secretary

MSgt Tim Tichawa – State
President

Dave Shiller

Bill Houth

Henry Baird