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WELCOME TO SIJAN CHAPTER 125!

President: Don Kidd
Vice President: Linda Aldrich
Treasurer: Barbara Binn
Secretary: Kristen Christy



PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO THE CHAPTER

AFA National President Message

Team AFA,

Spring is a time of new beginnings and a time to celebrate the mothers that make our families strong. With this in mind, I'd like to take a moment to celebrate the caregivers behind our Air Force Wounded Warriors (AFW2) that are a true testament to the strength, resiliency, and love that makes our Air Force great.

Last month, AFA was proud to support adaptive sports camps at Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field. Our local chapters rallied together to provide incredible support through lunches, snacks, and pallets of water for the nearly 200 participants. These amazing volunteers were on-site at events caring for our Airmen each day and showing how our grassroots networks make programs like the Wounded Airman Program successful.

An incredibly important part of these camps, that often goes unnoticed, is the Caregiver Program for the moms, dads, husbands, and wives that support their warriors every day. AFA was thrilled to be a part of this program and to meet the amazing men and women who have served, suffered, and persevered right alongside their warriors. I am honored to share the importance of this program through their own words.

"My son and I attended our first AFW2 care event in April and we both returned home with a sense of empowerment and strength. Neither one of us knew how much we needed support until it was given so freely without any judgment."

"During the Peer Forum I came to understand that I am not alone in my feelings and experiences. I'm not the only one who is afraid, who sometimes doesn't understand how we got to this place and who doesn't know how to help my warrior when he is withdrawn or hurting. Most importantly, I came to realize that it's okay to feel the way I feel."

"The caregiver program opened my eyes and made me aware that I am not alone in this process. It made me understand what my warrior is going through and made me love him more."

"My warrior discovered that his brokenness didn't leave him helpless - it really just cracked open a shell to opportunities. I truly mean it when I say this program saves lives - not only of our warriors, but of their caregivers, too."

Folks, this is what AFA is all about! This is what our great AFA volunteers do to take care of Air Force members and their families. Those are just a few of the amazing men and women who support our wounded Airmen. Your support of AFA and our Wounded Airman Program allows this program to continue to grow. Be on the lookout for more caregiver stories on social media this month as we celebrate mothers and all the family members that make our Air Force strong

Sincerely,

Larry O. Spencer
President

2016 AFA Cyber Camps in YOUR AREA!

Following a successful inaugural program last year, this summer marks the exciting second season of the AFA Cyber Camp Program. Designed to help educators engage middle and high school students in cybersecurity year round, the program consists of a curriculum and software kit that local volunteer instructors use to teach fundamental online safety and cyber defense skills. More information on the program is available [here](#).

AFA's CyberPatriot Program Office is pleased to announce it will support AFA Cyber Camps at 85 locations across the United States this summer - far more than the twenty six camps we had for summer 2015, and an increase of 227%! The full list of 2016 AFA Cyber Camps is available [here](#).

We encourage you to consider supporting or attending the following camp scheduled in your area. These camps are an excellent opportunity to "fly the AFA flag," and to attract an entirely new population to AFA in your area.

You may to reach out to the camp's organizer directly:

Organization: Rangeview High School

Camp Dates: July 18-22

Camp Organizer: Randy Mills rdmills@aps.k12.co.us

Organization: Fountain Ft Carson High School

Camp Dates: June 27 - July 1

Camp Organizer: Herbert Maison hmaisn@ffc8.org

Organization: University of Colorado

Camp Dates: July 25-29

Camp Organizer: Justin Anderson
justin.anderson@ngc.com

Organization: Lotus School for Excellence

Camp Dates: June 13-17

Camp Organizer: Serkan Danisman
sdanisman@lotusschool.org

If you have any questions about the AFA CyberCamp Program, please let us know!

The CyberPatriot Program Office

afacybercamps@uscyberpatriot.org

877-885-5716

www.uscyberpatriot.org

Congratulations to the Mel Harmon Chapter!

The Honorable Robert A. McDonald, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Presented the United Veterans Committee (UVC) of Colorado Outstanding Veterans Organization Award to the Mel Harmon #128 Chapter of the AFA for the Chapter's work supporting Veterans in Southern Colorado. Ms. Margaret A. Eichman, Chapter President, accepted the award for the Chapter at the annual UVC awards banquet held Sunday, April 10, 2016 at the Renaissance Denver Hotel; Denver, Colorado.

StellarXplorer Registration Opened May 1, 2016

Sijan Chapter Members. The registration for StellarXplorers opened on 1 May. The Program is able to excite, motivate, and inspire greater numbers and these kinds of students only if supported by generous sponsors. We would appreciate your advocacy within our organization. Attached are the latest StellarXplorers newsletter, the StellarNews, and a flier announcing the opening and the web site where registration begins, should you have any high school-age organizations that might be interested in fielding a team.



Visit the lance P. Sijan website for more detailed information: <http://www.lancepsijanafa.org/events/stellarxplores/>

2016 Scholarship Recipients

Sijan Chapter Scholarships Awarded

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. These 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. Dave Geuting did a masterful job of collecting the applications, selecting a scholarship judging committee and presenting awards to the winners. The judging committee of Rebecca Decker, Tim Tichawa and Linda Aldrich evaluated four college entries and thirteen high school entries ultimately to determine distribution of \$6500 from the Chapter. In addition to providing a transcript of grades and a resume to include school and volunteer activities, each entry contained a short essay voicing the student's opinion as to whether women should have to register for the draft. The committee said the opinions in the essays ranged from absolutely yes to absolutely no, and presented some very convincing arguments on both sides of the issue.

The Chapter is proud to announce the following college recipients: Whitney Stanton (CU-Boulder), Isabel Taylor (CSU-Pueblo), and Katie Perroni (Colorado Mesa). Our high school recipients are: Lauren Moran (Cheyenne Mountain), Bailey Florek (Rampart), Michael Simmons (St. Mary's), Aleesa Muir (Classical Academy), Andrew Meikle (Sand Creek), and Cameron Sojak (Grafton/Palmer). One high school scholarship winner is designated for the Irwin Scholarship to honor Colonel James Irwin, astronaut, lifetime AFA member and long-time Colorado Springs resident. The awardee must be pursuing a technical degree. Our selectee this year is Andrew Meikle, who will be entering CU-Boulder in the fall and is pursuing a degree in Aerospace Engineering.

In addition to the Chapter scholarships, the State AFA administers selection of a recipient of the Francisco Garcia scholarship, an annual \$1000 scholarship. The program is designed to provide funds to need-based Colorado high school graduates going on to college to obtain a degree in an aerospace related field. Each chapter in the state may designate one recipient, however, if a chapter does not have a nominee, another chapter may designate two nominees. Because of this rule, the Sijan Chapter has two recipients this year. Juanita Quiroz (William Mitchell High School) plans to attend Pikes Peak Community College and then UCCS with a planned course of study in Biomedical Engineering and Biology. Alexis Torres (Harrison High School) has been accepted at several universities but hasn't decided which location he will attend to pursue a degree in Chemical Engineering. The Mel Harmon Chapter has two selectees as well.



Scholarship winner Alexis Torres with Mother & Sijan Rep Dave Geuting



Congratulations to all the scholarship recipients and thanks to Dave Geuting for the hours he contributes each year to this successful Sijan Chapter program.

2016 Teacher of the Year

Sijan Chapter Selects Teacher of the Year

The Teacher of the Year (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 excellent opportunity recognizes special teachers who are furthering excellence and making coming to class an adventure! The Space Foundation and the Challenger Learning Center assist the Chapter in the nomination process based on outstanding performance as an educator, dedication to their students and recommendations from their principals. The Sijan Chapter is proud to announce our Teacher of the Year is Ms. Jami Seabolt from Skyway Park Elementary in Cheyenne Mountain School District 12. Ms. Seabolt has been a teacher for 17 years and her principal stated, "Jami has used our building process of deconstructing standards to delve deeper into the Colorado Academic Standards for science in a way not done before, creating units of study and aligned assessments for students that integrate science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics." Also the Space Foundation Senior Director for Education offered that "she has a passion for teaching STEM concepts both in and out of her classroom as well as a passion for growing as an educator." Dave Geuting, Chapter lead for the TOY Program, recognized Ms. Seabolt at a school assembly in order for her students to understand her enormous contributions to their education. She received a check for \$250, a Certificate of Excellence, an AFA tote bag, and a complimentary one year Civil Air Patrol Aerospace Education Membership. Additionally the Chapter will nominate her for the Colorado State Teacher of the Year.

Congratulations Ms. Seabolt and thanks to Dave Geuting for his dedication to finding a deserving candidate for Sijan Chapter Teacher of the Year!



Teacher of the Year: Ms. Seabolt & Sijan Rep Dave Geuting

Key Spouse Appreciation Luncheon

The Sijan Chapter was proud to be involved in a new project this year, the Key Spouse Appreciation Luncheon on May 25th for Peterson AFB and USAFA. The Key Spouses and Mentors provide greatly needed support for military families and the unique challenges those families face. The purpose of the luncheon was to recognize those individuals for their hard work and dedication to the squadrons and commands.

The Key Spouse Program was standardized and deployed by the USAF in March 2009 as a Quality of Life Initiative out of concern for AF families. The Key Spouse (KS), who is appointed by the unit commander, is an advocate for families. Through two-way communication and a direct connection to unit leadership via deliberate and regular meeting and interactions, each KS advocates for unit needs and concerns in addition to assisting the commander in identifying strengths and successes. The KS is officially and continually trained in specific areas such as Heart Link Training and Suicide Awareness Training, plus welcoming new families and recording volunteer hours and disseminating information.

The donation from the Sijan Chapter contributed to providing a gift for each KS and Mentor, offering childcare for the event and furnishing lunch. We are grateful to Kristen Christy for bringing this very worthwhile event to the Chapter's attention and for representing the Chapter at the event.



Attendees at the Key Spouse Luncheon



Col Doug Schiess, Debbie Scheiss (Key Spouse Mentor) and Sijan Secretary, Kristen Christy



2nd AFA Sponsored StellarXplorers Space Competition



On April 13, 2016, ten teams of high school students from across the Nation (and Germany) gathered at the Space Foundation's Discovery Center to tackle a problem of orbital design using Analytical Graphics Inc.'s (AGI) Systems Tool Kit (STK). The teams competed in StellarXplorers II, a Pilot National Deployment of a competition initiated last year with five Colorado teams participating. StellarXplorers II opened registration on October 1, 2015, and throughout the competition period, students were challenged to design realistic aspects of space operations, such as orbit design, satellite design and launch vehicle selection. For orbit and satellite design competitors used AGI's STK. Additionally, they were provided an online space textbook, called *Exploration of Space*. The actual competition consisted of three online Qualifying Rounds held January 14-16, February 18-20, and, March 3-5, 2016. The qualifying rounds required the teams to select orbits, choose spacecraft components and select a launch vehicle. During Rounds Two and Three, 20% of the total score included academic quizzes drawn from the *Exploration of Space* text. The top ten cumulative scores during the Qualifying Rounds determined which teams competed at the National Finals.

The National Finals included all aspects of the qualification rounds and was conducted at the Space Foundation's Discovery Center in Colorado Springs, CO on April 13, 2016. The following day, each team gave a 15-minute debriefing which counted as much as 20 % of the Final Score. The teams then visited the Space Symposium Exhibit Hall at The Broadmoor Resort and Hotel after the Debriefing and then attended both a Reception/Awards Ceremony and the Space Technology Hall of Fame Dinner that evening.

The 10 finalist teams included Rangeview High School from Aurora; Vista Ridge High School from Colorado Springs; a team from St. George Utah; four teams from the Los Angeles area of California; two teams from the Huntsville, Alabama area and a team from the U. S. DoD Dependent Schools in Kaiserslauten, Germany. "Observing the growth of our StellarXplorers program has been quite exciting. What is most impressive is these students, who are the future of our nation and its space community, and the way they have met every challenge we've set before them," said Larry Spencer, President of the Air Force Association. "We're thrilled to be offering a program that has generated such excitement amongst students and their educators." The Sirius Potatoes Team, CA, finished first in the competition and their Star Fleet Team finished second in the competition ahead of Rangeview High School, Aurora, CO.



The AFA's Tim Brock provides Initial Mission Brief

"StellarXplorers has broadened our vision on aerospace engineering with real life situations. Our team performed exceptionally well and the competition allowed us to learn so much about space, satellites engineering.," said Regina Kim, Sirius Potatoes team Captain. Team Director Elizabeth Grenier remarked, "From all of us here at Peninsula High School, we're thankful for this awesome opportunity. StellarXplorers has positively impacted the students tremendously this year, as well as in their future!" The awards were presented by MajGen Roger Teague, Director of Space Programs, and Mr. Dick Bundy, AFA Vice Chairman for Aerospace Education. General Hyten, Commander, USAF Space Command, and Maj Gen Denker, Deputy Director, NRO, also were in attendance. The judges for StellarXplorers included Colonel Martin French, USAF, Chairman of United States Air Force Academy's Astronautics Department as well as Major Anna Gunn-Golkin, USAF, also of the Astronautics Department Faculty. The Space Foundation provided outstanding support. At their Discovery Center they were able to expand the technical support needed to accommodate twice the number of teams for the final competition from last year. They worked hand in glove with the



StellarXplorer Cont.

StellarXplorers System Program Office to conduct the competition. The Lance P. Sijan Chapter volunteers were there in force to ensure manpower for registration and that students and their sponsors had snacks and lunch during the competition.

One of the objectives of the Air Force Association is to ADVOCATE for aerospace power and STEM education. In February 2009, AFA's CyberPatriot program began with a demonstration focusing on real world cybersecurity challenges. That program has matured into a full spectrum cyber education program extending from elementary through high schools. StellarXplorers, an education initiative established by AFA, is a one-of-a-kind space system competition designed to inspire students toward futures in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields. Program sponsors include the US Air Force STEM Program, Orbital ATK, Kratos Defense Company, Analytic Graphics, Inc., and the Space Foundation.

Eventually, the AFA's objective is to grow this space demonstration into a national program with a well-grounded educational component and with objectives of:

Stimulating in students an appreciation for the criticality of an enduring U.S. space presence;
Educating students on fundamental aspects of space systems engineering, space support systems, and space operations;
Exposing students to space industry career opportunities; and
Facilitating space industry internship and scholarship opportunities for participants.

For more information on StellarXplorers visit: www.stellarxplorers.org.

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The Rangeview H.S. Space Raiders develop options at the Discovery Center.



Stellar Xplorer competitors touring the booths at the Space Symposium Exhibit Hall.

Lance P. Sijan AFA tour volunteer, Kristen Christy meeting with Dr. Melissa Lacey (USAF ret and AFA Member), group leader for the Huntsville ROTC students.



Sijan Tribute by McCain

Keeper File

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Sijan, by McCain

Sen. John S. McCain, Arizona Republican, is perhaps the nation's best-known POW. In 1998, the former Vietnam War Navy pilot gave the keynote speech dedicating the National Prisoner of War Museum at Andersonville, Ga. McCain had spent more than five years in confinement in Hanoi, where he was tortured repeatedly. On this occasion, though, McCain spoke movingly of another POW who stood first in the senator's hall of heroes. The story of USAF Capt. Lance P. Sijan, Medal of Honor, is well-known. Still, McCain—because it was McCain—told the Sijan story with special force and eloquence.

A long time ago, I lived for a time in the company of heroes—men who endured great hardships, but who refused to lose faith in their God, their country, and their comrades.

I am a witness to a thousand acts of compassion, sacrifice, and endurance. But of all the men whose dignity humbles me, one name is revered among all others.

I never knew Lance Sijan, but I wish I had.

I wish I would have had one moment to tell him how much I admired him; how indebted I was to him for showing me, for showing all of us, our duty; for showing us how to be free.

I lived alone once in a room next door to men who had once lived with Lance Sijan. He was gone before I heard of him, but the men who had lived with him told me his story.

Air Force Capt. Lance Sijan was shot down near Vinh, North Vietnam, on Nov. 9, 1967. For a day and a half, he lay semiconscious on the ground, grievously injured with a compound fracture of his left leg, a brain concussion, and a fractured skull.

He made radio contact with rescue aircraft, but they were unable to locate him in the dense jungle. On Nov. 11, they abandoned the search.

Crawling on the jungle floor at night, Lance fell into a sinkhole, injuring himself further.

For six weeks, he evaded capture. On Christmas Day, starved, racked with pain, he passed out on a dirt road, where a few hours later the North Vietnamese found him.

The Code of Conduct for American prisoners of war requires every prisoner to evade capture, and when captured, to seize opportunities for escape. It instructs prisoners to resist giving the enemy any military information beyond name, rank, and serial number.

Lance Sijan obeyed the code to the letter.

A short time after he was captured, he overpowered an armed guard and managed to escape. Recaptured several hours later, he was tortured for information but refused to provide anything beyond what the code allowed.

By the time he reached prison in Hanoi, he was close to death. Over six feet tall, he weighed less than 100 pounds when he was placed in a cell with two other Americans, Bob Craner and Guy Gruters.

"Dedication Remarks"

Sen. John S. McCain (R-Ariz.)
National Prisoner of War Museum
Andersonville, Ga.
April 9, 1998

Find the full text on the
Air Force Magazine's website
www.airforcemag.com
"Keeper File"

He lived there nearly a month. In and out of consciousness, often delirious, he would push on the walls and scratch the floor searching vainly for a way out.

When he was lucid, and not consumed with pain, he would quiz his cellmates about the camp's security and talk with them about escaping again.

Interrogated repeatedly, he refused to say anything. He was savagely beaten for his silence, kicked repeatedly, and struck with a bamboo club.

His cellmates heard him scream profanities at his guards, and then after hours of torture, they heard him say in a weak voice: "I'm not going to tell you anything. I can't talk to you. It's against the code."

His cellmates tried to comfort him during his last hours. Working in shifts timed to the tolling of a nearby church bell, they cradled his head in their ... laps, talked quietly [to] him of his courage and faith, and told him to hang on.

Occasionally he would shake off his delirium and joke with his friends about his circumstances.

Finally, near the end, the guards came for him. Lance knew that they were taking him away to die.

And as they placed him on a stretcher, he said to his friends, "It's over. It's over."

A few days later, the camp commander told Bob Craner what he knew already, that his friend was dead. And Bob, a good man and tough resistor himself, resolved to spread the legend of Lance Sijan throughout the prisons of Hanoi so that his fellow Americans could draw strength from the example of a man who would not yield his humanity no matter how terrible the consequences.

A few weeks later, when I was moved to the cell next to Bob's, he told me the story of Lance Sijan: a free man from a free country, who kept his dignity to the last moment of his life.

When you leave here today, think of Lance Sijan, and carry his dignity with you. Keep his memory alive, confident in your faith that almighty God blessed him, and gave him the strength to prevail over his enemies.

Though they took his life, they could not take his dignity. Lance Sijan prevailed.



Naval aviator John McCain (left) in mid-1960s. First Lt. Lance Sijan (right) on an F-4 ladder.



Capt (Ret) Malcolm Edward Verdict, USAF

Charles Verdict notified the Sijan Chapter of the passing of his father, Malcolm Edward Verdict, Capt. USAF (ret.). Capt Verdict was a USAFA '65 graduate and he was a roommate with Lance P. Sijan. A few weeks ago when he was in significant pain related to end stage cancer, he was remarking to his son once again how much admiration he had for Lance in his attempts to evade capture and recapture while himself in so much paid. Pilots through and through; even to the end.

Malcolm Edward Verdict, Capt. USAF (ret.) passed away in College Station, Texas on Friday, June 10, 2016, following a brief, yet courageous struggle with cancer. He passed quietly in the morning with family by his side and to the sweet sound of his daughter's voice singing Amazing Grace. Father, brother, friend, pilot, and believer in Christ; his mission among us completed with honor, love and faith. We are comforted in his passing in victory; his parachute softly alit upon God's mighty and loving hand.

Malcolm was born on May 28, 1942 in Pontiac, Michigan where his mother, Vema Vanover Verdict, assisted the war effort while his father, John Henry Verdict, served in the Pacific Theater. He was raised in Newport, Arkansas.

Malcolm is preceded in death by his his sister, Carol Verdict Pulliam of survived by his three children and Charles B. Verdict, and his six Verdict, Avery A. Evans, Charles W. Catherine H. Verdict. Malcolm is son-in-law, James W. Evans, and his Rathbun and her husband Tim, and Logan also of Springfield, Missouri.

A brave and joyous warrior, Malcolm Vietnam at the age of twenty-four United States Air Force Academy in he entered the private sector in career in banking and energy policy.

Moving to Austin, Texas in 1978, Republican governors of Texas Clements and the honorable George capacities. Malcolm retired from the Station (TEES). While serving two at TEES, he assisted in enacting state fund and regulate renewable and received numerous state and federal Achievement Award by the



mother and father and his survived by Springfield, Missouri. He is also Gregory S. Verdict, Jennifer L. Evans grandchildren, Shane Verdict, Adrian Evans, II, Caroline D. Verdict and also survived by his faithful beloved niece, Lynne Pulliam their three sons Riley, Devon and

served as an F-4 combat pilot in (24) following his graduation from the 1965. After retiring from the military Northern Louisiana, beginning his

Malcolm served under two including the honorable William P. W. Bush in various energy policy Texas A&M Engineering Experiment governors and later and most recently and federal legislation that helped sustainable energy policies. He awards, including the Lifetime Association of Energy Engineers.

Malcolm, with his sharp and endearing wit and sense of style, drew together so many wonderful, genuine friends from all corners of the earth. The family wishes to express their sincere thanks and love for the outpouring of support and love from his friends as Malcolm passed on to be with his heavenly father. A viewing will be held at Hillier Funeral Home located at 2301 East 29th Street, Bryan, Texas 77802 on June 24, 2016 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

The funeral will take place at Reliance Baptist Church located at 6925 Reliance Church Road, Bryan, Texas 77808 (979) 589-3081 on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at 10:00 AM with senior pastor Raymond L. Marshall and Reverend Roy Meadows of Westland Baptist of Corpus Christi, Texas officiating. A private interment will take place at the United States Airforce Academy in Colorado Springs, Co. at a later date.

In lieu of flowers the family encourages those wishing to make donations to the Lance P. Sijan Chapter #125, Note on Check: Scholarship Fund Donation; Address: Lance P. Sijan Chapter #125, Air Force Association, P.O. Box 15007, Colorado Springs, CO 80935. For additional information please contact Charles Verdict cverdict@gmail.com and (737) 600-7107.



AFA's 2016 National Convention & Air, Space & Cyber Conference September 17-21, 2016 Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center National Harbor, MD

The 2016 AFA National Convention will be held in National Harbor, MD, at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center from September 17-18. Please click [here](#) to see the current delegate agenda. For information on additional activities for spouses and guests, please click [here](#).

Our Air, Space & Cyber Conference and Technology Exposition will begin on Monday, September 19, and runs through Wednesday, September 21. This is truly a one-of-a-kind event where the Air Force Association brings together Air Force leadership, industry experts, and academia from around the world to discuss the issues and challenges facing America, the aerospace community, and our US Air Force today. Please refer to our agenda [here](#). The agenda will be updated with speakers and topics in the coming weeks.

Important Reminders Regarding Potential Delegates

Who can be a Delegate? Any voting member affiliated with a chapter can be a Delegate for their state if duly selected as a Delegate by the State President. (Cadets may serve as Delegates.) All individuals who plan to represent their chapter on the state delegation must coordinate with the State President since the State President is responsible for selecting Delegates in accordance with the AFA National Constitution. The State President must provide a preliminary delegate roster to AFA Headquarters, c/o the Field Operations Department by August 15. The official roster of selected Delegates must be presented to the Credentials Committee on Saturday, September 17.

What is a Delegate required to attend during the Convention? Delegates must attend the business session on Saturday, the Region Caucus held on Saturday night and the business session on Sunday. To ensure you have the accommodations and tickets you want to have, you must do two separate things:

FIRST - Register for the Convention and/or the Air, Space & Cyber Conference

If you will be serving as a delegate to the National Convention, you **MUST** register and pay your delegate fee. AFA Delegates should use the on-line registration process to register. Please visit our main convention webpage for information and registration. NOTE: Convention delegates are selected by the state president for each state. Delegates must have a current AFA membership and be affiliated with a chapter within the state they represent. (Cadets may not serve as Delegates.)

SECOND - Make your hotel reservation

The Air Force Association worked tirelessly again with the Gaylord to get a further discounted rate for our delegates. We need your support in booking this rate so we can negotiate a similar deal for future years. For Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights, the hotel has agreed to a \$165 rate plus tax (roughly \$195 with tax). The hotel is only offering us a limited number at this rate so don't delay in making your arrangements. On nights other than Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, the AFA is again able to extend the government per diem rate of \$222 plus tax (roughly \$262 with tax). Included in both rates is the resort fee, which covers high speed internet in your room, 2 bottles of water in your room each day, fitness center access, newspaper, and local/toll free telephone calls.

Please make your reservations now to ensure you get these rates. Reservations will be accepted on a first-in basis until the block is full or until **Friday, August 26, 2016 by noon**, whichever comes first. To reserve your hotel room, you must first register for the Convention/Conference. At the end of the registration process, your Internet browser will display a registration confirmation page. Click the 'click here' link within the Hotel Reservation section that appears below your registration summary and then input the appropriate information.

NOTE: Do not call the hotel directly; this is the only avenue available for you to make your hotel reservation at this rate. Please also note that this rate will only be extended to convention delegates.

If you have any questions about your hotel reservations, please contact Amanda Grandel at agrandel@afa.org.

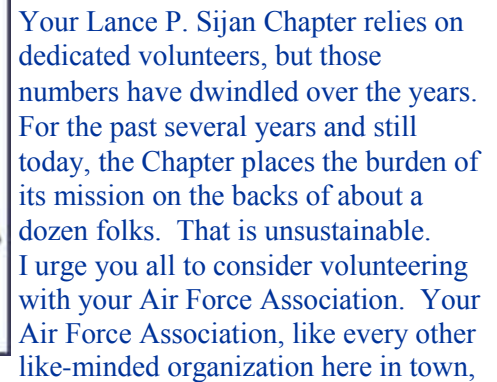


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1-800-727-3337

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM EST



Thank you to our volunteers who support Lance P. Sijan community events:

19 Apr – Dave Shiller – 21st SW Quarterly Awards
22 Apr – Dave Shiller – 50th SW Quarterly Awards
28 Apr – Kristen Christy, USAFA Quarterly Awards
28 Apr – Tim Tichawa, HQ AFSPC Quarter Awards
3 May – Don Kidd, Harrison High School Awards Ceremony
6 May – Paul Bailey, AFA Award at Falcon High School
7 May – Paul Bailey, AFA Award at Sand Creek High School
13 May – Rebecca Decker, USAFA Community College of the AF graduation, Pitsenbarger Award
24 May – Kristen Christy, Team Pete Quarterly Awards
26 May – Rebecca Decker, Peterson/Schriever Community College of the AF graduation, Pitsenbarger Award
30 May – Don Kidd, The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA)
31 May -- Don Kidd, Cadet Awards Ceremony



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AFA LANCE P. SIJAN CHAPTER

Points of Interest & Up Coming Events

LANCE P. SIJAN CHAPTER MONTHLY MEETINGS

PLACE: CATALYST CAMPUS 555 PIKES PEAK AVE, SUITE 120

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

FOR JUNE ONLY, THE MONTHLY MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO TUESDAY, JUNE 21ST

STELLAR XPLOER SEASON REGISTRATION OPENED

PLACE: SPACE FOUNDATION

DATE: MAY—OCT, 2016

IMAGE GOLF EVENT

PLACE: EISENHOWER GOLF COURSE AFA

DATE: AUGUST 19, 2016

TIME: 06:00—16:00

AFA NATIONAL & AIR, SPACE, & CYBER CONVENTION

PLACE: GAYLORD NATIONAL RESORT & CONVENTION CENTER NATIONAL HARBOR, MD

DATE: SEPTEMBER 17-21, 2016

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