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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO THE CHAPTER

Chapter Members

It's hard to believe we are entering the last quarter for 2016. It has been a busy year, and your Air Force Association has been doing great things. I want to talk about one in particular.

A few months ago, Col (Ret) Paul Bailey mentioned the Vietnam Era Service pins being made available through the Department of Defense for service members of any branch of who served anywhere during the period of the Vietnam War. Unlike those serving today and in recent past in wars in the Middle East, many who wore our Nation's uniforms during the Vietnam era were met with disdain and words of hate. For too many years, our Nation failed to recognize their heroism, their sacrifice and their selflessness. At Paul's urging, we conducted a General Membership meeting for the express purpose of handing out Vietnam Era Service pins to deserving members and to bring our membership together for the first time in many years. For those of you who missed it, you missed a wonderful evening.

But the lesson is an enduring one. We offer our thanks far too seldom. So let me take advantage of my position and the opportunity to write this article to express mine to so many.

To those of you who served in and during the Vietnam War, thank you. To those of you who served in Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operations Iraqi Freedom, Korea, the Cold War, World War II and any of the dozens of operations that have occurred around the globe over the past several decades, thank you. For the hundreds of thousands on whose shoulders so many of us stood during our time in uniform, thank you, thank you, thank you.

While individually, we can all stand proud that we have stood for something larger than any of us, only through collective efforts of millions of men and women over two and a half centuries have we been able to secure and ensure the freedom and liberties every US citizen enjoys today. It has taken all of us and all of the millions who served before us, and the hundreds of thousands serving today. And It will continue to require the heroism, sacrifice and selflessness of millions more in the future.

So when you have the chance, no matter where or how brief, please take the opportunity to thank those who have served and are serving. And encourage those who might.

In the meantime, thank you all! Don Kidd

Lance P. Sijan Chapter Elections

To all Lance P. Sijan Chapter Members:

It is time to have election of officers for the Lance P. Sijan Chapter and this is the slate of officers that has been proposed by the board. All members please respond no later than Friday, October 21st, with your approval of the slate through our chapter website: http://www.lancepsijanafa.org/2014-sijan-chapter-election/ or your write-in suggestion for any board position. If you have any questions, please contact Don Kidd at don.kidd@comcast.net or Linda Aldrich at lsaletters@comcast.net.

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New National Cemetery in Colorado

(Contributed by Paul Bailey, Sijan Chapter Veterans Affairs VP)

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) purchased 374 acres of land on the Rolling Hills Ranch property, east of Marksheffel Road between Bradley and Drennan Roads. When the project is complete this will be the third VA national cemetery in Colorado, the other two being Fort Logan Nation Cemetery in Denver and Fort Lyon National Cemetery in Las Animas. The facility will serve approximately 95,000 Veterans and family members who are not within 75 miles of an open national, state or tribal Veterans cemetery. Veterans with a qualifying discharge,



their spouses and eligible dependent children may be buried in a VA national cemetery. Military personnel who die on active duty, their spouses and eligible dependents are also eligible. All eligible Veterans are entitled to a burial flag, a Presidential Memorial Certificate and a government headstone or marker regardless of whether they are buried in a national cemetery or a private cemetery.

Local veterans have pushed for a national cemetery in Colorado Springs for nearly two decades, and even though the deal for the land was closed in 2014, the project failed to move forward in the absence of construction cash. The design phase for the cemetery was fully funded, awarded in February 2015, and is currently on schedule. The design phase must be completed before a price tag is submitted to and funds are allocated from Congress. Early estimates predict that the cemetery will cost between \$28 million and \$50 million.

The VA can provide more information about cemeteries, memorial services, and burial benefits online at www.cem.va.gov or over the phone at 800-827-1000. The fact sheet for the Colorado Springs cemetery is available on line at http://www.cem.va.gov/docs/factsheets/Colorado_Springs_Area.pdf.

Veterans History Project

Interested in telling your story of significant events in your military career? The American Red Cross and the Library of Congress have teamed up to produce the Veterans History Project. There is no cost associated with this endeavor. A free 1/2 hour video interview will be conducted of you, giving you time to tell your story of significant events in your military career. You have to be prepared to tell your story, either from a prepared script, or from notes if you are accustomed to public speaking so that there are no interruptions in the videotape. You can make initial contact to participate in this project on line or via telephone to a local Veterans History Project Volunteer. Once completed, your oral history will be stored in the archives of the Library of Congress of others to see and reference your stories. This is a great opportunity to tell of significant events in your military career -- it is up to you to decide what military memories you may wish to share with others and leave to history! See the attached brochure that better explains the Veterans

History Project and how to participate.





Congressional Gold Medal Award



By The Press & Standard / August 4, 2016

Samuel Belton was one of the first black men to serve in the Marine Corps, a job that took him all over the world, until he came home to Walterboro. On Aug. 5 at 11 a.m. he received the United States Congressional Gold Medal at the VFW Hall on Jefferies Highway. The Congressional Gold Medal, one of the highest military accolades awarded in America, is presented on behalf of Congress to a member of the military who displays valor above and beyond the call of duty. The medal is one of two highest awards in the U.S., the nation's highest expression of national appreciation for distinguished achievements and contributions. The first was awarded in 1776 to Gen. George Washington.

The oldest of 16 children, Belton was raised by Retha and Climpson Belton on Highway 21, "back when it was dirt, between Bells Crossroads and Ruffin." he recalled. "My father was a teacher and my mother had babies and took care of the farm." Belton, now 92, was drafted into the Marines in 1943,

the year after blacks were allowed to join the Corps. After boot camp at segregated Monfort Point, adjacent to Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, N.C., he was sent to the proving ground in Aberdeen, Md. Then he was assigned to the 51st and 52nd defense battalions, an all-black unit. In 1944 Belton went to the South Pacific, attached to a gun battalion. "We had 150 Howitzers and 155 Howitzers," he said. The tripod-mounted weapons "will knock an airplane out of the air."

In 1946 he left the military with an honorable discharge and the rank of sergeant, he said. Three years later he signed up again. "In South Carolina there was nothing to do — nobody would give you work," he said. He went to the St. John's River Shipyard in Florida, where he'd briefly worked before, "but there weren't building the big ships like they used to." He wound up working with a brother in construction, "But it was so hot, and I couldn't see pushing a wheelbarrow every day," he said. On Feb. 5, 1949 he walked into a Marine recruiting office and, after a little haggling, he rejoined. "They said if I agreed to three years they'd reinstate me as a corporal," Belton said. After training at Camp Pendleton in Twenty-nine Palms, CA., he was stationed in Hawaii, at an "ammo dump" — a storage facility for live ammunitions and explosives — in Honolulu.

In 1952 he was assigned to an ammo dump in New Jersey, near Asbury Park. On leave, he'd visit relatives in Brooklyn, N.Y. After being deployed to Korea, he was seriously injured in a mortar attack. "I was driving some commanders up a hill to film an air strike," he recalled. They had to pass through a dangerous area dubbed "Shrapnel Pass," where Korean soldiers could see any movement by opposing forces. "I got to a spot where I could pull over and I had my binoculars," said. "I saw those fellows getting ready to pepper us with mortar rounds." Belton warned his passengers to hold on, "and then there was a bright flash. Next thing I knew, I woke up on a hospital ship." He spent three months on the ship with a head wound, facial lacerations, an eye injury and shrapnel in his left hip, followed by another five months at a hospital in Osaka, Japan. He says he never found out what happened to the officers he was escorting, "because I never went back to base."

After he returned to Camp Lejeune, he had surgery to remove foreign objects from his body. "I don't know what they saw on the X-ray, but they had to cut me," he said. Soon he was transferred to the shipyard in Norfolk, Va., and then to the Charleston Naval Shipyard. He was honorably discharged in 1958, when he began running a factory on Bells Highway that made wooden handles. In 1963 he was hospitalized when a Ford Fairlane fell on him at home as he worked underneath ("My head was wrapped up like a mummy.") He left the factory and found work as a major domo for prominent attorney Stanley Cox of Morgantown, W.Va. "I drove his car, cut grass, did whatever he needed me to do," he said. After Cox, his wife and daughter were killed in a plane crash. Belton was hired as a maintenance worker for the University of West Virginia and the UWV Medical Center. He stayed for 20 years and worked his way up to supervising some 600 employees.

In 1987 he returned to Walterboro and "started horse-trading" from Florida to North Carolina. "I sold tools, cars, anything I could sell and make a dollar," he said. Today he's a dapper, well-dressed man with a keen sense of humor. While he faced his share of prejudice in the Jim Crow south and segregated military, Belton says his parents "taught me right — if I saw danger I went the other way."

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Asked about the Medal of Honor, Belton says he doesn't know "if it's for something I did in Japan, or Korea, or where." Sgt.

Michael Cook, a retired Marine from Beaufort and a Marine major, visited Belton at home and explained the Medal of Honor process. "It was a terrible storm that day, and they wanted me to go back to Beaufort with them and I said, 'No way!" he recalled. He keeps about a dozen medals and insignia in a manila envelope. But he seems more proud of the photographs of his family.

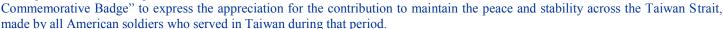
He and his wife Aruth have been predeceased by three children. Their remaining children, Samuel Jerome, who lives in North Carolina, and Carolyn, in Colorado Springs, keep in close touch. Mr. Jerome is father-in-law to Willie Kalaskie, an active volunteer who helps with the Sijan Chapter's Air Force Ball each year

Eligibility for U.S.-R.O.C. Mutual Defense Commemorative Badge

Sijan Chapter Members,

The Colorado Springs Regional Business Alliance has notified the Chapter of Eligibility for U.S.-R.O.C. Mutual Defense Commemorative Badge. The government of Taiwan has produced the "U.S.-R.O.C. Mutual Defense Commemorative Badge" to express their appreciation for the contribution to maintain the peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait, made by all American soldiers who served in Taiwan during the period of 1955-1979. They are looking for any former Army soldier in Colorado who meets that requirement so they may present the award to them, and have asked me to help get the word out. Can you please help by spreading the attached out to your networks?

From 1955 to 1979, a Mutual Defense Treaty was established between the United States of America and the Republic of China (ROC), which secured Taiwan from invasion in the aftermath of the Chinese Civil war. The Ministry of National Defense of the Republic of China has produced the "U.S.-R.O.C. Mutual Defense





In addition, the Ministry also produced "Honor Medal for 823 Bombardment" for those who helped Taiwan defend itself during the 1958 Taiwan Strait Crisis. On behalf of the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan), Mr. Jerry Chang, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Denver would like to present these badges/medals to the American veterans who took part in providing assistance in Taiwan's self defense. We are more than happy to discuss the occasion to present these badges/ medals with your department/organization after we find out qualified veterans in your great state. Please kindly share this information, and ask those qualified veterans to get in touch with Ms. Shirley Chang at cschang03@mofa.gov.tw or (720)587-2949 #108.

Industry Military Annual Golf Event (IMAGE) 2016

Started in 2000, the Industry Military Annual Golf Event (IMAGE) provides the opportunity for military and industry to have some fun and play a round of golf for a great cause. The Lance Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association (AFA), and Rocky Mountain Chapters of the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) and the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association (AFCEA), all work together to raise money for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) scholarships and related STEM activities. Each year, we collectively award over \$60k to deserving students and STEM activities, with IMAGE providing a substantial portion of those funds. This year, we raised approximately \$18,000. IMAGE is a premier networking event within the defense marketplace in the Springs.

IMAGE 2016 was held on 19 Aug at Eisenhower Golf Course at the United States Air Force Academy, where 108 golfers participated. We were supported by 25 generous sponsors, including: Lockheed Martin, Pennica Financial Group, MTSI, Infoblox Federal, ForeScout, Summit Technical Solutions, Great Wolf Resorts, Inc., The Antlers Hotel, Apex Systems, Blackstone Technology Group, Rocky Mountain Wireless Solutions, General Dynamics IT, ASRC, Stellar Solutions, GTRI, Harris Corporation, Aerotek, RIM Technologies, Lexus of Colorado Springs, TEKsystems, IMG, Hotel Elegante, SGT, and Webster University.



Thanks to all who supported this important yearly tournament, with a special thanks to Joe Kahoe, the 2016 IMAGE Chairman and Sijan Chapter representative for all the years he has so faithfully and competently worked in organizing this key event.



Saving Sijan's Jet
(From USAFA AOG/Hemmings contributor William Hall on July 20, 2016)

F4 Phantom



Lance Sijan lived an All-American life. Raised in 1950s Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the young Boy Scout and athlete dreamed of one day becoming an Air Force fighter pilot. A star football player, he struggled with academics. But his determination took him to military prep school where he studied hard and was accepted to the Air Force Academy, with the end goal of receiving a commission as an Air Force officer. He would accomplish that, and so much more.

It was 1965, and General Motors had extended a special offer to all the seniors at the Air Force Academy to purchase a hot new Corvette Stingray at a discounted price. Maybe it was good marketing to have America's finest behind the wheel of GM's newest sports car – or maybe it was GM's way of paying it forward, as the conflict in Vietnam loomed heavily in these cadets' future. Either way, Lance plunked down \$3,638.40 of his cadet salary and purchased a beautiful 1965 Roman Red roadster, accomplishing another milestone in every boy's American Dream.

Lance Sijan Corvette



Lance ordered the car from Daniels Motors Inc. in Colorado Springs; it had the flashy red/white interior combo, the optional L-75 300-hp 327 engine, four-speed transmission, white wall tires and Positraction rear end. He specified factory pickup from the St. Louis Assembly plant (which discounted the car another \$87 by waiving the shipping fee), vowing to drive the car all the way back to Milwaukee in the winter, with the top down.

But time with his new toy was short. In July of 1967, 2nd Lieutenant Sijan deployed to Vietnam to fly an F-4 Phantom with the 480th Tactical Fighter Squadron at Da Nang. Like so many others that went to war, he would never get to drive his beloved car again.

In his hometown of Milwaukee, Captain Sijan is memorialized with a twin of his F-4 aircraft placed on display at the old 440th Air Lift Wing of the Air Force Reserve

located at the south end of General Mitchell Field. In 2008, the base was closed as part of the federal Base Realignment and Closure Act and the 440th moved to Pope Air Force base in North Carolina. The facility was mothballed and used sparingly as a business incubator for the last few years. Now, the base has a new private redevelopment plan which doesn't include the monument.

An effort is under way, led by Lance's sister Janine Sijan-Rozina, to raise funds to relocate the fighter jet. The project is estimated to cost around \$175,000 for the move and new pedestal. Milwaukee County has given provisional approval to display the monument elsewhere, providing the Sijan family can raise the necessary funds to move it there.

On Saturday, June 25, a car show hosted by the Original Memories Car Club set out to help raise funds to move the F-4 Phantom to a new home. 140 cars, with about 80 percent owned by Vietnam-era veterans, turned out to honor Capt. Sijan in Milwaukee. And there under a small tent was Lance's 1965 Roman Red Corvette, now owned by Greg Lawless of Summit, Wisconsin, freshly restored and looking completely original, save for the addition of a military MIA Challenge Coin adhered to the console.

We have many freedoms in this country — enabled by our military who have acted so selflessly and paid so dearly. We have lost the best and bravest among us to war, those men and women who answered the call, and inspired us through their acts of courage and character, like Capt. Lance P. Sijan.

"This is a guy who would have been President," said high school friend and fellow Air Force veteran John Munzinger. "Everything he touched turned to gold."



If you would like to help donate funds or resources to the Lance Si-

Relocation Effort, you can do so by clicking or going to LanceSijanMOH.com. We think Hemmings Nation will answer the call and we'd like to report it; please add the note "HMN" along with any donations.



2016 Award Recipients

Sijan Chapter Wins National Awards

THIS MESSAGE WAS SENT TO SIJAN PRESIDENT DON KIDD ON BEHALF OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, FIELD OPERATIONS DAVID DIETSCH August 3, 2016

Dear Don,

I am delighted to inform you that the Awards Committee has selected the Lance P. Sijan Chapter to receive the Exceptional Service Award for Communications and an Aerospace Education Achievement Award. This recognition is a fine tribute to your chapters' dedication and outstanding efforts on behalf of AFA.

Awards presentations will be made during the 2016 National Convention at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention

Center on Saturday, September 17, 2016. The award that will be presented to your chapter during the ceremony is **the Exceptional Service Award for Communications.** The award will be presented at the AFA Field Awards Reception on Saturday starting at 6:00 pm.

We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Dave Dietsch

Congratulations to our National AFA Individual Award Win-

<u>ners</u>: Barbara Binn, Sijan Chapter Treasurer, and Linda Aldrich, Sijan Chapter Vice President, were recognized at the AFA National Convention with the Exceptional Service Award.

Congratulations to the 2016 Young Professional of the Year for the Southern Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce: Sijan Chapter Vice President for Membership, Dr Rebecca "Becca" A. Decker, was selected by the SCWCC for recognition as an emerging leader in career excellence, creativity and initiative as well as being a role model for peers in the Pikes Peak Region. Becca is the Founder and President of 2/RD Ltd. Her work orbits around marketing and social media strategies, project management, and business development services, or something in the middle for the Aerospace and Defense sector. In her role as a board member of the Sijan Chapter, she develops strategies that foster the awareness of the AFA Chapter, events and community advocacy programs, including efforts that support our military, veterans and wounded airmen.

<u>Congratulations to Schriever AFB</u> for being awarded the Theodore von Karman Award for the most outstanding contribution in the field of science and engineering, AF Tactical Exploitation of National Capabilities



Dr. Rebecca "Becca" Decker Young Professional of the Year

Thanks to the Sijan Chapter for Support of Military Families



To the Association, The Board of the Pikes Peak or Bust rodeo Foundation wishes to express their gratitude to your membership for the \$440.00 donation to purchase tickets to the 76 Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo. The military families who attended, thanks to you, enjoyed the festivities and the performance.

Sincerely, Richard S. Power, Treasurer

Chapter General Membership Meeting

The Sijan Chapter hosted some very special guests at a General Membership meeting on September 12th at the Colorado Springs Library. Members of the United States Armed Forces who served on active duty during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 16, 1975, regardless of location, received a Vietnam War Commemoration lapel pin. Chapter Vice President for Veterans Affairs, Paul Bailey, orchestrated this event, providing the information that a Vietnam Veteran Lapel Pin was available to recognize, thank and honor U.S. military veterans who served during the Vietnam War. An Eagle representing courage, honor and dedicated service to our nation is emblazoned on the front of the pin and the back carries the message "A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors You."





Oldest and Youngest AF Member (Photographs provided by Cody Nolen)

President Tim Tichawa and Chapter President Don Kidd. Major Michael D. Kennedy, Course Director for Modern Military History of the U.S. Air Force Academy presented a slide show and overview of the Vietnam War along with his thanks to those who served.

Each Vietnam Veteran was individually recognized and thanked by the Colorado Springs Vice President of Vietnam Veterans Chapter and by Paul Bailey from Sijan. Additionally a proclamation from the Colorado Springs City Council declared September 12th Air Force Association and United States Air Force Day to highlight the presentations, an act which brought an enthusiastic thank you from the attendees. The evening concluded with an Air Force Birthday cake cutting performed by the oldest and the youngest attendees, Mr. Gus Freyer and AFJROTC Cadet Anthony Mayes, whose combined ages totaled 100 years.

Special thanks for Paul Bailey for organizing this General Membership meeting to honor and thank our Vietnam Veterans.

Chapter Donates AF Birthday Cake

The Lance P. Sijan Chapter donated an Air Force Birthday cake to the participating members of the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School at their regular meeting of SPIRE (Special Program in Religious Education) at the U.S. Air Force Academy Community Chapel on September 14, 2016. The U.S. Air Force Birthday is September 18th, but their meeting was close enough to celebrate the Birthday following their SPIRE meeting where they also receive a free meal. This time, the meal was followed by the special U.S. Air Force Birthday Cake donated by the Chapter. The participating Cadets sang "Happy Birthday" to the U.S. Air Force while having their cake. The

Preparatory School Cadets that received the cake say "Thank you!."

Colorado AFA State Meeting In the Weisbrod Aircraft Museum



The setting was perfect for the Colorado State AFA meeting—right under the wings of aircraft at the Weisbrod Aircraft Museum in Pueblo, Colorado. The Mel Harmon Chapter hosted, leading off with a continental breakfast and concluding with offering tours to anyone who had not previously visited the museum. State President Tim Tichawa covered several key issues, beginning with the state of the 2016 Colorado State Awards and Awards Dinner. The event was scheduled earlier in the year, but had to be cancelled so the state has yet to recognize awards recipients. Sijan representative Linda Aldrich volunteered the Sijan Chapter to host the rescheduled event, now to be held at the Space Foundation Area 51 in Colorado Springs on Saturday, November 5, commencing at 4:30. Invitation will be sent out in early October. The Garcia Scholarship was the second topic, with the issue being the eventual end of funding. Joan Sell volunteered to contact Diana Garcia for the family preference of using up all the funds or investing the funds to perpetuate the scholarship. Joan followed up after the meeting with the information that Diana liked the idea of investing the remaining funds and limiting the scholarship to one \$1000 presentation. If the fund grows, then the scholarship will be expanded over time. Tim Tichawa announced that he would be stepping down as State President after the National Convention in September. After formal nomination by the State nominating Committee, Linda Aldrich was voted in to assume the State President position. Continuing with the agenda, Tim discussed the National Convention Delegate List and the National Officer candidates, followed by the announcement that National AFA will be reducing support payments to the Chapters. Each of the Chapters--Mel Harmon, Huyser,

Mile High and Sijan summarized the quarterly activities for the attendees, and concluded with a summary of actions pending before the next quarterly meeting to be hosted by the Huyser Chapter in Grand Junction in December.

Mel Harmon deserves a great thanks for hosting the event and for providing such an appropriate venue.

Lance P. Sijan Needs Your Help



Your Lance P. Sijan Chapter relies on dedicated volunteers, but those numbers have dwindled over the years. For the past several years and still today, the Chapter places the burden of its mission on the backs of about a dozen folks. That is unsustainable. I urge you all to consider volunteering with your Air Force Association. Your Air Force Association, like every other like-minded organization here in town,

needs help. We need people dedicated to our mission, anxious to ensure we are visible and committed to our community and our Air Force family. Don't worry about whether or not there will be anything for you to do...there's plenty to go around. So please join us. Come to our monthly Board meetings, or just call one of us to let us know you're available. We'd love to see you!

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

The awards programs at the five local Wings, three Headquarters units and local JROTC depend on our Sijan Chapter to support honoring our local Airmen. Annually we represent AFA at 22 quarterly and annual events, providing gift cards to winners and offering free memberships, as well as sponsoring many of the events. Thank you to these representatives who stepped up for this quarter to show Sijan and AFA in action:

22 Jul – Tim Tichawa – 50th SW Quarterly Awards

26 Jul – Dave Shiller – 21st SW Quarterly Awards

28 Jul – Rebecca Decker – USAFA Quarterly Awards

5 Aug – Kristen Christy – HQ AFSPC Quarterly Awards

19 Aug – Kristen Christy – 21st SW Sr NCO Induction

30 Aug -- Dave Shiller -- Team Pete Awards Breakfast

8 Sept – Kristen Christy and Tim Tichawa– AF Space and Missile Pioneers Luncheon

12 Sept – Paul Bailey – Recognition of Veterans at General Membership Meeting



SNCO Induction Ceremony at Peterson AFB





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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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

21ST SW QTR AWARDS BREAKFAST

PLACE: THE CLUB PAFB DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2016

USAFA QTR AWARDS

PLACE: THE FALCON CLUB DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2016 TIME: AFTERNOON

MILITARY RETIREE/MILITARY SPOUSE INFORMATION DAY

PLACE: PETERSON AFB CLUB DATE: OCTOBER 29, 2016 TIME: 08:00–12:15

VETERANS DAY PARADE

PLACE: DOWNTOWN COLORADO SPRINGS TEJON ST.

DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2016

TIME: 11:00AM

STATE AWARDS RECEPTION

PLACE: SPACE FOUNDATION AREA 51

DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2016

TIME: TBD

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PLACE: ENLISTED ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 1

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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!

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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