



# The Sijan Sentinel

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## WELCOME TO SIJAN CHAPTER 125!

**President: Kristen Christy**  
**Vice President: Tim Tichawa**  
**Secretary: Doug Kendall**  
**Treasurer: Barbara Binn**



## **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO THE CHAPTER**

### Chapter Members

My final note to you, our Chapter membership, is both one of thanks and a request. Thank you for your support to the men and women who wear our Nation's uniforms. Thank you for your support of our local Air Force installations, leadership and missions. And thank you for all you do to support the Lance P. Sijan Chapter of your Air Force Association. What we do every year to support our Air Force and those who wear its uniforms would not be possible without you. Your generosity in both time and money is a constant need. And that gets to my "ask".

Please don't stop. I am extremely confident our new Chapter President, Kristen Christy, and Vice President, MSgt Tim Tichawa, will bring new energy to the Board and membership. But as much now as ever before, they will need your help. Please continue to support your local AFA Chapter. Please participate in our activities, and please continue to be generous when asked to give of your time or money.

The slightest bit helps. We are always in need of volunteers to take on new or expanding efforts. And we can always use more funding. Every little bit counts. For example, when you use amazon.com, use amazonsmile.com instead. Amazon Smile allows you to select a charity of your choice, and contributes a portion of every sale to that charity. Please consider the Lance P. Sijan Chapter when you are making contributions to the annual Combined Federal Campaign. Also many of your company giving campaigns have an option to specify a registered charity and match funds. Our need to support of our Air Force continues to grow and subsequently, the need for your help continues to grow.

Finally, a personal thanks to Linda Aldrich, who served so diligently as the Chapter Vice President for the past four years. She has been amazing, to say the least. And thanks to all our Board members over the past two years - Kristen Christy, Tim Tichawa, Barb Binn, Bill Houth, Dave Shiller, Jeri Andrews, Paul Bailey, Henry Baird, and Rebecca Decker for their dedication and commitment to our Chapter. I have been proud to be a part of the extraordinary contributions of this great AFA chapter.

## **Meet the Newly Elected Lance P. Sijan Officers**

Thanks to all who participated in the election process for incoming Sijan Chapter officers. The changeover occurred December 1st and departing Chapter President Don Kidd expressed his confidence in the future of the Chapter under the new leadership. The new board will be busy planning events and the budget for 2017 so the officers are requesting any input for consideration. The immediate plans include general membership meetings and a wider variety of military support to reach out to military spouses as well. Please feel free to contact the new officers via email with any input, or, better yet, please attend the monthly meeting held on the second Tuesday of each month (check your email for notifications and the website for location).

## Meet the Newly Elected Lance P. Sijan Officers Cont.

**Kristen Christy, President**--Kristen is a Business Development, Proposal, and Marketing Specialist with Modern Technology Solutions, Inc. (MTSI). She has been an Air Force family member her entire life. With the exception of a year at Carlisle Barracks from 2005 – 2006, Kristen has lived Colorado Springs since 1995. Named a Woman of Influence in 2014 and a Leadership Pikes Peak graduate of 2015, Kristen is embedded in all aspects of our community and considered a Community Trustee. With her husband's (SSgt. Sean Lange) support, she is an active member of National Defense Industrial Association and its affiliate Women in Defense, a key spouse for the 960th NOS at Peterson AFB, a member of the local and national boards of the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association as a stroke survivor, a member of the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony Association Board, and a board member of the Council of Neighbors and Organizations, or CONO, interacting with our city and county elected officials. She is currently working with the state capitol and the White House to have a National Day for Survivors recognized. Kristen is a proud Texas Longhorn, graduating with a BS in Organizational Communications and is currently working on her MBA through Colorado Technical University



**Tim Tichawa, Vice President** Timothy Tichawa is an active MSgt and a 2014 National AFA Emerging Leader. Tim started with AFA in 2011 at Vandenberg AFB, serving as the Chapter's Vice President for Aerospace Education and as the California State AFA VP for Aerospace Education. He has been recognized with an AFA National Medal of Merit, a California AFA Presidential Exceptional Service Award, and California AFA Meritorious Service Award. Tim has been a valuable addition to the Sijan Chapter since transferring to Schriever AFB, serving as the Chapter's VP for Aerospace Education and also as the Colorado AFA State President.



**Doug Kendall, Secretary** Doug Kendall is the ENSCO Program Manager for a Systems Engineering & Integration (SE&I) program for the Range & Network Division at the Space & Missile Systems Center (SMC) at Los Angeles AFB, CA. Doug has 30+ years of acquisition, engineering, and space operations experience and success—holding key leadership, engineering, logistics/sustainment, program management, and staff positions throughout his career, including holding prominent positions at SMC—Director of Systems Engineering and Spacelift Range Group Commander. His AF career included engineering on the Peacekeeper ballistic missile program; served on & led space crews in Turkey during DESERT STORM; led crews performing satellite operations at Schriever AFB and commanded units in space/missile training. After retiring from the AF as a Colonel, Doug worked the next 6 years with Honeywell leading a logistics/maintenance team on the Air Force Satellite Control Network (AFSCN) program. Doug joined ENSCO, Inc., a small business engineering company, in early 2015 working as a Senior Staff Systems Engineer on the SE&I team supporting the launch ranges. ENSCO was recently awarded the contract for which he is now the Program Manager.



**Barbara Binn, Treasurer** Barbara Binn has served as the Sijan Chapter Treasurer for the last several years, contributing her expertise as a Senior Tax Advisor for BLOCK Advisors with H&R Block. With 25 years of experience, while working for H&R Block she prepares tax returns, has managed tax preparation offices, and also taught various income tax courses for 12 years. Barb has a history of being an active volunteer no matter where she lives, starting as a teen Candy Stripper at a hospital near her home town. As an Air Force spouse, she continued serving the AF and local communities with volunteer positions at the base Family Support Centers, with scouting, and even as a swim team coach in Ankara, Turkey. Barb was raised in Nutley, NJ where she met her husband in the high school band. She graduated with a BA degree in Math and Secondary Education from Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio. After her husband, Brian Binn, was commissioned, they were married and started their 30 year adventure with the Air Force. Barb and Brian have three children, Kelly, Keith, and Lisa, and six grandchildren in South Carolina, North Carolina, and in Asia.



## Annual Air Space & Missile Pioneer Hall of Fame Ceremony



By Philip Carter, 21st Space Wing Public Affairs / Published September 13, 2016

For the last 19 years, Air Force Space Command has honored a select group of individuals who had significant and lasting contributions to the development of space, missile programs and AFSPC.

The annual Air Force Space & Missile Pioneer, Hall of Fame ceremony took place Sept. 8, 2016, at the Peterson Air Force Base Club, and was hosted by Gen. John E. Hyten, AFSPC commander.

Tim Tichawa, Chapter Vice President; John Moorman (for his father, Gen. Thomas Moorman, Jr.); Maj. Gen. Robert (Rosie) Rosenberg; Maj. Gen. Thomas (Tav) Taverney; Kristen Christy, Chapter President (Photo by Philip Carter)

Three outstanding individuals were inducted into the Hall of Fame, including Gen. Thomas S. Moorman Jr., retired Maj. Gen. Robert A. Rosenberg, and retired

Maj. Gen. Thomas D. Taverney. Moorman played a key role in various studies and programming efforts which resulted in the establishment of an Air Force major command for space operations. As commander and vice commander of AFSPC, he was responsible for a variety of military space systems. Moorman was represented by his son, Mr. John R. Moorman. As a member of the President's National Security Council, Rosenberg assisted in the establishment of the Space Shuttle program and formulation of President Carter's National Space Policy. Rosenberg also served as a mission controller and targeteer for the CORONA, GAMBIT and SIGINT satellites and was directly responsible for many aspects of the HEXAGON program. Taverney is a former recipient of the Air Force Scientific Achievement Award for developing and demonstrating a new guidance approach, which subsequently allowed proof of concept for an air-launched antisatellite weapon system. He also led development of the extremely successful Commercially Hosted Infrared Program payload.

Nearly 100 people attended the luncheon. This annual award was first given under the sponsorship of the National Space Club in Washington D.C., which honored 10 key military and civilian leaders in the Air Force space program in 1989. In 1997, in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the Air Force and the 15th anniversary of the Air Force Space Command, the award was formalized into an official Air Force award. Since then a select few have been honored with the award each year.

Kristen Christy, Chapter President, add this information: The members of the Lance P. Sijan Chapter have funded the paintings of every pioneer since the inception of this award in 1997 and are honored to have done so again for the 2016 inductees. For 19 years, the Chapter has presented the painting by renown airpower artist, Mr. Jay Ashurst, as a gift to Air Force Space Command. In her presentation, Kristen stated, "The AFA is dedicated to promoting our Air Force and recognizing the great works your service provides for the Department of Defense and the United States as a whole. Honoring the men and women whose work led the way in Air Force space and missile programs celebrates the innovation and excellence that drives the United States Air Force to this day." General Hyten joined Kristen in unveiling the portraits of the newest AF Space and Missile Pioneers, which was the first time the recipients had seen the portraits.





## Our Chapter Members Out and About

### 2017 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 2017 and winners will be notified no later than 1 May 2017.

Complete application information is currently posted on the Chapter website at <http://www.lancepsijanafa.org> or contact the project manager at [david.geuting@yahoo.com](mailto:david.geuting@yahoo.com) or 719-445-0607 (H) or 719-219-7471 (W).

### AFSPC Change of Command Ceremony

On October 25th, 2016 General John E. Hyten relinquished command to General John W. Raymond at Hangar 140, Peterson Air Force Base. Newly-elected Sijan Chapter President, Kristen Christy, represented the Chapter at the ceremony. She also had a moment to chat with General David L. Goldfein, Air Force Chief of Staff. Kristen took the opportunity to showcase the Chapter support for our Air Force community, active duty, reserves, and retired, along with their families. Thanks for Kristen for highlighting the Chapter and congratulations General Raymond!



### National Air Force Association Convention

Delegates from the State of Colorado found time to enjoy the beautiful Gaylord Hotel at the National Air Force Association Convention in September. Colorado AFA State President Tim Tichawa led the delegation and was proud to accept national level awards for Chapter and individual members of Sijan Chapter. We encourage our membership to think about becoming a delegate for the next National Convention in 2017. Our input to the election of National Officers is critical and the opportunity to exchange ideas with other Chapters will enhance the already significant activities of Sijan Chapter.



### Sijan at the Tri-Command Holiday Reception

Chapter members Linda Aldrich, Kevin Estrem and Kristen Christy enjoyed the festivities of the Tri-Command Holiday Reception at Peterson AFB on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The holiday event allowed them the opportunity to represent AFA and Sijan Chapter with General Lori Robinson, N/NC Commander, General John "Jay" Raymond, AFSPC Commander, and Colonel Tim Lawson, Deputy CC for Support, US Army Space and Missile Defense Command/ Army Forces Strategic Command.



## Veterans Day Ceremonies

Sijan Chapter member and AFA State President Linda Aldrich joined the Mel Harmon Chapter in Pueblo, Colorado for a “Leave No Veteran Behind” ceremony on Veteran’s Day. Fourteen organizations that support and care for veterans in the Pueblo area combined efforts with the Mel Harmon Chapter to honor veterans and show community support. The honored guest speaker was Brigadier General (Retired) Thomas Draude, US Marine Corps, and a highly decorated Vietnam veteran. Col Aldrich represented all the AFA chapters in the state and explained programs and events that help with education and care for veterans. She spoke of all the young men and women in Colorado who are entering the service now and how important their contact with veterans is in motivating that decision to join the military. “They would never have chosen that path had they not, at some time in their life, come into contact with someone like you, who led them to believe that serving the country was how they wanted to live their life. They are the next generation of veterans, Colorado veterans, and you are who inspired them to become that next generation of heroes.”



## Veterans Day Wreath Laying

On November 11, 2016 at the Enlisted Association, Chapter Vice President for Veterans Affairs, Col Paul L. Bailey, USAF (Ret), presented the Chapter wreath to honor all veterans on Remembrance Day for Canada and Veterans Day for the United States. The Stellar Brass from the United States Air Force Academy Band provided the music for the event. The guest speaker was LCOL Adrianna Noonan, Commanding Officer, Canadian Forces Support Unit at NOAD. Thirty four Veteran organizations in the Colorado Springs area, as part of the El Paso County veterans Council presented memorial wreaths honoring the military services of both Canada and the United States, past and present.



## 75th Anniversary Pearl Harbor Observance

On December 7th, 2016, the Navy League Council #132 sponsored the 75th Anniversary Pearl Harbor Observance at the Pioneer Museum in downtown Colorado Springs. Attending was the Honorable Mayor of Colorado Springs, John Suthers and El Paso County Commissioner Daryl Glenn. Both honored guests presented proclamations from the City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County declaring and designating the 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Observance. The Doherty High School Naval JROTC provided both the Honor Guard and the Color Guard for the Ceremony. A special acknowledgement of Petty Officer Daniel Griffin, a graduate of Palmer High School and the recognized 1st casualty of WW II was conducted.



Fourth Infantry Division Band provided music for the Observance

Capt Davie "Roy" Rogers, USN (Ret), President of the local Navy League Council #132 was the Master of Ceremonies for the Observance. Providing music for the ceremony was the Fort Carson 4th Infantry Division Band. The Air Force Association Lance P. Sijan Chapter #125 is proud to be a Silver sponsor of the event. Attending for the Chapter was Col Paul L. Bailey, USAF (Ret), Vice President for Veterans Affairs.





## Veterans History Project Continuation Story from the 3rd Quarter Newsletter

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 information below that provides contact information on the Veterans History Project and how to participate.



By Mail: Send Name, Mailing Address, Telephone Number and email for a field kit that has information on how to participate to:

Veterans History Project

The Library of Congress

101 Independence Ave, SE

Washington DC 20540-4615

Fax: (202)-252-2046

Online: Print Field Kit out from Veterans History Project Web Site at: [www.loc.gov/vets](http://www.loc.gov/vets)

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## Air Force Historical Foundation Event

On November 3, 2016, the Air Force Historical Foundation hosted a dinner and presentation for former Secretary of the Air Force Dr. Donald B. Rice at the USAF Academy. The Air Force Historical Foundation (AFHF) went cross-country to deliver its prestigious General Carl A. "Tooey" Spaatz award during a very special gathering at the United States Air Force Academy's Center for Character and Leadership

Development as a backdrop. The event honored Dr. Donald B. Rice, 17th Secretary of the U.S. Air Force (1989-93), for his sustained, significant contributions to Air Force history during a lifetime of service. The Chapter Vice President for Veteran Affairs, Col Paul Bailey, USAF (Ret), represented the AFA Lance Sijan Chapter at the event.



## Colorado State AFA Awards Reception

In an always welcoming venue, the Space Foundation, the Colorado AFA Chapters gathered to recognize the State Award winners for 2016. The evening began with guests being welcomed to explore the Discovery Center at the Space Foundation, then gathering in Area 51 for a catered buffet. The awards ceremony began with a special thank you to the Space Foundation and to Jeri Andrews who arranged the catering, printed the programs, and coordinated the evening's activities. Following introductions of National officers and Chapter Presidents, Sijan Chapter member and newly elected Colorado AFA State President Linda Aldrich presented the awards, beginning with State Medal of Merit (MOM) recognition (see the complete list below). The MOM is awarded for consistent participation, exceptional services and great initiative in local Chapter and State achievements. Linda pointed out that the MOM winners "are the boots on the ground volunteers that make out local Chapters so successful."

The awards are graduated in terms of contributions, and the next two levels of awards were the Exceptional Service Award and the President's Citation. Mel Harmon Chapter garnered these two awards with Henry Eichman receiving the Exceptional Service Award and Margaret Eichman being recognized with the President's Citation. At the next tier were some familiar faces to Sijan Chapter members. Bill Houth, Communications Vice President, Joe Kahoe, Image Golf Chairman, and Don Kidd, Sijan Chapter President all received the Superior Excellence Award.

The reception was also a gathering to recognize all the nominations for Teacher of the Year from each of the Chapters to include Brenda Leyh and Ryan Mandarich from the Mel Harmon Chapter and Jai Seabolt and John Morlan from the Sijan Chapter. All of the nominees represented the best in the communities for their accomplishments in exciting students about Science, Technology, engineering and Math (STEM) and preparing them to contribute to tomorrow's technologies. The State Teacher of the Year was Ryan Mandarich, a teacher at Vineland Middle School for grades six through nine in Science, STEM and Career and Technical Education classes. The narrative for Ryan stated, "Ryan has dedicated his own resources and time to maximize student success in a challenging low-income environment." Ryan expressed his appreciation for being recognized by AFA.

Departing State President Tim Tichawa took the stage to present the awards that he had accepted on behalf of the State at the National Convention. Mel Harmon Chapter received the National Gold Community Partner Award for its outstanding outreach to and involvement with the businesses in Pueblo. President Margaret Eichman accepted on the award for Mel Harmon and praised all the volunteers and community partners who contributed to the Chapter's success. Don Kidd accepted the Exceptional Service Award for Communications, in addition to the National Aerospace Education Awards for creation and continuation of the Schriever Essay Contest, both awarded to the Sijan Chapter.

Tim turned the stage back over to Linda for the highlight of the evening, the announcement of the State Member of the Year, which was only announced at the reception, so took Dave Shiller off guard when his name was called. In introducing the Member of the Year, Linda said "there is absolutely no project, no event, no innovation for the Chapter that doesn't have this person's input and direct impact. This individual is the heart and soul of the Chapter and has been for many years. The Chapter would not have achieved the amazing success without the tireless dedication and caring of this individual." Dave Shiller received resounded applause upon receiving this very well-deserved recognition.

The very successful evening concluded with a "Science on the Sphere" presentation in the Discovery Center theater for all the attendees.

### Medal of Merit Recipients



1. Mary Ann Blair (Mel Harmon); 2. Marvin Blair (Mel Harmon); 3. Ray Brown (Mel Harmon); 4. Shawn Kirscht (Mel Harmon); 5. Mark Maryak (Mel Harmon); 6. Sandy Perkins (Mel Harmon); 7. Josephine Rasmussen (Mel Harmon); 8. Todd Seip (Mel Harmon); 9. Edna Simmons (Mel Harmon) ; 10. Ted Vonderheid (Mel Harmon); 11. Janice Vaerewyck (Mel Harmon); 12. Bryan DeBates (Mile High); 13. Elias Molen (Mile High); 14. Stephen Gourley (Mile High) ; 15. Kenneth Bowens (Mile High); 16. Andrew Jochems (Mile High); 17. James Young (Mile High) ; 18. Dave Tobin (Mile High); 19. Rich Wendt (Mile High); 20. Dave Geuting (Sijan)



Don Kidd accepting the National Communication Award from Tim Tichawa



Dave Geuting accepting his Medal of Merit



Dave Shiller receiving State Member of the Year

## General Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest Results

For the third highly successful year, the Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association, in concert with HQ Air Force Space Command, 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 “A contested space environment will require a warfighter mindset in our Airmen. What are the immediate and long term challenges and solutions to adapt to a warfighter mindset?” Per a suggestion from General Hyten, the competition included two divisions this year. The Open Division was for all current AF military and civilian personnel, including AF Reserve and Air National Guard members. The Airman/NCO Division was restricted to E1-E6.

The Chapter is proud to announce the five winning essays selected from a tough competition with 20 excellent submissions. The two top essays in the Open Division are: “Forging Tomorrow’s Air, Space and Cyber Warfighters,” by Lt Colonel Mark Reith, and “The Changing Face of the Warfighter,” by Capt Justin Thornton. In the Airman/NCO Division, the two top essays are “Making a Better Space Operator,” by SSgt Kesa Wood, and “Warfighter Mindset—How Do You Fit In?” by A1C Brandon Kessler and A1C Cameron Mosley. *The Air and Space Power Journal* will publish the top two Open Division essays, and the chapter awarded over \$2500 in prize money, to include plaques for the winners. A \$1000 check was awarded to Lt Colonel Reith and \$500 to Capt Thornton. Airman/NCO Division winner A1C Wood received \$500 from the chapter, with the second place prize of \$250 being split between authors A1C Kessler and A1C Mosley.

Additional essays receiving Honorable Mentions are: “A Warrior’s Mindset—Key to Winning in Space,” by Col Troy Endicott; “Creating the Space Warfighter, A Rapid Satellite Development Unit Proposal,” by Capt Joe Robinson; and “Next Generation Warfare Requires a Next Generation Approach,” by Major Brandon Erwin and Major Allen Varghese. Topics from the other submissions included policy, training, acquisition, and integration. General (Retired) Lance Lord led the judging committee, comprised of ten senior leaders from HQ AF Space Command, Air University, industry and AFA. At a HQ AFSPC ceremony on November 15th, the authors of the top essays presented a short summary of their papers. Presiding officials at the awards ceremony were Major General David Thompson, AFSPC Vice Commander, and Kristen Christy, AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter president. Lt Colonel Steve Drinnon, *The Air and Space Power Journal* editor provided remarks during the awards ceremony.



Seated left to right—Maj Gen David Thompson, Vice Commander, AFSPC; Ms. Kristen Christy, Sijan Chapter President; Lt Col Steven Drinnon, Deputy Director, Professional Journals, Air University. At Podium—Lt Col Mark Reith, Asst Professor Computer Science, AFIT, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Open Division, presenting a summary of his submission



Maj Gen Thompson and Ms. Christy presenting the check from the Sijan Chapter to Open Division Winner Lt Col Reith





## 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!

**Congratulations to a National AFA Individual Award Winner:** Roy Griggs was recognized with a National Medal of Merit for his contributions to establishing the Schriever Essay Contest. Well done Roy!

### **Recognition for Very Special Chapter Volunteers**

As 2016 comes to a close, the Chapter wants to recognize some very special volunteers who have contributed their time over many, many years. These individuals have been recognized at State and National levels, so we presented them with other gifts at a dinner earlier in the year. This is the time for the Chapter to publicly say a huge thank you to Sharon White, Tom Ocvirk, Hank Scarangella and Ewa Folden for all they have done for AFA and our military community. We wish them well as they move on to other pursuits and affiliations.

Also, we have had some new faces and willing workers who have joined us and who were singled out by the board for recognition. They have contributed in a variety of ways, such as the AF Ball, veterans events, publicity, and so many other arenas. The Chapter is extremely grateful for the hours of service contributed by Paul Bailey, Becca Decker, Willie Kalaskie, Jason Rogers, Sarah D'Alessandro, Shiki Das and Kristen Christy.

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:



Award winners at the USAFA Ceremony in October

- 27 Oct – Kristen Christy – 21<sup>st</sup> SW Quarterly Awards
- 27 Oct – Dave Shiller – HQ AFSPC Quarterly Awards
- 28 Oct – Kristen Christy – USAFA Quarterly Awards
- 3 Nov – Paul Bailey – Air Force Historical Foundation
- 11 Nov – Paul Bailey – TREA Wreath-laying for Veterans Day
- 11 Nov – Linda Aldrich – Pueblo No Veteran Left Behind Ceremony
- 12 Nov – Linda Aldrich – Interviews for Congressional nominations to Military Academies
- 15 Nov – Don Kidd, Dave Shiller, Kristen Christy -- Schriever Essay Contest Presentations
- 7 Dec – Don Kidd, Kristen Christy – Pearl Harbor Remembrance



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## How To Contact AFA

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AFA LANCE P. SIJAN CHAPTER

## Points of Interest & Up Coming Events

### LANCE P. SIJAN CHAPTER MONTHLY MEETINGS

PLACE: MTSI, 985 SPACE CENTER DR., STE 155, CLSP., CO. 80915  
DATE: EVERY 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH / TIME: 04:30PM

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: SPACE FOUNDATION  
DATE: JANUARY: TBD  
TIME: TBD

### WOUNDED AIRMAN BENEFIT CASINO NIGHT

PLACE: CYBERSPACE SYMPOSIUM  
DATE: FEBRUARY 6-9, 2017

### MONTHLY MEETING CHANGED TO MONDAY

PLACE: CATALYST CAMPUS  
DATE: FEBRUARY 13, 2017

### AIR FORCE BALL 70-YEAR CELEBRATION

PLACE: BROADMOOR COLORADO SPRINGS  
DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2017  
TIME: 6PM

### SPACE SYMPOSIUM

PLACE: BROADMOOR COLORADO SPRINGS  
DATE: APRIL 3-6, 2017

### SPACE WARFARE SYMPOSIUM

PLACE: COLORADO SPRINGS: TBD  
DATE: SUMMER: TBD

### AFA MEMBERS NIGHT AT THE SWITCHBACKS FC

PLACE: SWITCHBACK STADIUM  
DATE: JUNE: TBD  
TIME: TBD

### **BE WATCHING FOR THE DATE OF THE COMMUNITY PARTNER RECEPTION and GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Sijan Chapter is excited to announce that our Community Partner reception, and general membership meeting will be in March 2017. We look forward to once again celebrating with our Community Partners and showing our appreciation of their continued support for the Chapter. The date, time, and location will be for the coming **AND WE'LL SEE YOU IN. Hope to see you in 2017!**

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## Membership Changes

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