

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Agenda
10 January 2017

President's Comments/Update (Kristen Christy)

- Henry B went first with AF Ball update:

-- Sponsorship is 120% more than last year; doing well; Board needs to start registering; Martini Shot is entertainment; official photos are lined up; rehearsal on 22 Feb;

-- Gen Lori Robinson will be senior; expect Gen Raymond; coordinating on remarks with Gen Robinson;

-- Looking into Outstanding Airman selection—nominations coming in

- *Board Binders*—Kristen handed out binders; encouraged members to look at the National website to see all the things it has to offer; feel free to add to your binder;

- *Wounded Airman Benefit*—Feb 6th Monday of cyber space symposium; event; 300+ people RSVP'd, some through AFCEA; free event;

-- We have lots of expenses; approx. \$32,000; need funding; son is sponsoring poker table--\$300; we need sponsors (get name on cyber website); Kristen will send sponsorship packages electronically.

-- Our chapter will bear costs if we don't come up with \$\$\$; state is giving us \$200. Get to advertise on cyber website; looking for volunteers; donations are going to the total cost of the program. Want donation receipts even for \$20 donations

-- Gayle D. working on baskets; figure out what COSTCO has and give a gift card; put gift cards in basket; Kristen will purchase gift cards;

- *Space Warfare Symposium*—looking at doing this if we get Gen Raymond's blessing in August before golf tournament; could be one or two days;

State President's Comments (Linda Aldrich)

- *Notes from State Meeting in December (sent out in emails to board members)*

- *Regarding WAP from Whitney Distaso:* As far as the funding goes, there is no set 15%. Donations made to AFA's Wounded Airman Program are used 100% in direct support of wounded Airmen. We also have AFA's Airmen and Family Programs fund which is used to operate the Wounded Airman program. This allows all funds donated to WAP go directly to WAP. We try to focus donations into both of these funds to cover the operational costs of WAP (about \$100k/year). A chapter may advertise like we do on our webpage: [note: board discussed and reached consensus that Sijan chapter website is not conducive to advertising]

-- 100% of funds donated to AFA's Wounded Airman Program are used in direct support of wounded Airmen. The WAP is operated and administered by AFA with staff time and overhead fees covered by AFA's Airman and Family Programs fund. In other words, if you give \$100 to the WAP, that \$100 will go toward the support we give our wounded Airmen. We'd love to have chapters help raise

funds for the operational costs of WAP since the program has grown so much in the last year, as word is spreading about the great work that AFA's WAP does!

- In regards to Pitsenbarger, JROTC, and Field Awards from Alex Edgar:

-- Pitsenbargers are now going to be each graduating class at a base will get one pitsenbarger award.

-- I get a list from HQ JROTC with all the units that I need to send mail out to. To have it be right each year, it would be best to have them contact HQ JROTC and let them know if they have a new JROTC unit to make sure HQ has it on my list. They could also just send me an email to make sure I have their school, but then they would have to do that every year since HQ might not be aware of it.

-- I only have one self-sustaining award, and it's a sponsored conference award (basically like how national teacher of the year is now). All the rest of my conference awards, the Pitsenbargers, cadet medals, and other various awards that AFA gives out throughout the year are not sponsored and come out of AFA's pocket

- In regards to the questions on paid advertising and chapter issue with volunteer from Nia Reeves and Christine:

-- Nia and I spoke and determined that the chapter may allow sponsorships but must be careful in advertising. Anything promoting a discount, sale, etc. would be considered advertising and the chapter should refrain from that type of wording. However, a sponsorship, which includes event sponsorships from other corporations. If the chapter is promoting a sponsor's products or services the sponsorship becomes taxable advertising which we want to avoid.

-- Please let me know if the situation with the volunteer persists. If so, I will have to bring this up with Kari and our VP of Field Operations. Any email threads you have with the "harassing" language, please send my way and I will have a conversation with my supervisor, Kari.

- Linda: Mel Harmon Chapter will be hosting the State Awards Banquet and meeting in August; looking for sponsorship for convention; BGen (Ret) Paul Maye is chairman and will be calling Kristen sometime after the AF Ball for suggestions/assistance.

Vice President's Comments (Tim Tichawa)

- 50SW Annual Award Committee Donation Request--electronic invites for DVs only; 9 Feb 17 (Thursday) social hour at 6pm at Peterson AFB Club; free; guests are \$40; Kristen would like other board members to attend; want to put events on google calendar; will send out; gmail calendar could work;

Treasurer's Report (Barbara Binn)

Barbara went through expenditures and revenue including receiving money from community partners for ball; gave money to Air Academy JROTC; carried over line item from scholarship into this year's budget; wrote checks for annual awards; Community partners Block Advisors - Barb passed out hardcopy coupons;

Secretary's Report (Doug Kendall): Doug will get out meeting notes more quickly; first send to Kristen and Linda who will review and finalize; then will give to Bill to post online

Vice Presidents' Reports:

VP, Membership (Rebecca Decker (absent))

Kristen trying to clean up email lists so that we can get the word out as necessary; trying to get a list of those in Colorado; Dave says we should just explain to National what we're trying to do; Becca and Kristen are working on it; Maybe Cordelia can help if she can do excel spreadsheets; Doug replied she can do it; an updated roster would be good

VP, Community Partners (Jeri Andrews (absent))

Space Foundation has worked out well; Budget will be \$500; what about doing a dessert? Board likes that; we can ask donations on desserts; it'll be something different and we'll give support to Jeri...it's later in March when things have settled down

VP, Aerospace Education & Scholarships (Dave Geuting)

- *Status of Wright Scholarship*: for those with financial needs; extending the fund; relatively easy to do; based on how we do scholarships, it's a lot of \$\$\$;

-- Col. Wright not satisfied with speed of handing out \$\$ he provided for scholarships; if Sijan chapter can't do it, he'll go elsewhere.

-- Kristen gave background: Kim Wright was killed at young age...decades ago. They would like to give \$3000 for an education major every year for 4 years. Add an extra \$1000 each year. We have some questions; he would like to give a vocational \$1000 scholarship to someone for school. Not that difficult to do.

-- The education one is more difficult. Our typical scholarships are for A students, this is for B students; need to inform guidance counselors; based on essays they write—must be an AF brat; Dave requested to come up with a few questions...essay? What type of topics? Range of GPA 2.5 to 3.0? For essay should the Wright's come up with questions or us?

- *Update on Chapter Scholarship*: We've typically given \$1000 scholarships, so this one is bigger; we are the selectors

- *Update on Teacher of Year Competition*: one change from past (elementary and high school)—want to give one more prize; our chapter can pick; names were not sent in last year on time from State so National didn't send \$\$; have to meet suspenses for National support; we've given flowers for those not selected; can we change it to get in line with national? K-12 and give one more prize?

VP, Communications Report (Bill Houth)

Bill came on later and asked if anyone have something for me—Kristen has one bio for website

VP, Veteran's Affairs (TBD)

Was hoping Willie Kalaski could call or come in; need to get up to speed

Dave Shiller

Secretary or Treasurer – filing stuff; essay contest: meeting with Mr Anderson, Director of Staff; Schriever AFB contest; next year CFC—we need a marketing campaign if we're going to make it work;

Upcoming Events & Activities

- Jan 17 21st SW Qtr Awards
- Jan 28th; Air Academy Drill Competition, starts at 0800; want a rep to say a few words because we're donating \$\$; hand out trophies at 2pm; can put out a table with info;
- Jan 31 AFSPC Qtr Awards
- Jan 27 USAFA Quarterly Awards
- Feb 2 Luncheon at Space Foundation
- Feb 6 Wounded Airman Benefit – Casino Night
- Feb 7 Team Pete Qtr Awards
- Feb 24 AF Ball

Other Business:

Henry Baird – AF Ball; already gave report

Next Meeting:

The next Chapter meeting will be held Monday, Feb 13th, 2017, place MTSI, 985 Space Center Dr., Ste 155, Colorado Springs, CO 80915. The meeting will begin at 4:30.

Attendees: Tim T, Dave G, Barb B, Linda A, Dave S, Henry B & Doug K, Bill came on later; Gayle came on later (VP of Programs)

UPCOMING AFA EVENTS 2017

January

- 10 – Monthly Meeting
- 28 – JR. ROTC Colorado State Drill Competition

February

- 2 - General Membership Meeting - Lunch at the Space Foundation and sneak peek at the Space Symposium
- 6 – FREE Wounded Airman Benefit Casino Night at the Cyberspace Symposium (Feb 6 – 9)
- 13 – Monthly Meeting (changed to Monday for Valentine's Day)

24 – AF Ball at the Broadmoor celebrating 70 years of Air Force History

March

14 – Monthly Meeting

April

3-6 Space Symposium at the Broadmoor

11- Monthly Meeting

May

16 - Monthly Meeting (change to 3rd Tuesday)

Summer

TBD – Space Warfare Symposium is back in Colorado Springs!!!!

June

13 – Monthly Meeting

TBD – AFA Members’ Night at the Switchbacks FC

July

11 – Monthly Meeting

August

8 – Monthly Meeting

18 – IMAGE Golf Tournament

September

12 – General Membership Meeting someplace FUN!

October

10 – Monthly Meeting

November

14 – Monthly Meeting

TBD – Turkey Drive for Veterans

December

12 – Monthly Meeting