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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

The Lance P. Sijan Chapter started the first quarter of 2017 in a sprint with a vision of keeping the momentum going by involving more members. Our first membership event of the year was the **Lunch and Learn** at the Discovery Center. We sold out at 40 tickets. It was a treat to put names with faces and to see members who hadn't participated before join us for the afternoon.

This was the first year of having the **Wounded Airman Benefit** as a Casino Night as opening night of the Cyberspace Symposium. It was a great evening and we look forward to making it bigger and better next year (March 5, 2018). We want to extend a very special thank you to the 561st and 50th OSS volunteers for the evening. It looked like they were having a great time while doing a terrific job of answering questions and encouraging donations

The **Air Force Ball** was attended by more than 800 people. It just came to our attention an attendee was a **WWII vet**. We were honored to have him with us. We now have a survey available to help us in planning for the Ball in 2018 (Date TBD). We'd appreciate any input you may have (kudos and constructive criticism). <http://conta.cc/2nb2kbw>. Some military networks are blocking the site so please fill out the quick 10-question survey from a personal computer. We are looking for volunteers to help with next year's Ball.

Our vision for the year is to have more programs and educational events throughout the year. The planning stages included the Community Partner Reception, a Switchbacks soccer game, vet-owned brewery tours, the IMAGE golf tournament, and partnerships with NDIA and AFCEA. We are looking for more ideas, so please email us at lancepsijanafa@gmail.com with suggestions.

AFA will be hosting the **Multi-Domain Warfare Symposium** in August in Colorado Springs. You will see more information about the Symposium soon, but we are looking for people to help on the committee to help in all aspects – formulating topics, inviting speakers, designing a logo, etc. Please contact the chapter if you are interested in being on the ground floor of this inaugural event.

I hope you take the opportunity to read about the positive impact AFA is having on our community and Air Force families. Will you think about giving us a test drive? If you aren't a **member**, we have a new member promotion – 50% off an e-membership. That is \$15 for the year. We will be offering member discounts to some of our events that will be well worth the \$15 price. If you do sign up, please send us a note at lancepsijanafa@gmail.com so we can get you on our mailing list right away!

There is a mix of new and seasoned officers on the **Board** and it keeps growing as we match peoples' passions with positions that fit AFA's vision. Our newest Board members are Gayle Divine and Brandi Sandoval as Co-VPs of Programs. They have a number of ideas and events they are working on for our members, their family and friends, and the community. Willie Kalaskie is the new VP of Veteran Affairs. He is excited (see his article in the newsletter) about bringing programs and organizations to our attention. Dave Geuting has taken the helm as VP of Aerospace Education. He has been on top of the scholarships AFA provides and getting the word out to our school districts. We are excited to have him on our team. Our new VP of Volunteers is Cordelia Kendall. She works closely with Gayle and Brandi to get volunteers for our events. Thank you to the new volunteer Board members for your excitement and energy.

2017 Air Force Ball

A special moment for guests of the annual Air Force Ball at the Broadmoor each year is the announcement of the birth date of the most junior ranking airman from all of the surrounding Air Force units. This year Airman Basic Rachel Fox was recognized as the junior ranking airman with a birth date in 1997 and entry into the Air Force in August of 2016. She spent the evening sitting at the head table with General Lori Robinson, NORAD/NORTHCOM Commander, undoubtedly an event that AB Fox will remember for a lifetime. And what could have been more appropriate than to recognize the newest generation of the Air Force at the same time as commemorating the 70th birthday of the Air Force and “A Salute to 70 Years of Air, Space and Cyberspace Superiority!” In her remarks, Gen Robinson acknowledged the contributions of the Air Force Association to advocating for and supporting the Air Force families for so many years.

Again this year the black tie event was emceed by Lauren Ferrara of Fox 21 News, a returning favorite for the crowd, who introduced Airman First Class Jamie Teachenor from the Air Force Academy’s Band, Wild Blue Yonder, to sing the National Anthem. She also introduced and thanked the Mitchell High School Junior ROTC Cadet Honor Guard who so professionally presented the colors and conducted the POW/MIA table recognition.

Another returning guest was Sharon O’Malley Burg, who attended with her husband, Maj Gen (Ret) Roger Burg, to honor her father, General Jerome F. O’Malley and present the 2016 General O’Malley Distinguished Space Leader Award. The Sijan Chapter established the O’Malley Award to recognize the contributions of leaders in achieving General O’Malley’s vision of “...*providing an intensified space focus and reorienting USAF philosophy toward and operational approach by advocating the operations use of space systems at the highest levels of the Air Force.*” A distinguished panel comprised of space and AFA leadership to include Maj Gen (Ret) Wes Clark, Gayle White, Bob Wright, and Lamberth Blalock reviewed a slate of highly deserving nominees to ultimately select Colonel DeAnna Burt, Commander of the 50th Space Wing as this year’s distinguished recipient. Col Burt leads the Nation’s largest space operations wing enabling the operations of over 175 spacecraft and associated cyber networks to deliver global combat effects.

After enjoying the gourmet four-course dinner, presentation of the O’Malley award, remarks by Gen Robinson and entertainment by “The Martini Shot,” a pop-rock band based out of southern Colorado, the approximately 800 guests adjourned to Colorado Hall for an evening of dancing with Colorado Springs’ favorite DJ form “Gentle Rain, Chief Master Sergeant Marcia Hureau.

The Lance P. Sijan Chapter extends a huge thank you to the corporate sponsors who make this event possible each year.

Corporate Sponsorship

Platinum Level: Braxton Science and Technology Group, The Boeing Company and Lockheed Martin Corporation

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AF Champion: Enesco

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Senior ranking attendee, General Lori Robinson, and junior ranking attendee, Airman Basic Rachel Fox



Outstanding Airmen nominated by their units attended the AF Ball as the guest of MTSI and AFA



Colonel DeAnna Burt thanking Sharon O’Malley Burg and Kristen Christy while accepting the O’Malley Award for Outstanding Space Leadership

Wounded Airman Benefit a Resounding Success

The Lance P. Sijan Chapter heralded a fresh new approach to an annual fundraiser for the Wounded Airman Program (WAP) with a Casino Night in the West Ballroom at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. The benefit was free to attendees, but all funds from door prize tickets and donations were 100 percent dedicated to the Airman & Family Programs operating WAP. Held in conjunction with the Cyberspace Symposium hosted by the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA), attendees enjoyed the symposium by day and unwound at the casino tables for the evening of February 6. The evening would not have been possible without the generous support of major sponsors: AFCEA Rocky Mountain Chapter; DH Technologies; Gartner; Modern Technology Solutions, Inc. (MTSI); and USAA. A special thanks goes to the gaming table sponsors as well: Boecore; MTSI; jrsolutions; Ben Christy (in memory of his Dad, Lt Col Don Christy); Circadence; TEKsystems; M2 Technology; Tom Lange; John and Kitty Maluda; AT&T; Colorado State AFA; Cyber Checkmate Consultants; Dynamic Aerospace Technologies; ForeThought; ID Associates; Mile High Chapter AFA; Management Solutions Consulting Group (MSCG); and Runnin' R Consulting.



The Honorable F. Whitten Peters, AFA Chairman of the Board and former Secretary of the Air Force thanking the attendees for their support

A special highlight of the evening was the presence of The Honorable F. Whitten Peters, AFA Chairman of the Board and former Secretary of the Air Force. Secretary Peters thanked the attendees for their support and highlighted the support AFA provides for the Air Force families and the WAP. Secretary Peters was joined in his visit by Ms. Denise Hollywood, AFA Executive Vice President and Maj Gen (ret) Jerry White, AFA Vice Chairman Emeritus.

Not only did the more than 400 attendees make the rounds of the casino tables, but they eagerly put their door prize tickets for a chance at one of the amazing door prizes for the evening. For folks living in the Colorado Springs area only, one prize was a Mini - Casino Night in their home complete with gaming table, dealer, playing chips, and cards; five cohiba siglo III Cuban cigars; four large Louie's pizzas; and two cases of Red Leg Brewery beer. This \$500 value was donated by Deuces Wild Casino Rentals, John Sullivan, Louie's Pizza, and Kristen Christy and Sean Lange. An especially sought after door prize was \$1210 worth of national-chain restaurant and retail store gift cards ranging from \$15 to \$100. Gift cards were donated by the Lance P. Sijan Chapter of AFA and Authentic8. The third door prize was graciously donated by the Broadmoor, an *all-inclusive* Fishing Camp stay at the Broadmoor for two. Frontier didn't want to leave those who don't live in the shadow of beautiful Pikes Peak to feel left out. They donated two \$250 vouchers so the winner, if from out of town, could come back to enjoy the Fishing Camp. This was a package valued at \$1600.



Pic above and below: Attendees enjoying the Casino Night Activities

The Casino Night of socializing, peer networking and competition garnered \$6000.00 as a contribution to the AFA Airman and Family Program/Wounded Airman Program. Thank you to so many sponsors and attendees who made this benefit such a success. It was such a success that other companies and AFA Chapters asked for our Chapters inputs to help them host a similar event.



We will see you next year on Monday, 5 March 2018.



2017 Air Force JROTC Colorado Drill Meet

The Lance P. Sijan Chapter is so proud to be an annual sponsor for the JROTC annual drill meet with eight schools representing Air Force, Army and Navy competing in this seventh annual competition hosted at General William Mitchell High School in Colorado Springs on January 28th. The schools competing represented a wide area in Colorado to include Falcon HS (AF), Harrison HS (AF) John F. Kennedy HS (Army), William Mitchell HS (AF), Sand Creek HS (AF), Skyview Academy (AF), Westminster HS (AF), and Widefield HS (Navy). Each team that placed in the competition areas received a trophy from AFA representative Dave Shiller. The top 10 cadets that placed during the Drill Down also received a ribbon to wear on their uniforms. All teams participating in the drill meet received commemorative Air Force Association (AFA) coins, the coins being presented to the outstanding cadet of each team who made significant contributions to their teams' success. Compliments abounded from cadets and instructors alike regarding the commemorative AFA coins. Lt Col Isaac (Keith) K. Woodfork, Mitchell HS JROTC Senior Aerospace Science Instructor, sent a message to the Chapter, "Please pass on our sincere appreciation to all the members of the Air Force Association, Lance P. Sijan Chapter 125, for their outstanding support of our JROTC cadets. We could not have done this Drill Meet without your support. It was definitely an outstanding Drill Meet and we look forward to working with you again next year. If there is anything we can do for the AFA in the future, please don't hesitate to ask. We definitely like to showcase our cadets." Sijan Chapter provided for the cost of the professional awards, program printing and the hospitality room for the judges of the competition.

Competition Results

o Drill Down

- o 1st Place - Kaige Jones, Mitchell High School
- o 2nd Place - Janelle Bober, John F. Kennedy High School
- o 3rd Place - Dylan Loewenstein, Widefield High School
- o 4th Place - Angel Escobar, Mitchell High School
- o 5th Place - Karissa Vigil, Widefield High School
- o 6th Place - Harvey Rosas, Skyview High School
- o 7th Place - Ajay Maiku, Harrison High School
- o 8th Place - Tyson Eastwood, Mitchell High School
- o 9th Place - Malvin Jones, Harrison High School
- o 10th Place - Jalen Criss, Sand Creek High School

o Armed Exhibition Solo Category

- o 1st Place - Jesse Fehrenbach, Sand Creek High School
- o 2nd Place - Angel Escobar, Mitchell High School
- o 3rd Place - Tim Swanson, Sand Creek High School
- o 4th Place - Nick McClelland, Sand Creek High School

o Inspection

- o 1st Place - John F. Kennedy High School
- o 2nd Place - Mitchell High School Silver
- o 3rd Place - Sand Creek High School
- o 4th Place - Widefield High School

o Unarmed Regulation

- o 1st Place - John F. Kennedy High School
- o 2nd Place - Mitchell High School
- o 3rd Place - Skyview High School and Harrison High School Tied
- o 4th Place - Sand Creek Team #2

o Unarmed Exhibition

- o 1st Place - John F. Kennedy High School
- o 2nd Place - Mitchell High School
- o 3rd Place - Widefield High School

o Color Guard

- o 1st Place - Mitchell High School Lady Marauders
- o 2nd Place - Sand Creek High School
- o 3rd Place - Harrison High School Team
- o 4th Place - Mitchell High School Team 1 and John F. Kennedy Tied
- o 5th Place - Falcon High School Team #1



Commander's Trophy (Overall Championship)—William Mitchell High School and John F. Kennedy Tied



JFK HS Team Picture



Mitchell HS Drill Team Picture



Cadet Jordan Moore (JFK HS) and Cadet Anastacia Long-Thompson (Mitchell HS) holding the Commander's Trophy for their school that tied for the overall Championship

Our Chapter Members Out and About

AFA Chairman of the Board Meeting

Sijan Chapter President, Kristen Christy, and State AFA President, Linda Aldrich, were privileged to be two of eleven guests at the February 7th dinner and meeting with The Honorable F. Whitten Peters, AFA Chairman of the Board and former Secretary of the Air Force. The meeting was arranged as a joint effort by General (Ret) Kevin P. Chilton, former Commander of USSTRATCOM, and Major General (Ret) Jerry White, AFA Vice Chairman Emeritus. Gen White noted, "AFA has been faced with ever increasing challenges in the areas of overall funding and membership. The downward trend in these areas suggests that there is both a need and an opportunity for new and innovative approaches to reverse these vectors." The guests were given the opportunity to hear Secretary Peters' perspective on the causes and potential remedies for the issues, as well as voice their input and opinions on the same. A key issue brought forward was the impact of declining membership, as the opinion of the group was any organization with less than 100,000 members (the current state of AFA nationally) has far less clout and significance with Congressional members. However, bringing up the membership numbers will not solve the declining revenues issue, as membership dues are not sufficient to cover all expenses. Kristen shared the discussion at the Sijan Chapter meeting on February 13th as did Linda at the State Quarterly meeting on March 11th, with plans and urging to remember these issues for planning purposes with upcoming activities.

February Lunch & Learn at the Space Foundation

As the first event of 2017, Lunch and Learn at the Space Foundation was a rousing success. The gathering was free to Air Force Association members, and was kick off by a welcome from the Sijan Chapter President, Kristen Christy. The attendees were treated to a video highlighting the Space Technology Hall of Fame, in which there will be two new additions this year at the 33rd Space Symposium. The Hall of Fame increases public awareness of the innovations originally developed for space explorations that were adapted to improve the quality of life for all humanity. Gina Taranto, Director of Philanthropy, spoke of how products and services may have significant impact in teaching people about the value of space utilization. The Philanthropy Manager, Kelly Shelton, introduced the Corporate Giving Club, from which the donations directly benefit the Space Foundation Discovery Center. She also reminded everyone that the Space Foundation is an attractive and innovative location for meetings and events, as the Sijan Chapter well knows having had our Community Partner and Volunteer Reception in Area 51 for several years. The attendees were given a sneak peek into the plans for the 33rd Space Symposium, as shared by Steve Eisenhower, Senior Vice President, Strategic & International Affairs. The Space Symposium is held each year at the Broadmoor Hotel and is attended by top-level representatives from the global space community. Save the dates of April 3 through 6 for the 33rd Space Symposium at which the anticipated attendance is 9000 people from around the world including speakers, exhibitors, volunteers, educators, students and the Space Foundation team. The Space Symposium will offer presentations and panels covering all aspects of space, plus special events and presentation of prestigious Space Foundation awards.

After enjoying lunch in Area 51, the participants were guided through a tour of the Discovery Center and enjoyed a presentation of Science on the Sphere. Each attendee also received 10 passes to the Discovery Center (a \$50 - \$100 value). The Discovery Center is the region's first and only space, science and technology attraction and is an interactive, museum-quality destination that advances space-based science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) in the context of space exploration. To learn more about this exciting facility located in Colorado Springs, go to www.SpaceFoundation.org and www.DiscoverSpace.org.



A special thanks to Gayle White for letting us know about the opportunity.



Kristen Christy and Sean McClung admiring McClung's company donation to the Discovery Center.



Sijan Chapter President, Kristen Christy, welcoming guests to the Lunch and Learn

Local CAP Team Headed to CyberPatriot Final

Sponsor Bill Blatchley was proud to report to Sijan Chapter that his Civil Air Patrol Wolfpack Team qualified to compete in the National CyberPatriot Competition, April 3-5, in Baltimore, MD. Cyber Patriot is the AFA Sponsored National Youth Cyber Education, Education Program, which annually puts teams of high school and middle school students in the position of newly hired IT professionals to compete in the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition. The teams are tasked with managing the network of a small company through rounds of competition sets of virtual images representing operating systems. They are tasked with finding cybersecurity vulnerabilities with the images and hardening the system while maintaining critical services in a six hour period. Top teams in the Nation, such as the CAP Wolfpack Team earn an all-expense paid trip to the finals where they can earn nation recognition and scholarship money. The team ended the state competition with a 42 point lead over the second place team.



Sijan members Tim Tichawa and Kristen Christy watched the teams in action on the night of state competition and will be honoring state award winners at an event on March 18th in the auditorium of HQ AF Space Command. Blatchley shared with the that his teams could use some help with donated equipment to include:

1. A small stack of late model Cisco equipment
2. Some switches and routers for the stack along with some other items like firewall systems, intrusion systems and these more advanced things.
3. For computer resources, laptops with i7 processors.
4. SSD disks

According to Blatchley, CyberPatriot has the concept of Centers of Excellence. Many of these revolve around school districts in places like Los Angeles, Spokane, Fairfax VA, etc. There is probably one school district in these locations, whereas the Colorado Springs metro area touches 7 or 8 districts. Because of the many school districts, it becomes more difficult to get critical mass together to have a larger presence so Colorado Springs can become a CyberPatriot Center of Excellence. It takes more than just training students to achieve this designation. It takes local government, media and industry attention and buy in. It would be a huge benefit to the program in Colorado Springs to pull together the resources to have city-wide training and resources and city-wide competitions, also helping to establish Colorado Springs in general as a national cyber center. If there is anyone in the local AFA chapter that has this ability or is interested in becoming involved, please contact bill.blatchley@peakvista.com.



Veterans Affairs Information from Chapter VP for Veterans Affairs Willie Kalaskie

OK,...Get ready, cause I'm excited, enthusiastic, thrilled, motivated,...whatever adjective you want to use about the opportunity we have to partner with the Mt Carmel Center for Excellence (MCCE)!!! Here's their mission statement:

To collaborate with community partners providing best practices in transition and wellness services for Veterans, Military and their Families by delivering expertise, resources, space and sustainability."

I am recommending that the AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter begin a partnership with the MCCE and this will be a topic of discussion at an upcoming meeting. MCCE's arms are spread wide to include and accommodate USAF, USN, USMC, & USCG veterans. They have peer navigators, mental health managers, family and spouse programs, "pro bono" legal assistance, housing programs, and an abundance of other veteran support programs. Sijan Chapter members should contact Willie at wk56wvu@gmail.com if interested in visiting MCCE for a briefing/tour.

Recruit 70 Initiative

National AFA is excited to kick off the "Recruit-70" initiative in honor of the Air Force's 70th birthday. This can include but is not limited to chapter's recruiting 70 new members, 70 new community partners, or 70 days of support to Airmen and their families. National is asking that each chapter support the "70th" theme as best they can with available resources and local opportunities.

As an extra incentive to recruit 70 new members, National is pleased to offer a 50% discount on one year eMemberships! In other words, you can join as an eMember for only \$15 instead of the regular \$30 annual dues.

To take advantage of this year-long special offer:

Go to www.afa.org.

Click JOIN.

Click Membership.

New Member.

AFA Chapter on drop down for Source.

Chapter: Lance P. Sijan Chapter 125

\$30 e-membership

PROMO CODE: 70for70

This will take \$15 off.

Please note that this discount is only valid on one year eMemberships.

Thank you for all you do as Airmen for Life. Question may be directed to lancepsijanafa@gmail.com.



Teacher of the Year Nominations Open

The 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 is an excellent opportunity to recognize special teachers who are furthering excellence and making coming to class an adventure! Every year, the Sijan Chapter recognizes the teaching excellence of one teacher in grades K-12 and forwards that honoree to compete for the State Teacher of the Year. The TOY will receive a check for \$250, a Certificate of Excellence, an AFA tote bag, and a complimentary one year Civil Air Patrol Aerospace Education Membership. Further information on the award can be found at <http://www.afa.org/ChapterTeacheroftheYearAwardWinners1>. If you have questions, you can reach our Vice President for Aerospace Education & Scholarships, Dave Geuting, at david.geuting@yahoo.com or 719-445-0607 (H) or 719-219-7471 (W). Nominations should be completed by 1 April 2017 and sent to: David Geuting, 8210 Broughton Court, Colorado Springs, CO 80920.

Scholarship Application Open

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 our Vice President for Aerospace Education & Scholarships, Dave Geuting, at david.geuting@yahoo.com or 719-445-0607 (H) or 719-219-7471 (W).

Chapter Member Discounts at H&R Block Advisors

Block Advisors is a year-round tax and business service provider with tax expertise, planning and strategies tailored to your needs. A new year means new beginnings and that is certainly true in our office at 5360 N Academy Blvd, Ste 230, 80918 (Montebello & N Academy). We have expanded our services to cater to your tax needs all year-round with small business services including full-service bookkeeping and payroll. For personalized tax preparation and small business consultation, make an appointment online at blockadvisors.com or call our office at 719-548-1771. ****We have special discounts for the Lance P. Sijan Chapter Air Force Association members and their families; ask us about our new and prior client incentives when you book your appointment!**** Discount information can be found on our website

Stellar Xplorers Update

Top 30 teams advance to the Semi-Finals

After two competitive rounds of qualification, thirty teams have qualified for the semi-final competition. Two teams from Rangeview High School in Aurora and 1 team from Pueblo County High School advanced in the competition. These talented high school teams are vying for an invitation to the National Finals in Colorado during 5-9 April and the opportunity for scholarships from USAF STEM and United Launch Alliance, and to be crowned "National Champion." Registration for STLX IV will open 1 May. More information about this exciting STEM program by contacting the StellarXplorers Program Office at stellarexplorers@afa.org or call 703.247.5800, ext 4899.



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 Becca Decker! Chapter Member Becca Decker, DBA, PMP, marketing and business manager of the Catalyst Campus for Technology and Innovation and the Southern Colorado Alliance, was named 2016 Regional Distinguished Young AFCEAN for the Great Plains Rocky Mountain Region of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association. We're so proud to have Becca as a Sijan Chapter Member!

Vista Ridge High School has a new AFJROTC Unit! The unit's mission is to "Develop citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community. Sijan Chapter is proud to support this new JROTC unit! Vista Ridge students have also been actively involved in CyberPatriot for a number of years.

Our wonderful Treasurer, Barb Binn, will be stepping down in the Fall and moving. We'd like to find someone who would be interested in shadowing Barb while she is here to take over the Treasurer position when she leaves.

The Membership Chair is vacant! Can you help us keep track of our membership so we can bring value to them and our community?

We are also looking for a member who has a heart for JROTC, ROTC, and CAP to be our liaison with the units here in Colorado Springs.

If you are interested in these positions, please contact Kristen at LancePSijanAFA@gmail.com to learn more. These are great networking and volunteer opportunities!

Multi-Domain Warfare Symposium is coming in August! We need volunteers to help with everything and now! Please email us at LancePSijanAFA@gmail.com

Jan 3 - (Kristen Christy and Dave Geuting) - 21st SW Annual Awards

Jan 13 - (Kristen Christy and Tim Tichawa) - 50th SW Quarterly Awards

Jan 17 - (Kristen Christy) - 21st SW Quarterly Awards

Jan 27 - (Dave Geuting) USAFA Quarterly Awards

Jan 28 - (Dave Geuting) - Drill Team Competition

Jan 31 - Kristen Christy - HQ AFSPC Quarterly Awards

Feb 7 - (Kristen Christy) - Team Pete Quarterly Awards

Feb 9 - (Kristen Christy and Tim Tichawa) - 50th Annual Awards

Mar 2 - (Kristen Christy) - Check presentation to the new JROTC Unit, Vista Ridge HS

Mar 14 - (Kristen Christy) - Team Pete Annual Awards

Mar 18 - (Tim Tichawa) - Recognition of Colorado CyberPatriot Teams



Lance P. Sijan Needs Your Help Cont.



Kristen Christy and husband Sean Lange with Janice and Dave Geuting, Sijan Chapter AE VP at the 21st Space Wing Annual Awards



General John "Jay" Raymond, AFSPC Commander, and Sijan President Kristen Christy join the AFSPC Annual Award Winners



Kristen Christy presenting the Sijan check to the new Vista Ridge AFJROTC unit.



Kristen Christy presenting the Sijan check to the new Vista Ridge AFJROTC unit.



Maj Gen David Thompson, AFSPC Vice Commander, and Sijan President Kristen Christy at the AFSPC Quarterly Awards Presentation



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

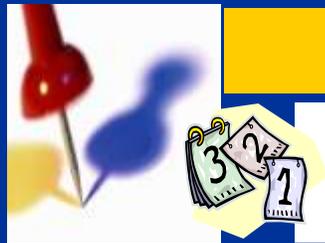
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Points of Interest & Upcoming Events

- To be added to the Lance P. Sijan chapter distribution list, please email us at: lancepsijanafa@gmail.com
- To update your physical and email address with National AFA, please email: membership@afa.org
- To join AFA or renew your membership, visit: www.afa.org
- For details on your AFA member benefits, go to: <https://www.afa.org/afa/memberbenefits>

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: 4:30PM

SPACE SYMPOSIUM

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

COMMUNITY PARTNER RECEPTION & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PLACE: MT. CARMEL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE
DATE: APRIL 26

AFA MEMBERS NIGHT AT THE SWITCHBACKS FC

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

MULTI - DOMAIN WARFARE SYMPOSIUM

PLACE: COLORADO SPRINGS: TBD
DATE: AUGUST 22-25

IMAGE GOLF

PLACE: SILVER SPRUCE GOLF COURSE, PETERSON AFB
DATE: AUGUST 25

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF

DATE: SEPTEMBER



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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 April 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 FORTHCOMING AND WE'LL SEE YOU IN.** Hope to see you in 2017!

For up-to-date chapter happenings follow us on Facebook:

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