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LANCE P. SIJAN 2018 HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS

Don't miss out on the 2018 Colorado State Air Force Association Convention and Awards Banquet!

Two AFA events are coming up on Saturday, August 25th that need your attendance and support. First, the State Convention Business Meeting will be at the Peterson AFB Club beginning at 1:00 p.m.—all members are welcome to attend. This business meeting is critical for a discussion of the issues that will be coming up for a vote at the National Convention in September, many of which have a direct impact on the way we conduct business in the field. We will have call-ins from some of the candidates for national offices and will confirm who our delegates to the National Convention will be. We plan to have discussions about the effectiveness of the four Colorado Chapters and need your input. Secondly, the Awards Banquet is scheduled for Saturday evening, reception at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. at the Peterson Club. The Lance P. Sijan Chapter is hosting this year and has planned a beautiful evening to honor outstanding AF active and reserve personnel and cadets from our Colorado units, in addition to our own amazing AFA volunteers from across the state. The Chapter has worked hard to make this a very special event and we hope all our Colorado AFA membership, Community Partners, and Air Force leadership will attend. Check the Lance P. Sijan website for registration information <https://www.lancepsijanafa.org/>

Industry Military Annual Golf Event (IMAGE) 2018

Please join in for the IMAGE 2018 on August 17th at the Silver Spruce Golf Course at Peterson AFB for a great day together! Started in 2000, IMAGE has grown in size every year and provides the opportunity for military and industry to have some fun and play a round of golf for a good cause. The local chapters of AFA, NDIA and AFCEA work together to raise money for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) scholarships and other related STEM activity for local middle/high school and college students. Each year the chapters have collectively provided over \$100,000 to deserving students, and IMAGE is a significant fund raiser for those contributions. IMAGE has become one of the largest networking events within the defense marketplace in Colorado Springs. It's an ideal opportunity to enjoy a round of golf, meet industry and military leaders, and gain a better understanding of issues and opportunities facing our community. The event will include breakfast, range balls, a 4-person scramble complete with fun games, and lunch/awards reception following the tournament. Breakfast and registration will be start at 6:30 a.m., Shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. and lunch and awards at 1:00 p.m.. Each team will ideally consist of a mix of low and high handicapped players and will include a mix of military, government civilians and industry contractors. This is a modified scramble tournament. There will be first, second, third and last place prizes for gross team scores. A Mulligan Package and Raffle tickets can be purchased on line as part of registration or at the door. Want more information? Go to <https://www.planmygolfevent.com/31691-IMAGE2018/>

Lance P. Sijan In Action

Pikes Peak National Cemetery Dedication

Contributed by Willie Kalaskie

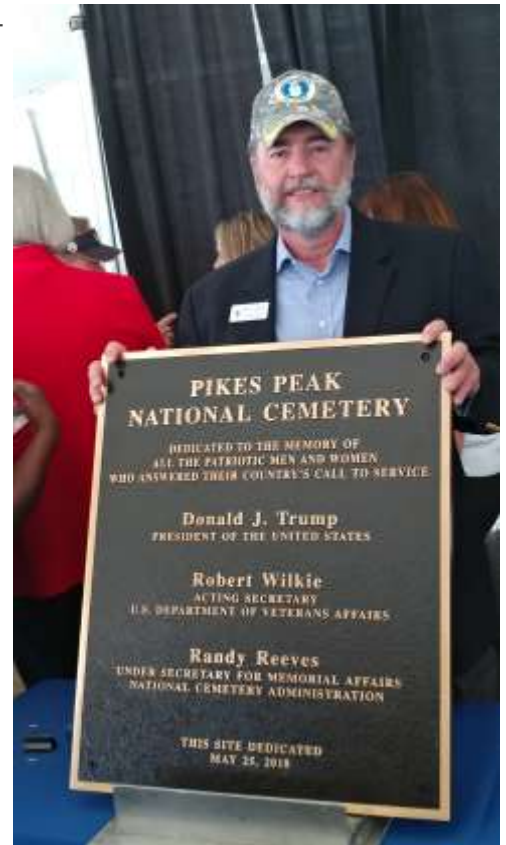
May 25th, 2018 was another day in a long history of important dates for the Colorado Springs military community. No, it wasn't another four-star change of command; no, it wasn't another group of soldiers returning to Fort Carson; no, it wasn't another United States Air Force Academy graduation at which the President spoke--it was the dedication of our country's 135th national cemetery.

Almost in the western shadow of "America's Mountain," the Pikes Peak National Cemetery dedication ceremony was held at 10545 Drennan Road, just southeast of the Colorado Springs Regional Airport. An estimated crowd of 600 to 700 visitors watched as KKTU's News Anchor Dianne Derby served as Mistress of Ceremony. Several speakers addressed the crowd to commemorate the dedication of America's newest national cemetery to include United States Senator, The Honorable Michael F. Bennet, The Honorable Doug Lamborn, Congressman, CO-District 5 Representative Doug Lamborn, and Mr. Paul LaGrange, Director, Pikes Peak National Cemetery. The Keynote Address was delivered by the Undersecretary for Memorial Affairs, The Honorable Randy C. Reeves. The AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter was represented by William Kalaskie, the Chapter's Vice President for Veterans' Affairs. The 374-acre cemetery will continue to be under construction and is scheduled to hold its first burial in October 2018. The site will provide burial services for 95,000 veterans, spouses and eligible family members. Further information can be obtained by calling (719) 216-1025 or (303) 914-5700.



AFA Establishing Communication with Congressional Leadership

A few months ago, our Colorado Chapters were tasked by AFA National to reach out to our Congressional leadership to establish better communication with the Air Force Association and our mission to educate, advocate and support. Each Chapter was asked to plan on regular office calls with the Congressional representative' local office staffs and with the Congressmen/Senators when they are in their home districts. National's sub-committee for Advocacy provides advocacy articles as topics for discussion to use during those office calls. Representative Ken Buck, 4th Congressional District, accepted a complimentary membership to AFA and his Constituent Services Representative, Molly Ford, has regularly been sharing information about Congressman Buck's advocacy for the military. Most recently, Congressman Buck spoke on the House Floor regarding Colonel Stan Cass who passed away in April, as a way to honor his service and impact on the community. He stated, "Our veterans know the meaning of sacrifice. They know the tragedy and pain of war. And they know the meaning of service. Col. Stan Cass, especially, knew the meaning of service. After serving in Vietnam and then the Pentagon, Col. Cass returned to his farm several years ago and founded Northern Colorado Honor Flight." Thank you Congressman Buck for highlighting and honoring the contributions of our military members.



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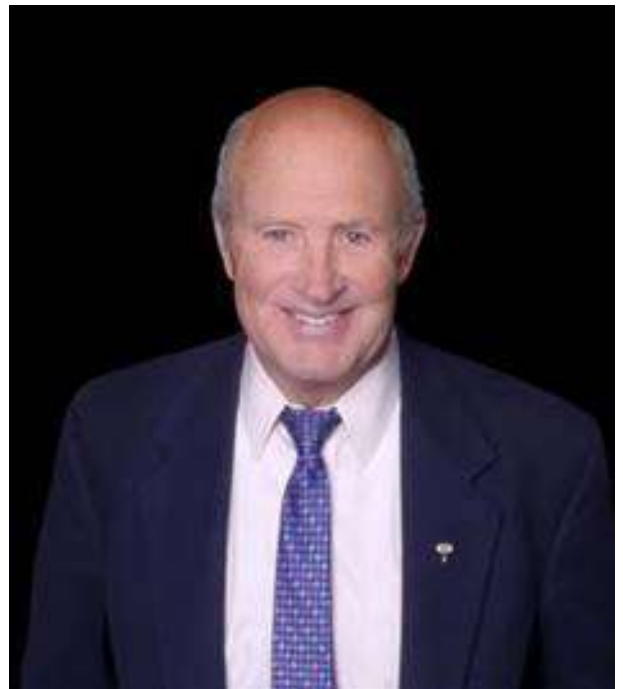
Community Partner Reception Enjoys the Hospitality of RE/MAX Advantage

Sijan Chapter sends a HUGE Thank you to RE/MAX Advantage Realty for being a Community Partner and for hosting the April Community Partner Reception. Owner Bruce Betts opened the doors to our annual event and Gary Jordan was the gracious host for the evening. State President Linda Aldrich welcomed the Community Partners and Chapter Members, then introduced Joan Sell, National AFA Director for the Western Region. Sijan Chapter President Kristin Christy welcomed attendees and shared information about all that the Chapter had accomplished over the last year, accomplishments that wouldn't have been possible without the support of our amazing Community Partners. After enjoying desserts and a "Candy Bar," our CPs received plaques and medallions for their plaques.

Our Community Partners have a unique opportunity to make an investment in the future of the United States Air Force, to provide support and assistance to the airmen who provide the aerospace defense of our nation and to increase their involvement with and access to the senior AF leaders in the Chapter area. By becoming an AFA Community Partner, they demonstrate to their customers and the community that they support the AFA and its mission. Be sure to see the list of all of our Community Partners on the last page of the newsletter and we encourage you to support their many businesses. If you have any questions, please contact our Chapter Vice President for Community Partners, Jeri Andrews, at 719-660-4671 or jerry.a.andrews@lmco.com.

Highlight on Community Partner Gary Jordan, RE/MAX Advantage

Community Partner Gary Jordan has over 20 years of experience in the Colorado Springs real estate market as a resident, investor and realtor. His website <http://www.sellandbuycolorado.com/> is a one stop real estate website for all home buying and selling needs in Colorado Springs. Gary is a Texas A&M University alumni and states that his hobbies include college sports, travel, fly fishing, horses, camping, fine dining and wine. We're proud to have Gary Jordan associated with the Air Force Association and we recommend you contact Gary for any of your real estate needs. You can meet Gary at 5590 North Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80918 or call at 719-502-7176 (Agent) or 719-548-8600 (Office).



Gary Jordan

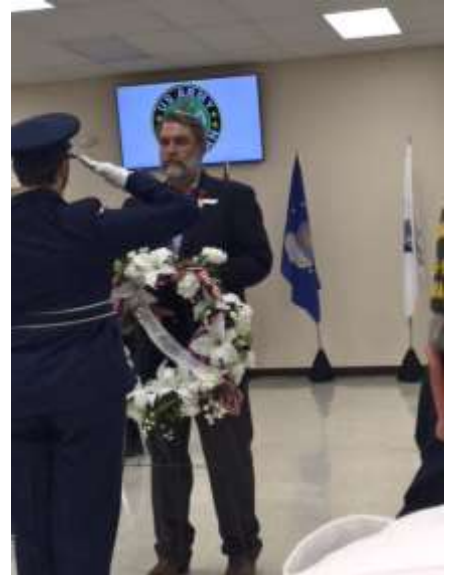


Lance P. Sijan In Action cont.

Lance P. Sijan Participation in the Memorial Day Wreath Laying



Pikes Peak Veterans Council Memorial Day Ceremony at Disabled American Veterans Hall/Wreath Laying Ceremony



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Sijan Chapter Members with Councilman Andy Pico and Commissioner Peggy Littleton

A thank you from one of our Chapter Scholarship Recipients:

I wanted to send you a short email to show you my gratitude for awarding me the Air Force Association Scholarship at the Teacher’s Choice Award Ceremony on May 7th. I was very fortunate to be able to earn the awards I did that night, and I am truly grateful.

I’ve taken some time to get a better understanding of the characteristics cadets must have to earn a scholarship like this, and I am fully committed to being the most honorable and disciplined young man I can be. AFJROTC has been an incredible experience for me during my four years of high school, and is responsible for shaping me into the person I am today. Upon graduation I attend to become a trauma surgeon, after attending the University of Colorado-Denver.

Thanks again for recognizing me with this distinguished award, and thank you and the Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the AFA for your continued support of our program.

Respectfully,
Cadet Colonel Jalen Criss



Congratulations to Colorado Cyber Patriots Wolfpack



3rd Place/All Service Division: COLORADO SPRINGS CADET SQUADRON “Wolfpack” Coached by: Bill Blatchley

Article from the Cyber Sentinel

Twenty-eight teams converged at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland on April 16 to face off at the CyberPatriot X National Finals Competition. The Open Division kicked-off the competition with the 45-minute Facebook Challenge. Several teams rapidly plowed through the cyber-security questions and command line exercise for a near perfect score. With the taste of success, the teams joined each other and CyberPatriot Presenting Sponsor Northrop Grumman Foundation and other sponsors for a well-deserved Competitor's Dinner. Heading back to their rooms after a dessert social, the competitors rested for the big day on Tuesday. On Tuesday morning the Open and Middle School Division competitors started the day with the Network Security Master Challenge. They were followed at by the All Service Division. Both of the 3.5-hour sessions began with teams rushing to fix security vulnerabilities in their systems and protect them from Red Team attackers. Meanwhile, the Red Team cased the teams' systems, watched their actions and planted surprises. Then they made their presence known. By the two hour-mark, the scoreboard turned mostly red indicating downed services and all teams were in trouble. Teams that continued to press forward and during the attacks turned their scoreboard indicators green again and earned top scores. The competition concluded late in the evening with the Cisco Networking Challenge. Teams faced a quiz and hands-on component with routers and switches. In the end, teams from SoCal and Colorado persevered to earn the top honors. Northrop Grumman awarded \$52,500 to the winners of CyberPatriot X, bringing its total scholarship contribution to more than \$400,000 since becoming Presenting Sponsor in 2011. Scholarships are awarded to each member of the first place (\$2,000), runner-up (\$1,500), and third place (\$1,000) teams in the Open and All Service Divisions. The CyberPatriot X competition began in October 2017 with 5,584 registered teams, a 26 percent increase from the previous competition year.



AFA Air Power Symposium at USAFA

Contributed by Steve Base

The Air Force Association presented a day long Air Power Symposium in April with four retired senior Air Force commanders giving their personal insights for all the major air campaigns conducted since the end of the Cold War. Alumni, faculty, and a number of retired senior officers joined cadets at the Air Force Academy Arnold Hall for the discussion of air campaigns that resulted in significant military and political victories for the U.S. and her allies. The symposium opened with remarks by Commandant Brigadier General Kristen Goodwin, with Lt Gen David Deptula (Ret), a Dean and resident scholar from the Mitchell Institute, serving as master of ceremonies. Each of the retired generals, along with a moderator, provided a summary of the air campaign they directed, followed by questions from audience.



Guest Speakers AF Generals Moseley, Hornburg, Horner, and Jumper

General Chuck Horner, a fighter pilot during the Vietnam Conflict, was assigned to CENTCOM, subordinate to General Norman Schwarzkopf during DESERT STORM. His air operation was the first conducted under the unified command structure enacted by the 1986 Goldwater-Nichols Act. He was tasked with planning, coordinating and deconflicting the massive air assault carried out by allied air forces and also with the US Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps. This was the first major conflict to use stealth technology, specifically F117s, to avoid enemy radar. It was also the first to significantly use PGMs, weapons which reduced the number of aircraft fraged for each target. Gen Horner described putting together operations to search and destroy mobile SCUD missile launchers located in the western desert, also recounting the complex decision-making process to approve a strike on a suspected biological weapons storage facility. He stressed the importance of taking care of the spiritual and physical needs of his troops, plus maintaining high morale in concert with high mission readiness. DESERT STORM lasted a month and so badly degraded Iraq ground forces that the Army was able the route them in four days with no follow-up political tasking to liberate or bring democracy to Iraq. General Horner shared that legendary TAC Commander General Wilbur L. "Bill" Creech was his leadership role model.

General Hal Hornburg helped implement operation DELIBERATE FORCE from 6 to 11 July 1995 to stop Serbian ethnic cleansing, genocide and mass rape. This operation was a joint NATO/UN 17 day air campaign with 3.5K sorties directed against 300 targets. This conflict premiered the use of UAVs with the Predator drone, along with active space operations. General Hornburg was subordinate to the senior AF Commander General Michael Ryan, who would go on to be Air Force Chief of Staff. Gen Hornburg related how Gen Ryan used ROE to limit casualties on the ground and focused on destroying ammunition storage sites to neutralize the enemy's military potential.



AFA Air Power Symposium at USAFAcont.

With a dual UN/NATO command structure, each command decision required a “dual key.” He described UN politics as “painful” and being frustrated working with coalition partners, however, he emphasized the importance of maintaining good personal relationships with both allies and the other services to work around awkward coalition and command arrangements.

General John Jumper, former Air Force Chief of Staff, gave an account of Operation ALLIED FORCE, carried out during the spring of 1999. It was an even larger air campaign implemented to stop more Serbian genocide and aggression. This was a massive attack involved 38k sorties, 13 ships, 1k aircraft, and involving 13 nations working out of 18 bases. The initial hope was that a short 3 day “demonstration” attack would persuade the Serbs to give in. When that did not work, a 78-day air war followed to convince the Serbian middle class in Belgrade to pressure their leadership. New technology included the all weather JDAM PGM deployed by the stealthy B2, along with field modifications to put targeting laser designators on the Predators. The US Army desire to add a ground component to the war became a contentious issue. Over 500 airlift sorties were diverted to transport an Army Corps HQ and Apache helicopters to the front, but these forces were never utilized. The moderator, Dr. Rebecca Grant, surmised that this operation was a defining moment for NATO, and that the alliance would not have survived as a viable deterrent if it had failed.

The final air commander was General T. Michael Moseley, former Chief of Staff, and who commanded air operation ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan after 9/11, and later operation IRAQI FREEDOM under the CENTCOM unified command of Army General Tommy Franks. Gen Moseley pointed out that air power, unlike the land and sea components, has no natural boundaries and uniquely has access to every potential target on the earth. He related some of the difficulties in Afghanistan such as no available DOD maps; the extreme distances aircrews had to fly; and also inter-service conflicts. Problems resulted when the Army neglected to include the AF in planning prior to launching ANACONDA. In this important engagement the AF dropped special “thermite” weapons against caves where the Taliban was sheltering. During the buildup for IRAQI FREEDOM in 2003, Gen Moseley recounted an additional CONUS briefing with senior Marine Corps leadership, during which it was explained that the Marine Corps would not be allowed to wage a separate air campaign independent of CENTCOM control. The assembled IRAQI FREEDOM air forces successfully battered the Iraqi ground forces, including a number of elite Republican Guard divisions who mistakenly thought they were safe under a sand storm.

After Gen Moseley’s presentation, Lt Gen Deptula provided a summary of some of the lessons learned from the symposium. All four commanders were knowledgeable, forceful personalities that were well suited and prepared for the difficult tasks that history provided them. There were recurrent themes and issues common to all the air campaigns. One such theme was the evolving deployment of new technology providing commanders with better tools to execute their mission: first, stealth aircraft and PGMs; later, active space operations, all weather JDAMs, RPVs and conventional cruise missiles; these new weapons combined to give our air forces a decisive advantage. Another theme was leadership and support for the troops. Some of these operations involved unified commands and allies; some included the NATO and the UN. An associated theme was the constant necessity to establish good working relationships based on trust and respect with both peers and superiors, preferably face to face, to make these command structures work, relationships that required moral courage in making decisions. A recurring issue was the constant need for careful planning to reduce not only our own casualties, but also to minimize collateral damage and even unnecessary enemy deaths. Gen Moseley summarized that modern air commanders really have four jobs: Air Force commander, unified combat commander, responsibility for logistics, and also managing coalition politics. It was a privilege and also very informative to hear the wisdom from these very successful Air Force leaders gathered together at one time and place.



Sijan Chapter Aerospace Education Events

Submitted by Dave Geuting

This quarter was an active one for Aerospace Education (AE). Led by our Vice President for AE, Dave Geuting, the Chapter presented college scholarships, selected a Chapter Teacher of the Year (TOY), and presented the Pitsenbarger Award at the Peterson AFB and Air Force Academy Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) graduation ceremonies.

For college scholarships, Dave and his committee selected recipients from applications submitted by graduating high school seniors and current college students. In all, the committee distributed over \$14,000 in scholarship money to deserving students. Again this year, the Chapter was honored to present two scholarships endowed by the Wright family in the name of their late daughter Kim. One, a four-year scholarship presented to a graduating high school senior attending a university or college, went to Kaige Jones of Mitchell High School and the other, a two-year scholarship presented to a graduating high school senior attending a community college or technical school, went to Lilly Kalkenberg of Air Academy High School. Congratulations to all the recipients and kudos to the scholarship committee for another job well done.

Each year, the Chapter selects a TOY, who then goes on to compete at the State AFA level. The recipient receives a \$250 check from National AFA and a matching \$250 check from the Chapter. This year, our selectee was Mr. Robbie Fowler of the Tesla Educational Opportunity School. Robbie was nominated for the award by the Space Foundation. He is a superb teacher who uses innovative and adaptive strategies to reach his students. We congratulate Robbie and wish him the best at State level.

Finally, National AFA, through its local chapters, presents the Pitsenbarger Award at base-level CCAF graduation ceremonies. The Pitsenbarger Award, named for Medal of Honor recipient SSgt William Pitsenbarger, goes to an outstanding CCAF graduate who plans to pursue a baccalaureate degree. Recipients are chosen by the Base Education Officer. National AFA presents the recipients with a \$400 check and in Colorado Springs the Sijan Chapter adds a \$100 check. This June we had three recipients because, based on size of the graduating class, the Air Force Academy only holds one graduation ceremony per year. The Chapter congratulates SSgt Seth Mosley of Peterson AFB and SSgts Steven Rousseau and Joshua Ryken of the Air Force Academy for receiving this honor. We wish them the best in their future studies and careers.



Kaige Jones, Wright family 4-Year Scholarship recipient



SSgt Seth Mosley, Peterson AFB Pitsenbarger recipient



Lilly Kelkenberg, Wright family 2-Year Scholarship recipient



Air Force Academy Hosts 9th Annual DOD Warrior Games

Article by Steve Base

The Department of Defense (DOD), assisted by generous corporate sponsors, held the ninth annual Warrior Games at the Air Force Academy from 1 to 9 June 2018. About 250 military and former military athletes with various disabilities from combat operations, accidents or illnesses acquired while on active duty participated in 11 different categories of competition. Four nations were represented: United States, United Kingdom, Australia and, for the first time, Canada. The US had the largest contingent of athletes and they competed in teams with their respective services: Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force, as well an additional Team SOCOM, or US Special Forces Command, with included athletes from all the US armed forces. All ranks were present: junior enlisted, NCOs and officers, with a wide variety of military specialties: engineering, logistics, medical, infantry, armor, pilots, maintenance, intelligence, military police and others. The majority of athletes competed in multiple events.

The Warrior Games were organized by the US Olympic Committee in 2010 and held annually in Colorado Springs through 2014. Since 2015 they have been organized by DOD and held in different locations, most recently hosted by the Navy in Chicago in 2017, where the television comedian Jon Stewart and Kelly Clarkson emceed. Both were also present for this year's opening ceremonies and concert held at Falcon Stadium the evening of 1 June. Although the track events scheduled for that morning were postponed because of high winds, the other sport categories included archery, cycling, field, indoor rowing, power lifting, shooting, sitting volleyball, swimming, time trial cycling, track, and wheelchair basketball. At the nearby tennis courts, tents provided food, children's play areas, first aid and other diversions, plus live entertainment. Local and national AFA members plus AFROTC Cadets from Colorado State University manned the Air Force Association-sponsored tent providing free beverages and meals. Many volunteers from various organiza-

tions were present throughout the games to manage the competition and provide assistance for the numerous family, friends and spectators.



Air Force Academy Hosts 9th Annual DOD Warrior Games Cont.

The athletic contests were modified to accommodate a broad range of disabilities; physical, neurological and psychological. The organizers listed seven specific disability categories: ataxia, hypertonia, impaired muscle power, impaired passive range of movement, intellectual impairment, limb deficiency and visual impairment. Some competitor's disabilities such as limb loss or paralysis were readily apparent, with other athletes the disabilities were not so obvious. Many of the injuries were secondary to combat with PTSD, TBI (traumatic brain injury) and GSW (gunshot wound) being frequently listed. Competitions were organized not only around different events, but also by the degree of the athlete's disability. Swimming included men's and women's 50, 100 and 200 meter events. The swimmers were also in placed functional classifications based on the severity of disability. Athletes within the same groups competed against each other, making the races more competitive. Other than allowing alternative means for entering the water these races resembled any other swimming meet.

Some competitions required adaptive technology. Track events were run with athletes that could ambulate with either two limbs or with artificial limbs (blades) around the track. One athlete with bilateral AKAs (above the knee amputation) wowed the crowd with his speed. Other track events were limited to athletes with the racing wheelchairs using only their arms for locomotion. The cycling events included racers on conventional racing bikes while other competitions used the reclining machines where the riders peddled with their feet forward. There were also special accommodations for the visually impaired. In archery the visually impaired aimed with a special "tactile sight," in cycling they rode on a two seat bike, in swimming they were assisted with a "tapper" who used a long pole to help guide the competitor.



Air Force Academy Hosts 9th Annual DOD Warrior Games Cont.

One the competitions that was really fun to watch was Sitting Volleyball. There were teams of six playing on a smaller court with a short net. This sport was originally invented for a Paralympic competition in 1980. Even though the athletes stayed on the floor it was amazing how quickly they could move to chase the ball and set up shots. Another favorite was Wheelchair Basketball, the final for that event was the last



competition for the Warrior Games held on the afternoon of Saturday 9 June. The Army Team won the gold medal with Air Force earning the Silver. The 2018 Warrior Games concluded with an “invitation only” closing ceremony that honored all the teams and their families and friends.

The games were a joy to watch because of the sheer fun everyone was having, including not only the athletes themselves, but their amazing cheering sections of friends and extended families. A large number of wonderful service dogs accompanied the warriors and a video showed how these animals were trained to assist with the specific needs of the intended warrior recipient. Good sportsmanship abounded through out all the events; for example, the two Australian bike riders leading a distance event choosing to finish together. There were frequent awards ceremonies with the medals presented by senior ranking officers from the different services. An Air Force press release reports the Air Force team won a total of 165 medals, of which 70 were gold, 56 silver and 39 bronze. Five Air Force athletes set track records. Senior Airman Rafael Morfinencisco competed in eight events and was ranked the second best overall athlete

The relevant message of the games is entirely positive. The Warrior Games were inspired by the Paralympics, but are specifically for warriors. Rather than dwelling on the

negative and loss of function associated with disability, these games focus on developing and improving the capabilities of the warrior athletes that remain. It is this intense desire to optimize and compete with what you have that never becomes “disabled.” With this type of philosophy, the glass is always half full.



NORAD Celebrates 60 Years of Cooperation

The *Colorado Springs Gazette* stated, “On the international stage, America and its northern neighbor make for an odd couple.” After noting political and historical differences, *The Gazette* also noted, “But in Colorado Springs, the two countries couldn’t be closer.” The strong partnership and mutual interests were more than apparent at the celebration and commemoration of the North American Aerospace Defense Command’s (NORAD’s) 60th Anniversary. This binational command is unique among global cooperation as the two nations have worked together through several wars and defended the continent from Russian bombers, incoming missiles, jihadist terrorists and drug lords.

As Russia demonstrated the ability to field an atomic bomb and the Cold War tensions evolved after World War II, the U.S. and Canada recognized the quickest route from Moscow to Washington was over the North Pole across the Canadian northern expanses. Thus, the marriage of two nations defending against the possibility of Russian attack became a reality. For 50 years, NORAD found a home in Cheyenne Mountain, an area designed to survive a near-miss by a 30-megaton thermonuclear warhead. Five acres underground are protected by 2000 feet of granite and provided the working environment for Canadians and Americans to monitor equipment to detect incoming missiles. Not until 2008 did NORAD outgrow its home in the mountain, at which time a new command center was constructed on Peterson Air Force Base. In spite of political differences over the years, NORAD has remained a strong and viable partnership, adjusting to new world threats such as terrorism and drug trafficking as they arose.



Caty Rozema & Jeana Connaughton

The 60th Anniversary celebration kicked off with media tour of Cheyenne Mountain and a lavish dinner and ball at the Broadmoor, presented by the Air Force Association and the Colorado Thirty Group. The dinner and ball provided both reuniting co-workers and new acquaintances an opportunity to share their memories of working for and with NORAD. Emcee Lt Col Karl Freundt kept the evening lively with his wit as he honored both American and Canadian customs, followed by expressions of gratitude for the outstanding working relations voiced by General Lori Robinson, Commander, NORAD/NORTHCOM, and Lieutenant General Pierre St-Amand, Deputy Commander, NORAD. Equal praise and sentiments came from guest speakers The Honorable Robert Wilkie, Acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and The Honourable Seamus O’Regan, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence. As is always expected, the service and ambience created by the Broadmoor and staff made for an exquisite dining experience.

The Friday evening gala was followed on Saturday by an Anniversary Ceremony and Mission Display at Peterson AFB with a Canadian Snowbirds aerial demonstration, and speeches by top U.S. and Canadian military members. General Robinson emphasized the strong cooperation and the special circumstances that exist in having two nations share sovereignty for the common good. Even as the celebrations were on-going, the work of NORAD continued smoothly with the detection and interception by U.S. Stealth fighters of two Russian TU-95 “Bear” bombers. In addition to protecting the northern airspace, NORAD monitors missile launches and tracks the multitudinous amounts of space debris for commercial and military entities.

The Lance P. Sijan Chapter is proud to have been an integral partner to NORAD in putting on the 60th Anniversary celebration. National VP for Field Operations Gavin “Mac” MacAloon was an honored guest and The Air Force Association was recognized as a valuable partner in bringing the events to fruition.



Lance P. Sijan Is Looking for Volunteers



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Your Lance P. Sijan Chapter relies on dedicated volunteers for our projects and contributions to the Air Force Family. We urge you all to consider volunteering with your Air Force Association. The AFA, 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!

We are also looking for members to fill these specific positions: (1) If you have a heart for working with young students in JROTC, ROTC, CAP, Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings, we need a liaison with the units here in Colorado Springs. (2) How about helping with our heroes? We need volunteers for the Wounded Warrior Games in June. (3) Are you well--connected within the Colorado Springs community? Help AFA by being our Chapter Public Relations Liaison.

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

Volunteer activities for the last quarter:

- April 7 – (Sean Lange) 302AW Annual Awards
- April 11 – (Steve Base) Air Power Symposium
- April 11 – (Jeri Andrews Cordelia Kendall, Kristen Christy, Linda Aldrich) Community Partner Reception
- April 12 – (Kristen Christy) HQ AFSPC Quarterly Awards
- April 19 – (Cordelia Kendall, Linda Aldrich) Stellar Xplorers Competition
- April – (Dave Geuting, Rain Dartt, Linda Aldrich) Sijan Scholarships and Chapter Teacher of the Year Award Committee
- April 25 – (Linda Aldrich) USAFA Systems Engineering Award Ceremony
- May 1 – (Kristen Christy/Doc Apodaca) Key Spouse Luncheon
- May 1 – (Kristen Christy) 21SW Quarterly Awards
- May 2 – (Dave Shiller) 50SW Quarterly Awards
- May 3 – (Dave Geuting) Falcon HS AFJROTC Awards
- May 4, May 7 -- (Gayle Divine) Sand Creek and Vista Ridge AFJROTC Awards
- May 7 – (Dave Geuting) Sand Creek HS Scholarship Ceremony
- May 14 – (Dave Geuting) Pine Creek HS and Lewis Palmer HS Scholarship Ceremonies
- May 16 – (Dave Geuting) Mitchell HS Scholarship Ceremony
- May 21 – (Jerry White, Kristen Christy) Outstanding USAFA Squadron Presentation
- May 25 – (Willie Kalaskie) Pike's Peak National Cemetery Dedication
- May 28 – (Willie Kalaskie) Pike's Peak Veterans Council Memorial Day Ceremony
- June 2-8 – (Kristen Christy, Steve Base) Wounded Warrior Games
- June 13 – (Dave Geuting) 10 ABW (USAFA) CCAF Graduation
- June 13 – (Dave Geuting) 21 SW (Peterson, Schriever, Cheyenne Mountain) CCAF Graduation



Gayle Divine presented the AFA Outstanding Cadet Award to Jacob Svare at Sand Creek High School



Gayle Divine presented the AFA Outstanding Cadet Award to Ben Romero IV at Vista Ridge High School



Lance P. Sijan Is Looking for Volunteers cont.



Volunteer Spotlight

This quarter’s volunteer spotlight is on our Vice President for Aerospace Education (AE), Dave Geuting. Dave originally started volunteering with the Sijan Chapter as a member of the Scholarship Committee and, after a couple of years, became the chairman. Eventually he was elected our Vice President for AE and took over responsibility for scholarships, chapter teacher of the year, and the Pitsenbarger awards. Prior to entering the corporate world, Dave served approximately 30 years in the United States Air Force, starting as an enlisted airman in the personnel career field and then serving in assignments of increased responsibility in the

communications/cyber career field, completing his career as a Colonel in 2011. His military highlights include three tours as a unit commander, with his final command being the 89th Airlift Support Group at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland. Following his retirement from the Air Force in 2011, Dave worked for AT&T, Exelis/Harris, and Braxton Technologies. Dave was influential in coordinating establishment of the Wright Family scholarships. He worked with Colonel (retired) Jim Wright to set up a 4-year and 2-year scholarship for deserving high school seniors in the name of his late daughter Kim. Dave personally presents all scholarships to high school seniors throughout the Colorado Springs and El Paso County area. He also personally presents the Teacher of the Year at the appropriate school and the Pitsenbarger Award at the Peterson AFB and Air Force Academy Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremonies. In addition to his AE duties, Dave has volunteered to present year-end awards to high school AFJROTC cadets, for the Wounded Airmen Casino Night, for the Multi-Domain C2 Conference, and for the IMAGE Golf Tournament.



Our Volunteers in Action



MGen (Ret) Jerry White, Kristen Christy, and MGen Cathy Chilton at the USAFA Outstanding Squadron Recognition



Jerry White presenting at the USAFA Outstanding Squadron Recognition



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- 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

STATE CONVENTION

Place: Peterson AFB Club
Date: Saturday, August 25, 2018
Time: Business Meeting at 1:00pm / Awards Banquet at 6:00pm

IMAGE GOLF

Place: Silver Spruce Golf Course Peterson AFB
Date: 17 August 2018
Time: 7am

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HONORING COLD WAR WARRIORS

Place: TBD
Date: 9 October 2018
Time: TBD



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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!

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