



# The Sijan Sentinel

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## WELCOME TO SIJAN CHAPTER 125!

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**Vice President: MSgt Angelo Bryant**  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE SIJAN CHAPTER PRESIDENT:

### **Don't miss out on the 2019 Colorado State Air Force Association Convention and Awards Banquet!**

Two AFA events are coming up on Saturday, August 17th that need your attendance and support. First, the State Convention Business Meeting will be at the Radisson Denver-Aurora, 3155 South Vaughn Way, Aurora, CO beginning at 1:00 p.m.—all AFA 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 Radisson. The Mile High 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. Let's make sure we have a huge crowd to show our appreciation for our Air Force personnel and the folks who make all the support possible. 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 flyer included in this newsletter for more information and register at: [www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-colorado-state-awards-banquet-tickets-59862983796](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-colorado-state-awards-banquet-tickets-59862983796).

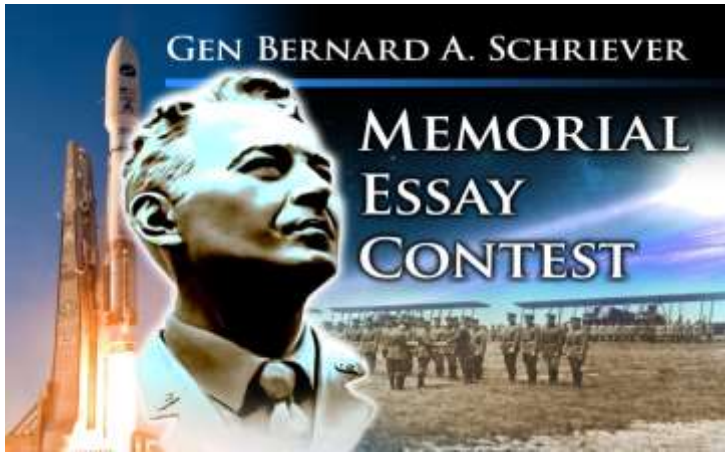
### **Industry Military Annual Golf Event (IMAGE) 2019**

Please join in for the IMAGE 2019 to benefit STEM scholarship activities on August 2nd, 2019, at Eisenhower Golf Course, USAFA! Started in 2000, IMAGE provides the opportunity for military and industry to have some fun and play a round of golf for a great cause. Rocky Mountain Chapters of the Air Force Association (AFA), National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) and the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association (AFCEA) all work together to raise money for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) scholarships and related activities. Each year, we collectively award over \$70k to deserving students and STEM activities, with IMAGE providing a substantial portion of those funds. IMAGE is a premier networking event within the defense marketplace in the Springs. Come out and enjoy a round of golf, meet counterparts from industry and military, and gain a better understanding of issues and opportunities facing our community. We look forward to seeing you on the course and at our lunch following golf. We sincerely appreciate your charitable support to our STEM event. Want more information? <https://www.planmygolfevent.com/32628-IMAGE2019/index.html>

### **Community Partner Reception 2019**

We love our Community Partners and we want to show our appreciation for their support and involvement in Sijan Chapter Activities. All Community Partners please join us at a reception in your honor on Tuesday, July 23, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in ATRIUM II, 1150 Academy Park Loop, Colorado Springs, CO 80910 (Entrance on the East Side of the Building). New Community Partners will receive their plaques and renewing members will receive the medallions to add their plaques. Light refreshments, business casual—and a huge thank you for being partners to the Air Force Association. RSVP NLT Thursday, July 18 to [jerry.a.andrews@lmco.com](mailto:jerry.a.andrews@lmco.com) 719-960-5060

## 2019 General Bernard A. Schriever Essay Contest Open



### 2019 FACT SHEET

In the name and memory of a great Air Force pioneer, the Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association is pleased to sponsor the 2019 Gen Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest. There are two divisions in the contest, an Open Division and an Airman Division. The Open Division is for all current Air Force military and civilian personnel, including Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members. The Airman Division is restricted to E1-E6 members; of course, they also have the option to enter the Open Division as well. The purpose of the contest remains the same: to stimulate thought, discussion, and debate on matters relating to how the Air

Force and Air Force Space Command provide space capabilities for the joint force and the nation. Air Force Space Command and the Air Force as a whole rely on thoughtful reflection and critical assessments to maintain their cutting edge. This contest is a great opportunity to share your ideas with other space professionals. The two top essays in the Open Division will be published in the prestigious *Air and Space Power Journal*. In addition, the Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association will present the First Place Winner of the Open Division with a plaque recognizing that achievement and a check for \$1,000. The runner-up in the Open Division also will receive a plaque recognizing that achievement and a check for \$500. In the Airman/NCO Division, the First Place Winner will receive a plaque recognizing that achievement and a check for \$500. The runner-up in the Airman/NCO Division will receive a plaque recognizing that achievement and a check for \$250. Authors may only submit their essays in one of the two categories.

### THEME FOR 2019 ESSAY CONTEST

**The theme for both divisions in the essay contest is:**

As the Air Force addresses the challenges of space as a warfighting domain, how can Air Force Space Command learn from and apply the lessons of strategy, doctrine and tactics from operations in other domains such as air, land, sea and cyber? Are these examples applicable to all domains or are there certain factors that make the space domain unique?

### RULES FOR THE OPEN DIVISION

The contest will begin with an announcement from the Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association. Entries must conform to all guidelines found in AU-1, *Air University Style and Author Guide* ([www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awcgate/style/](http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awcgate/style/)), are **limited to 3,500 words** (excluding endnotes and graphics), and must be double spaced. Essays must be original, unpublished, and not currently under consideration in other publications. **Essays may have no more than two authors.** The *Air and Space Power Journal* will hold the right to publish winning entries. Graphics, photographs, and other supporting elements are encouraged. Since no author's identity will be revealed during the evaluation process, no identifying name(s) or other distinguishing markings, such as office symbols, should appear on the cover page, in the body of the essay, or in the running heads. Endnotes and supporting graphics do not count toward the overall word count. The paper **must be submitted in Microsoft Word** and clearly indicate that it is intended for the Open Division. Contestants may send inquiries about the contest, formatting requirements, and so forth to contest administrators at [AFASCHRIEVER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AFASCHRIEVER@GMAIL.COM).

Include the title of the essay in the subject line of your submission e-mail. The body of your e-mail should include your name, address, telephone numbers, e-mail address, the title of your essay, total word count, and a biographical sketch of 50 words or less on the author. A **photo of each author** suitable for journal publication is also requested at the time of submission. In addition, each author must complete a **release form** (available on the Lance P. Sijan website - <http://www.lancepsijanafa.com/>) by the submission deadline, which is **1 October 2019**. The presentation of awards will be held after the announcement of winners in late October/early November 2019.



## 2019 General Bernard A. Schriever Essay Contest cont.



### **RULES FOR THE AIRMAN DIVISION**

The contest will begin with an announcement from the Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association. The Airman submission is intended to be less rigid in its format and research than the Open Division. Entries should generally adhere to the format in AU-1, *Air University Style and Author Guide* ([www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awcgate/style/](http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awcgate/style/)), are **limited to 1,500 words** (excluding endnotes and graphics), and must be double spaced. Essays must be original, unpublished, and not

currently under consideration in other publications. **Essays may have no more than two authors.** Air Force Space Command will reserve the right to publish the essays on line. Graphics, photographs, and other supporting elements are encouraged but not required. Since no author's identity will be revealed during the evaluation process, no identifying name(s) or other distinguishing markings, such as office symbols, should appear on the cover page, in the body of the essay, or in the running heads. The paper **must be submitted in Microsoft Word** and clearly indicate that it is intended for the Airman Division. Contestants may send inquiries about the contest, formatting requirements, and so forth to contest administrators at [AFASCHRIEVER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AFASCHRIEVER@GMAIL.COM).

Include the title of the essay in the subject line of your submission e-mail. The body of your e-mail should include your name, address, telephone numbers, e-mail address, the title of your essay, total word count, and a biographical sketch of 50 words or less on each author. A **photo of each author** suitable for journal publication is also requested at the time of submission. In addition, each author must complete a **release form** (available on the Lance P. Sijan website - <http://www.lancepsijanafa.com/>) by the submission deadline which is **1 October 2019**. A formal presentation of awards will be held after the announcement of winners in late October/early November 2019.

### **EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Two evaluation committees will review submissions. One will be assigned the Open Division, and the other will be assigned the Airman Division. Evaluations for both divisions will be based on:

- Quality of written expression, including a clearly stated thesis, well-organized paragraphs with effective transitions, and virtually error-free spelling and grammar
- Quality of argumentation, including an engaging introduction, logical arrangement of ideas supported with convincing evidence, and a thought-provoking conclusion.
- Degree of currency and relevancy, including the presentation of fresh ideas about space power and the development of viable solutions to relevant US Air Force concerns

**DEADLINE: 1 October 2019.**

**SEND ENTRIES TO: [AFASCHRIEVER@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AFASCHRIEVER@GMAIL.COM)**



This is current as of 30 May 2019

## Community Reception & General Meeting Flyer



**The Air Force Association  
Lance P. Sijan Chapter  
cordially invites you**

**to the**

**2019 Community Partner Reception**

**Tuesday, July 23, 2019**

**ATRIUM II**

**1150 Academy Park Loop**

**Colorado Springs, CO 80910**

**(Entrance on East Side of Building,  
first floor conference room Suite 117)**

**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**Light refreshments will be available**

**RSVP due not later than**

**Thursday, July 18, 2018**

**Jeri Andrews – (719) 960-5060**

**[jerry.a.andrews@lmco.com](mailto:jerry.a.andrews@lmco.com)**

**Attire – Business Casual**

**Acceptance Only**



# 2019 Air Force Association Colorado State Banquet



## Colorado State AFA Annual Awards Banquet

**Recognizing and Honoring Colorado's Finest  
USAF Military and Civilians**

**Radisson Hotel Denver-Aurora  
Saturday, August 17, 2019**

**Register [here](#) for the Banquet**

AFA Mile High Chapter 127 Charity Golf Tournament, 16 August  
**Register [here](#) for Golf**

**Individuals welcome! • Sponsorships are available!**



**Friday, August 16, 2019  
14th Annual  
Air Force Association  
Golf Tournament**

*Spring Valley Golf Club  
Elizabeth, CO*



**Proceeds for the benefit of the Wounded Airman Program,  
Buckley Airman & Family Readiness, and the local Air Force Family!**

**Register NOW at [www.defensetournament.golfreg.com/](http://www.defensetournament.golfreg.com/)!**





**The format is a four-person scramble - individuals and teams welcome!  
Sponsorships available! Contact us at [cklein1964@yahoo.com](mailto:cklein1964@yahoo.com)**



# 2019 IMAGE GOLF EVENT



## 2019 SPONSORS

- Title
- Awards
- Lunch
- Putting Contest 
- Breakfast
- Mulligans 
- Golf Cart
- Drink Cart
- Hole-in-One
- Range Balls
- Closest to Hole
- Longest Drive (Men)
- Longest Drive (Women)
- Tote Bag 
- Brochure Printing 



## 2019 Industry Military Annual Golf Event (IMAGE)

2 August 2019



USAF Academy, CO



### REGISTRATION

Registration Deadline: 24 July 2019  
 Register Online:  
<https://www.planmygolfevent.com/32628-IMAGE2019/index.html>

AD Military & Res./Gov't Civilian - \$65  
 Retired & Industry - \$125

Registration questions? Contact Judy Arnold at [judy.arnold@lmco.com](mailto:judy.arnold@lmco.com) or 719-277-4028

Fees include: green fees, golf cart, breakfast buffet, Prime Rib lunch, range balls, beverages, and goodie bag.

Make check payable to: IMAGE 2019  
 Check must be received by 25 July 2019

Mail to: Joe Kahoe  
 IMAGE 2019 Chairman  
 4140 Saddle Rock Road  
 Colorado Springs, CO 80918

**CANCELLATION POLICY**  
 Cancel at no cost before 24 July.  
 Cancellations after 24 July will cost \$25.  
 Substitutions can be made at no cost.

### HOLE SPONSORS:



### IMAGE 2019 SPONSORSHIPS

Title (1 available)	\$5000
Hang banner at event, preferred golf pairing. Registration for <u>four</u> golfers.	
Awards (1 available)	\$4000
Hang banner at event, preferred golf pairing. Registration for <u>two</u> golfers.	
Lunch (1 available)	\$3500
Hang banner at event, preferred golf pairing. Registration for <u>two</u> golfers.	
Putting Contest (1 available)	\$2500
Hang banner at putting green, preferred golf pairing. Registration for <u>two</u> golfers.	
Breakfast (1 available)	\$2000
Hang banner at event. Hole Sponsor sign. Registration for <u>two</u> golfers.	
Mulligans (1 available)	\$1000
Multiple Mulligan sponsors are welcome. Place logo stickers on golfers. Hang banner at event.	
Golf Cart (1 available)	\$1000
Hang banner at event. Hole Sponsor sign.	
Beverage Cart (2 available)	\$750
Hang banner at event. Logo at contest holes/on cart.	
Range Ball Sponsor	\$750
Includes signage & recognition near practice tee area.	
Hole-in-One (1 available)	\$750
Hang banner at event. Logo at contest holes.	
Closest to Pin (1 available)	\$750
Hang banner at event. Logo at contest holes.	
Longest Drive (2 – 1 Men's & 1 Women's)	\$750
Hang banner at event. Logo at contest holes.	
Web Site (1 available)	\$600
Hang banner at event. Logo on web site.	
Hole (14 available)	\$500
Company logo at tee box. For Sponsorship details, please contact Joe Kahoe	

### TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

**Date:** Friday, 2 August 2019  
**Place:** Eisenhower Golf Course USAFA  
**Rating:** 70.0, Slope 121, Par 71 - 6288 yards  
 Players without valid vehicle registration and military ID. **MUST** enter through North Gate.  
**Times:** Breakfast & Registration: 0630  
 Shotgun Start: 0800  
 Lunch and Awards: 1300 -1430  
**Attire:** Collared shirts, no jeans or tee shirts, regulation golf shoes.  
**Team Composition:** Preformed twosomes, or individual sign-ups are required. Team handicaps will be used for competition.  
**Format and Scoring:** This is a modified scramble tournament. There will be first, second, third and last place prizes for gross team scores. Additional rules to be briefed on tournament day.  
**Mulligans:** A mulligan package will be available for purchase.

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## Pikes Peak Regional Airshow



**Volunteer Days:** 9/20 – 9/21 Setup, 9/21 - 9/22 Airshow, 9/23 Cleanup

**Hours:** Volunteer 6:30 am – 5:00 pm, Gate 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Volunteer Tent:** Available for breaks and refreshments. Breakfast items, water and lunch provided .

### Event Highlights:

- This is an outdoor, all day event – dress accordingly.
- Walkie talkies and golf carts will be assigned, as needed.
- Volunteers may wear vests provided by PPRAirshow.
- Applications and waivers will be required.

### Volunteer Opportunities

- Assignments will be made.
- Volunteer Support – Food service, volunteer movement and tracking.
- Facilities – Empty trash, ice delivery, setup and breakdown, tasks as assigned.
- Admissions – Sell and validate tickets, distribute entry material.
- Parking – Guide cars to lots and parking spaces.
- Chalets, Admissions, Guest Services, Concessions and Retail tasks as assigned.
- Security – Perform bag checks at event entry, general crowd control, ramp monitoring, observe and report questionable activities (Background checks required).
- Information – Be available in the crowd to answer guest questions.



**Signup** - [pprairshow.org](http://pprairshow.org), **Facebook** - [facebook.com/PPRAirshow/](https://facebook.com/PPRAirshow/)

**For questions, please contact** – [pprairvolunteer@outlook.com](mailto:pprairvolunteer@outlook.com)



## Air Force Academy Founders Night Names Four Distinguished Graduates

Article by Steve Base

The Air Force Academy Association of Graduates (AOG) held its eighteenth annual Founder's Day on the evening of 5 April 2019 at the Academy's Arnold Hall. Since 2001 this event has honored Academy graduates that have made significant contributions to the nation in peace and war. The formal event was well attended with seven retired four star Air Force Generals present, the senior Air Force Academy leadership, numerous alumni and a number of cadets. The award recipients were MGen Edward R. Jayne II (Ret), Class of 66; Col Dr H. Michael Lambert (Ret), Class of 1970; Gen Mark A. Walsh III (Ret), Class of 66; and finally, BGen John C. Inglis (Ret), Class of 1976. All had their spouses, family and friends with them.



Honoree BGen John C. Inglis,  
USAF (Ret) Offering Remarks

The evening began with entertainment by AF musicians, concluding with the National Anthem, and the Master of Ceremonies, BGen Andrew P. Armacost, Dean of the Faculty, guided the evening's activities. Graduate Nick Hague, currently TDY at the International Space Station, provided a special video address. Academy Superintendent LGen Jay B Silverias welcomed all the distinguished guests. After dinner the four recipients were introduced one at a time, first with a video presentation documenting their special and unique contributions, then with a medal presentation, followed by acceptance remarks.

MGen Edward Jayne II flew the Skyraider and Phantom II in SE Asia, earning two Silver Star decorations. Then he used his National Science Foundation graduate fellowship to earn a PhD from MIT in Political Science and Defense Policy. He worked at the White House, the National Security Council, and the Office of Management and Budget, while continuing a parallel career in the ANG. He was a senior advisor to President Carter. After his government service Jayne held key positions with the McDonnell Douglas Corporation where he was manager of the F-15 Program. For two decades he was an executive for a major executive search firm, successfully recruiting over a 100 CEOs. He continues to serve on a number of government and non-profit advisory boards.

Col Dr. H. Michael Lambert started his AF career as a T-38 Instructor Pilot. Then he decided to attend the Baylor College of Medicine where he matriculated in three years! He specialized in Ophthalmology and has invented numerous medical instruments to facilitate patient care. While in the AF he secured academic accreditation for both the AF Wilford Hall and the Brooke Army Medical Center. After retiring from the AF in 1990 Lambert served in numerous important academic positions, is an author and lecturer, and advises corporations and investors. He has created a number of charitable organizations as well as being the Founding Director of the USAFA Endowment.

Gen Mark A. Welsh III is a fighter pilot who commanded a squadron during Desert Storm. He was a Commandant at the Academy, served on the Joint Staff, and was an Associate Director of the CIA. Welsh also commanded the NATO air forces, and is a former Air Force Chief of Staff. After retiring as Chief of Staff, Welsh was appointed Dean of the George H. W. Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M. He has also served on both corporate and non-profit boards.

BGen John C. Inglis was a T-37 instructor pilot and C-141 Aircraft Commander. He also received a Guggenheim Fellowship and was awarded the Clement Award as the Naval Academy's outstanding faculty member for teaching Mechanical Engineering. Later Inglis was the first Chair of Cyber Studies at the same institution. He was a visiting professor at West Point and has lectured at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. In 1985 Inglis transitioned to the ANG and began dual track military and civilian careers. He helped transition the NSA from Cold War operations to emphasis on coalition warfare and anti-terrorism, also serving for eight years as NSA's Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer. Gen Inglis has received numerous medals and awards for his military, government and non-profit service.

The recipients displayed sincere humility and willingness to share credit. They mentioned their parents who were members of the "Greatest Generation" and often veterans, for instilling positive values and a competitive spirit that served them well in their careers. All of them thanked their wives for longstanding support, as well as mentors who provided them with guidance and insights in how to navigate complex organizations and challenging situations. Besides being Academy graduates all the honorees started their careers as Air Force pilots. One overcame a severe spinal injury just to be commissioned and earn his wings. Another failed in his initial academy application; the Falcon Foundation helped him gain admission on his second attempt. All of the honorees have made important contributions both in the active duty Air Force and as civilians in government, academic, for profit corporations and non-profit foundations. This April is the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the legislation that created the Air Force Academy. It is a credit to those founders that the institution has produced such outstanding graduates.





## Enlisted Heritage Highlights

Article by Gayle Divine



In a concentrated effort to find topics of interest for the general membership, in March 2019 the Sijan Chapter was pleased to present a panel of three distinguished Command Chiefs from the Pikes Peak Region at their Enlisted Heritage event. The gathering featured a panel of Chiefs to share their thoughts on the past, the present, and the future of the Air Force Enlisted Corps. Chief Charles “Chuck” Zimkas, the first Command Chief of Air Force Space Command (and AFA Emeritus) represented the Enlisted Corps of the past; Chief Brendon Criswell, most recently the Command Chief of AFSPC,

represented the present; and Chief Jacob Simmons, 21st Space Wing Command Chief represented the future. They spoke of what Enlisted Heritage means to them. Chief Zimkas expanded on the theme of heritage versus who we are militarily today. Chief Criswell emphasized the advanced degrees and higher education of our Enlisted Corps, plus the need for technical expertise and an ability to understand technical aerospace warfighting. Looking to the future, Chief Simmons pointed out that heritage has no finish; it is a living heritage so we must assess if we are measuring up and what change needs to occur. Each panel member referenced their tenure as Command Chief and it was both fascinating and inspiring to have these three giants together on one stage and listen to the similarities and differences from each Chief’s tenure.



SMSgt Kelli Jackson, Superintendent from the 21st Space Wing Medical Group was the Moderator for the evening, doing a masterful job of keeping the comments on time and directing thought-provoking questions from the floor to the Chiefs.

Also, on display were uniforms of each era thanks to Jeffrey Nash, Assistant Director/Curator at Peterson Air and Space Museum, 21st Space Wing. The display included the **USAF Desert Camouflage Uniform**, Circa 2005, a three-color Desert Camouflage Uniform (DCU) for arid-environment camouflage used by the United States Armed Forces from the mid-1990s to the early 2010s. The helmet was made of Kevlar, a highly-resistant material to protect against bullets and metal fragments. The Air Force began issuing the DCU in 1992 and remained its primary desert uniform until 2011. Next on display was the **USAF Men’s Fatigue/Utility**

**Uniform**, Circa Mid-1960’s. This all-cotton olive green uniform was introduced in 1952 for wear by all military services both in the United States and overseas by the beginning of the Vietnam War. This is one of the longest-issued uniforms by the US military, seeing use from 1952 until the adoption of an olive green poly-cotton blend in 1978. Minor modifications were made to this uniform over time such as adding buttoned cuff slits in the mid-1960s. Headgear consisted of either the olive-green ball cap or more colorful unit caps. The final uniform on display was **Women’s Army Corps (WAC) Class A Dress Uniform**, World War II. The uniform on display belonged to WAC Sergeant Mildred Wike, a radio repair specialist stationed at Las Vegas Army Air Base from 1943 to 1946. Sergeant Wike repaired radios on B-17 and B-24 heavy bombers during her service. The uniform has the Army Air Forces emblem on the right shoulder. After the Air Force separated from the Army in 1947, this uniform was worn until the Air Force issued a new blue dress uniform for men and women in 1950.



To expand on the enlisted heritage’s theme and the uniforms, TSgt Shierae Bryan placed the Air Force Chevron timeline posters in the room to depict the Chevron variations over the years. There were so many questions that the evening came to an end much too soon—and still the many young attendees lingered in order to continue asking questions to the Chiefs.



## A Surprise for One of Our Members

Sijan Chapter member Linda Aldrich headed up to Colorado State University to commission a cadet that she had met through her work with Silver Wings (SW) and Arnold Air Society (AAS). Linda has commissioned many cadets, having once been the Commander of the AFROTC Detachment 105, headquartered at University of Colorado-Boulder and affiliated with cadets from 13 area colleges and universities. However, she has additionally always had a special place in her heart for SW/AAS because of her affiliation with Angel Flight, the precursor for Silver Wings, a service organization established at her alma mater, the University of Nebraska, at a time before women were welcomed into ROTC or the AF Academy. In fact, Angel Flight was established by Mary Anne Thompson, long time national trustee for the SW/AAS Board and someone who became Linda’s friend through their work together on the annual scholarships provided to SWs and Armys.



Mary Anne Thompson Award

Now, let’s get back to the surprise that was in store for Linda at the CSU



Under Secretary of the AF Donovan with Shiki Das

commissioning. The soon-to-be Lieutenant Megan Venegas, had also established a special relationship with Linda while Megan was leading Area VIII Silver Wings and together they had worked to re-establish a relationship with the Colorado AFA Chapters. Unbeknownst to Linda, Megan had submitted a nomination for Linda to receive the Mary Anne Thompson Award for Most Outstanding Support as an AFA Member. Linda was announced as the recipient at the SW/AAS National Convention in May 2019, but everyone managed to keep the secret until Megan could come back to Colorado to spring the surprise. Once the secret was out Linda received a note from Mary Anne Thompson herself, “Congratulations! Must say I’ve been waiting to congratulate you until I’d gotten word that you’d received the award itself. This was my last NATCON as a Trustee...must say one of the top highlights was standing on the stage with the AAS and SW Commander/President to present the Thompson Award and is was SOOOO REMARKABLY FITTING when your name was announced as the winner!!!...Trust me...you are most deserving and I was so very proud to present it to you!!!”



Megan Venegas Surprises Linda Aldrich with the Award

Not only was Linda stunned by the award, but now some other unusual happenings started to make sense. The week of NATCON she got a text with a photo that said “The UnderSecAF just gave you a shout out at our AFA Luncheon at NATCON.” Under Secretary Donovan is a former OTS Flightmate with Linda but she said she couldn’t imagine why her name would have come up in conversation. Well, he was sitting at the same table with Megan and a former Sijan Chapter member

Shiki Das, so he made the connection known to them when the award was announced. Needless to say, this has been quite a special event for Linda—and Sijan reaped some benefits as well, Sijan received the National AFA Exceptional Service Unit Award for AAS/SW Integration based on Linda’s efforts here in Colorado. Congratulations Linda and congratulations Sijan Chapter!!



## Sijan Chapter Aerospace Education Events

Article by Linda Aldrich

Photos Submitted by Dave Geuting, Angelo Bryant & Gayle Divine

Sijan Chapter has had another active quarter for Aerospace Education under the outstanding leadership of Chapter Vice President for Aerospace Education Dave Geuting. The list of activities included awarding \$5500 in college scholarships,



selecting a Chapter Teacher of the Year (TOY), presenting Junior AFROTC Awards and recognizing Pitsenbarger Award recipients at Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremonies.



Graduating high school seniors and current college students submitted applications for scholarships along with their resume, transcripts and an essay answering the question, "In the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, is the military still a viable instrument of national power, as compared to the diplomatic and economic options?" Dave and his committee were

challenged to determine the final recipients because of the outstanding quality and thoughtfulness of the submissions. Ultimately scholarships were awarded to high school students Nicholas Ullman (Air Academy), Jacquelyn Cleary (Pine Creek),

Christopher Herz (Peyton) and John Lewis (Pine Creek). College student recipients were Nathaniel Bunnell, Joseph Taylor and Katherine Roth. The Chapter was also able to present continuing scholarships to Holley Rieping, Kaige Jones and Lilly Kelkenberg through the Kim Wright Scholarship Fund established by the Wright family.



Tiffany Haley, recommended by Space Foundation, was selected as the Sijan Chapter Teacher of the Year. The principal at Air Academy High School was fully supportive of this outstanding Engineering and Astronomy instructor, saying, "Her enthusiasm is contagious...and she has been instrumental in helping others recognize and develop their potential. The Sijan TOY received a \$250 check from National AFA and a matching \$250 check from the Chapter. Dave Geuting presented Tiffany with her checks and a certificate recognizing this accomplishment at Air Academy High School. Congratulations to this amazing teacher!



Sijan Teacher of the Year  
Tiffany Haley with  
Dave Geuting

National AFA also provides awards to Air Force Junior ROTC unit cadets, the awards to be presented by the local Chapter supporting the unit. Sijan Chapter Vice President Angelo Bryant joined the Sand Creek High School Awards Banquet to present the Cadet Award to Brian Phalan. Chapter VP of Programs Gayle Divine made her way to Vista Ridge High School to recognize JROTC student Madison Warner. Finally Aerospace Education VP Dave Geuting was at Falcon High School to present the cadet award to Ryan Sims.



The excellence of the Chapter AE programs was recently evidenced by contact from the Central Oklahoma Gerrity Chapter that wanted to start a scholarship program for high school and college students—they want to establish their programs using Sijan Chapter as a model! We have an outstanding history of fully supporting Aerospace Education in a variety of venues and we are proud of the Chapter's efforts to advocate, educate and support through the team efforts of our volunteers.



## Lance P. Sijan in Action

### AFA Systems Engineering Award Presentation

Each year, the Colorado State Air Force Association is honored to support the top Systems Engineering cadet at the US Air Force Academy. Coordination is planned by Colonel Cory A. Cooper, PhD, Permanent Professor and Head of the Department of Engineering Mechanics for a variety of presentations for the Systems Engineering cadets. The USAFA Endowment is responsible for collecting sponsorships for cadet awards at the USAFA. Not only was the top Systems Engineering cadet surprised to learn that she was the top graduate, but she also was completely stunned to see that her parents had been notified and were there to join in the presentation. After graduation Erin will be off to undergraduate pilot training to begin her AF career.



Col Cory Cooper & CO AFA President Linda Aldrich with Awardee Erin Nisler & Parents

### AFA's Aerospace Education

Article from AFA's May Newsletter and AEC Minutes May 2019

The fifth season of StellarXplorers saw its most challenging National Finals competition yet in Colorado Springs. The top ten teams from around the U.S. and international DOD dependent schools competed to define orbits, spacecraft components, and launch vehicles to meet a set of mission requirements. Team "Jets" of James Clemens High School (Madison, AL) were named National Champions and took home the title at the end of a rigorous competition week. The weather in Colorado was an unavoidable complicating factor, with three teams missing the tours/exhibit halls due to delays on inbound travel and one team delayed on return. 2019 was the final year for competition to be held at the Space Foundation in Colorado Springs; next year's completion will commence at the Space Center Houston. STLX VI registration is already up and with running with 27 teams registered at time of this publication.



"Lunch Ladies" Cordelia Kendall & Linda Aldrich on duty at the StellarXplorers national Finals

The eleventh season of CyberPatriot was also the program's biggest and most challenging to date. After four months of online challenges, 28 out of nearly 6,400 teams advanced to the National Finals Competition in Baltimore, MD. We were honored to have Mr. David Hickton and General Paul Nakasone (U.S. Army) speak at our awards ceremony and congratulate the competitors. Team Troy Tech Support, Troy High School from Fullerton, CA won the national championship in the Open Division, Team Byte Sized Falcons, Scripps Ranch High School Air Force JROTC from San Diego, CA won the national championship in the All Service Division, and Team CyberAegis Chaos from Oak Valley Middle School in San Diego, CA won the national championship in the Middle School Division.

### Veterans Activities

Sijan Chapter Veterans Affairs Vice President Willie Kalaskie paying his respects at the Colorado Springs Memorial Day Ceremony



## Lance P. Sijan in Action cont.

### 2019 Annual Key Spouse Appreciation Luncheon

Contributed by Nona Daugherty, Key Spouse Program Manager, Airman & Family Readiness Center

A huge turn-out of 105 individuals attended the 2019 Annual Key Spouse Appreciation Luncheon on 18 April. Colonel Todd Moore, 21st Space Wing Commander, hosted the event that allowed leadership to show their appreciation for all the hard work and efforts their Key Spouses and Key Spouse Mentors do throughout the year. The event was well attended by Group Commanders, Squadron Commanders, HQ AFSPC Directorates, Superintendents and First Sergeants, in addition to the 44 Key Spouses and their Mentors. Each spouse was called up to receive an appreciation gift and have a photo taken with their direct Leadership. Thank you Spouses and Mentors for all you do to support our Air Force!



## Community Partner Highlight

### Our Community Partners make the Air Force Association and Sijan Chapter projects possible.

Our Community Partners have a unique opportunity to make an investment in the future of the United State 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](mailto:jerry.a.andrews@lmco.com).

### Highlighting Community Partner PROforma Peak Marketing!

Proforma Peak Marketing is a long time Community Partner of the Lance P. Sijan Chapter. Liz Anderson is a retired service-disabled veteran and owner of the award winning Proforma Peak Marketing. In 2017 her company was named Best in Business for promotional products by the Colorado Springs Business Journal. Proforma Peak Marketing is based out of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and is a part of Proforma, a leader in Printing and Promotional Products Industry. Proforma provides innovative and cutting edge product and service solutions through more than 750 offices across the globe. Liz is proud to work with all branches of the military to provide exceptional service and accommodating terms, as a full service, one-stop-shop for all promotional and organization/unit needs. What do you need? She has coins, shirts, jackets, hats, bags, drinkware, signage, knives, flashlights, pens, pencils, lapel pins—and and that's just the beginning! How about retirement and farewell gifts, morale items, award and recognition items, safety, fitness, golf, recruiting and retention? As she says, "the sky's the limit." She will find what you need for any occasion! Browse her extensive range of catalogs at [ProformaPeakMarketing.com](http://ProformaPeakMarketing.com) or call Liz at 719-229-2369.



Elizabeth Z. Anderson, Col., USAF (Ret)



Thank you Liz Anderson for being a wonderful Community Partner for the Lance P. Sijan Air Force Association Chapter!

## 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! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Doc Apodaca at [LancePSijanAFA@gmail.com](mailto:LancePSijanAFA@gmail.com) to learn more. These are great networking and volunteer opportunities!

### Volunteer Spotlight

Senior Master Sergeant Kelli Jackson has been an active member with the Air Force Association's Lance P. Sijan Chapter since 2018. She has had the pleasure of serving alongside other AFA volunteers during the 2018 Colorado State AFA Awards Banquet and the AFA Enlisted Heritage meeting.

Sergeant Jackson began her military career in 2001 and was assigned to the 366th Medical Group as a Pharmacy Apprentice. She spent 11 years serving at multiple pharmacy locations and was awarded the Air Force District of Columbia Pharmacy Technician of the Year award in 2008. In 2012, she was selected to become a Military Training Leader at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, where she was responsible for developing military regulatory and formal training policies for 250 Airmen annually. During her tenure she earned several military accolades such as the 12th Flying Training Wing Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year award and 19th Air Force Military Training Leader of the Year award. Sergeant Jackson currently serves as the Superintendent of the 21st Medical Operations Squadron at the 21st Medical Group on Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. In this position, she is the senior enlisted leader for 133 personnel, servicing 170,000 beneficiaries across 3 installations and 25 Geographically Separated Units. Additionally, she advises 6 commanders on medical operations for 6 departments and 88 enlisted Airmen while overseeing an annual operating budget of over \$11 million in support of 214,000 patient appointments yearly. Furthermore, she is the Air Force Space Command's Pharmacy Enlisted Functional Manager where she is responsible for the training and development of 72 personnel across 6 installations.



Sergeant Jackson is an active member in the community and has recently completed her Master's in Education. She enjoys spending time with the family, interior design, traveling and watching fictional films such as Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings and Game of Thrones. Sergeant Jackson values what AFA stands for and looks forward to participating in many events to come.

Thank you Senior Master Sergeant Kelli Jackson for all the time and effort you have contributed to supporting the Air Force Association!

### Volunteer activities for the last quarter:

- April 7 – (Steve Base) USAFA AOG Founder's Day Dinner
- April 12 – (Cordelia Kendell, Linda Aldrich) Stellar Xplorers Competition
- April 22 – (Gayle Divine, Kelli Jackson, Shierae Bryan, Brandi Sandoval-Mills, Caty Rozema) Enlisted Heritage Event
- April – (Dave Geuting, Angelo Bryant, Linda Aldrich) Sijan Scholarships and Chapter Teacher of the Year Award Committee
- April 25 – (Linda Aldrich, Caty Rozema) USAFA Systems Engineering Award Ceremony
- April 18 – (Sijan Sponsored) Key Spouse Luncheon
- May 2 – (Dave Geuting) Falcon HS AFJROTC Awards
- May 4 – (Angelo Bryant) Sand Creek HS AFJROTC Awards
- May 6 -- (Gayle Divine) Vista Ridge AFJROTC Awards
- May 16 – (Dave Geuting) Mitchell HS Scholarship Ceremony
- May 17 – (Linda Aldrich) Colorado State Commissioning
  - May 20 – (Dave Geuting) Peyton High School Scholarship Ceremony
  - May 23 -- (Dave Geuting) Air Academy High School Teacher of the Year Presentation & Scholarship Ceremony
  - May 27 – (Willie Kalaskie) Pike's Peak Veterans Council Memorial Day Ceremony
  - June 19 – (Doc Apodaca) 21 SW (Peterson, Schriever, Cheyenne Mt) CCAF Graduation



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## Points of Interest & Upcoming Events

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### LANCE P. SIJAN CHAPTER MONTHLY MEETINGS

Place: Community Partner Location: TBD  
Date: Every 2nd Tuesday of each month / Time: 4:30pm

### COMMUNITY PARTNER RECEPTION

Place: Atrium II, 1150 Academy Park Loop, Colorado Springs  
Date: July 23, 2019  
Time: 6pm

### 2019 IMAGE GOLF

Place: Eisenhower Golf Course USAFA  
Date: August 2, 2019  
Time: 8am shotgun start

### PIKES PEAK REGIONAL AIRSHOW

Place: Colorado Springs Air Port  
Date: September 21 & 22, 2019  
Time: 8am to 5pm

### STATE CONVENTION

Place: Radisson Hotel Aurora, CO  
Date: Saturday, August 17, 2019  
Time: Business Meeting: 1pm; Awards Banquet Reception: 6pm, Dinner: 7pm

### 14TH ANNUAL AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION GOLF TOURNAMENT

Place: Spring Valley Golf Club Elizabeth, CO  
Date: Friday, August 16, 2019  
Time: 8am Shotgun Start



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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!

## Membership Changes

**Any changes to members' home / work addresses and email addresses must be sent to AFA National not the Sijan Chapter because we cannot add, delete or change a members mailing address due to privacy laws.**

To update send message to: [membership@afa.org](mailto:membership@afa.org) your updated information, or mail changes to AFA National address at:

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