

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, 12 November 2019, 4:30 – 5:30pm (Mountain)
Location: AT&T 985 Space Center Dr., Suite 310, Colorado Springs, CO 80915

Dial in 301-909-7352; Meeting number (access code): 24732270

Attendees: *Doc, Caty, Linda, Angelo, Dave, Kristen, Doug, Willie, Bill (brought guest: Justin);*

Guest speaker talking about March of Dimes (Sarah Carter on board; Gayle White (AFA member) is chairman); gave background; Started 80 years ago as a fight against polio; now the focus is on premature babies (CO Springs average is above nat'l average. Premature babies for deployed military families is worse—much higher stress levels for the pregnant mothers; Army is the only military hospital in the area. Study on military women who became pregnant—high stress levels too. MoD's is paying for some research on this. Event Dec5th at Hotel Elegante; celebration of the military mothers who are pregnant or very recently had a baby—open to E-5 and lower as recipients in the baby shower; members should come and support; we have the walk and a baby shower (with gifts for the expectant and new mothers). AFA can consider presenting car seats. K-Mart used to sponsor but no longer. Car Seats are important and expensive—especially ones for smaller babies. It's from 9:30 to 11:30am, December 5th; they'll be providing baby blankets and baby monitors. If you know a family with a premature baby, please let them know.

President's Comments/Update (Doc Apodaca)

- *AF Ball:* Caty covering

- *Other—update on Constant Contact:* Do we want to set a date to go through the complete roster?

Sometime in January. Linda has physical roster with 1799 members for clean-up—Kristen had identified 51 without physical address and 560 without email addresses; considering a mailing to get people to update their addresses & emails; Kristen is going to check into it; 63% of our members are Life Members, but they have not updated info. Scrub done by 14 January and get together 1300 hrs, Saturday, 25 January 2020. Doc, Kristen, Linda, Angelo, and Caty are on for helping.

- *Theme for membership meeting: Update on Storytelling?* We are not going to call it Storytelling (a Peterson name); we are scheduling the date of 8 February 2020; Doc has a couple of folks who will be POCs

- *Combined Holiday Party update:* Angelo pushed out to members today; December 10th at Pinery on the Hill sponsored by Rocky MT NDIA, AFCEA and Sijan AFA; 5:50-8:30pm; wear our AFA name tags

- *Feedback on Celebration of Service event:* screening was excellent; Gary Sinise wasn't able to make it (son has medical problems); none of the board members made it to the breakfast. The movie is good, but won't be released in theatres.

- *Feedback on the first Community Champion (Mr. Gary Sinise) receiving the Sijan Service Award—* General Rand received the award on behalf of Gary Sinise.

Vice President's Comments/Update (Angelo Bryant)

- *ARCON:* Great event—buffet style; went well at the Academy Hotel—great venue. Cadets were very engaging; they were encouraged to reach out to local AFA chapters since they are all AFA members; focus on them since they'll be our future AFA leaders; we got contacted. Thanks to Angelo (Sijan), Steve Gourley (Mile High), and Fran Bradshaw (Utah State Pres) for representing AFA.

State President's Comments (Linda Aldrich)

- *State Meeting on Saturday*: State Meeting this Saturday at Peterson AFB, Colorado Springs, Doc's office (AFOTEC), 9am using the same dial in as chapter meetings **Dial in 301-909-7352; Meeting number (access code): 24732270**

- *Reports*: our semi-annual activity and financial reports are the only things due in December

- *Fundraising Ideas*: how about asking members donate books for a book sale (can donate leftovers to local veteran's org); the location is most important where people have access; Veteran's Homes love to have magazines too. If this is viable, we can plan and execute.

Treasurer's Report (Bill Houth)

- *Monthly Report*: gave financial report—provided quarterly reports, AF Ball, awards banquet, etc; end balance: \$19,639; savings \$143,000+; consider transferring \$\$ to checking to keep ourselves green.

- *State Charity Status Update?* Filled it in and submitted recently; left a message but haven't heard back. May have received an email.

Secretary's Report (Doug Kendall)

- Just doing the minutes

Vice Presidents' Reports:

VP, Membership (Kristen Christy) – would like to see more collaborative events; AFA's profile & recognition has faded in recent years; AFA wasn't mentioned at the 21SW Awards Banquet (didn't reach out to us); already discussed going over the membership roll...still wants a mailer to contact folks and get updates

- TBD

VP, Community Partners (Jeri Andrews) – (Absent)

- *Update on offering babysitting services for their Christmas Parties?*

VP, Aerospace Education & Scholarships (Dave Geuting) – (Absent)

- *Update on Schriever AFB scholarships?* (Gen Shaw wanted to open it up to more enlisted folks)

VP, Communications Report (Bill Houth)

- *Website update?* Looking for inputs to improve and events to advertise. Is everything on the website how we want it? Yes, but we'll have more as AF Ball comes along

- *Newsletter inputs*; send inputs to Linda for review; like features updates on AF Ball, Willie is attending the Pearl Harbor Day event;

VP, Veteran's Affairs (Willie Kalaskie)

- *Veterans Engagement Board Feedback* October 15th lots of vets participated

- *Pikes Peak National Cemetery Wreath Laying (Dec 14)*: it'll be short; post the colors by color guard; national anthem; then lay wreath on the graves

- *Pikes Peak Committee open house*—still TBD in January

- Attending other events like the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (we'll mail a check); event at Perkins Restaurant; *may want to update our wreath—our AFA one is not really that good; we're updating it now*

VP, Programs (Gayle/Brandi) (Absent)

- *Update on discussion of DJ/Singer at AF Ball*

VP, Community Relations (TSgt Shierae Bryan) (Absent)

- *Update on fundraisers*
- *Feedback on AF/Army game activities*

Other Business:

- *AF Ball Updates (Caty)* – working the costs & budgets; one platinum table sold; getting letters out to previous sponsors; first meeting is Dec 3, at 1600 at AT&T office (bring ideas); looking at other sponsorships—met with engineers and putting out possibilities for sponsorship to those who don't want to come but are supportive; lots of SB's to bring in and get recognition; USSPACECOM coming in; Caty is doing the sponsorships and Jerri the Tables; maybe reach out to Vet Groups and have them come to the dinner; need to put this on the national AFA calendar (send invitations out to them now); entertainment is locked in; let Caty know if we're missing anything; if you want to be on the committee, contact Caty.

Need to get on AFA Nat'l calendar now—send notice to Field@afa.org. Also invite to nat'l AFA staff and officers now.

- How are we going to handle ticket sales? Ticket sale or donation? If it's advertised as a sale it's taxable; must be donation or sponsorship. We have a Gmail for AF Ball; committee members will have access; plan to send emails every month. Bringing in graphics guy & a couple of social media folks; it's not too early to get sponsorships; low on O'Malley busts (2 left)—we can get competitive bids or sponsor (what about contacting Ross Perot family since he purchased the originals? Kristen will make contact through Sharon Burg and introduce Doc and Caty)

- Need to prep for meetings for AF leadership—need to get the 4-stars; Kristen will be advisor;

UPCOMING AFA EVENTS 2019-2020

November

- 1 – Sijan movie screening
- 2 – Community Champion award breakfast
- 8-10 AAS/SW RCON at the Academy Hotel, C Spgs, hosted by USAFA
- 12 – Board Meeting
- 28 – **Happy Thanksgiving!**

December

- 10 – Combined Holiday at Pinery on the Hill

January 2020 (Happy New Year!)

- 14 – Board Meeting
- 25 – Membership Roster Scrub meeting

February 2020

- 8 – Membership Meeting (Storytelling)
- 11 – Board Meeting

March 2020

- 10 – Board Meeting

April 2020

- 14 – Board Meeting