

# The Sijan Sentinel

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## WELCOMETO SIJAN CHAPTER 125!



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## MESSAGE FROM THE SIJAN CHAPTER PRESIDENT:

#### President's words:

To quote a 60's song, "Second verse, same as the first!" Although we're not Herman's Hermits and we're not talking about Henry the VIII, we <u>are</u> talking about the need for volunteers for the Sijan Chapter. We have an extremely dedicated core of volunteers, but some of our worthwhile projects are falling by the wayside for lack of manpower—just at a time where we need to be visible and relevant as Space Force becomes a new service under the Department of the Air Force. In particular, we are looking for someone to organize our "Heroes and History" general membership meeting so as many members as possible can join together to become re-acquainted with the Sijan Chapter. And there's more, we need members willing to review high school and college essays being submitted for scholarship consideration, the Air Force Ball committee has slots open, and planning is on-going for the Image Golf tournament. What about lending your expertise to mentor a student Stellar Xplorers team, a CyberPatriot team or becoming a volunteer at a CyberCamp this summer? Are you the sociable type? How about assisting our Community Partner Vice President in contacting local business for their support? Were you ever in



Arnold Air Society, Silver Wings, or Angel Flight? We need a liaison to these organizations at CU-Boulder and Colorado State to open the flow of communication between AFA and the individuals who are the future of AFA.

We need your help in so many different arenas for so many different reasons. With more volunteers added to our amazing core team, we can offer more support to our Airmen and their families. Please consider reaching out to me at <a href="mailto:charles.apodaca@us.af.mil">charles.apodaca@us.af.mil</a> or to any of our Chapter officers to help us make the Lance P. Sijan Chapter stronger, more relevant, and fully capable of embracing our Air Force and Space Force membership.

And a couple of Special Notes: Please join me in congratulating our Sijan Chapter Vice President, MSgt Angelo Bryant, who just found out he is being promoted to SMSgt! Angelo, well deserved, partner! We're really proud of you and knew this day was coming.

Next: Congratulations to Swallows Charter Academy High School CyberPatriot Team and the Mel Harmon Chapter Teacher of the Year, Brandi JackSon--3rd Place Award in Colorado in the twelfth season of CyberPatriot – the Air Force Association's National Youth Cyber Defense Competition. Established by AFA in 2009, CyberPatriot is designed to educate and motivate students toward careers in cybersecurity and other science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to our nation's future. CyberPatriot's core program – the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition – challenges teams of students across the United States, Canada, and other schools abroad, to find and resolve cybersecurity vulnerabilities in simulated environments. Top teams from the online rounds earn an all-expenses-paid trip to Rockville, Md., for the in-person National Finals Competition, where students compete for national recognition and scholarships.

## **2019 General Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest Results**

Year six and still going strong! The General Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest brought in submissions from the best and the brightest in Space Command as the entrants strove to discuss and debate matters relating to how the Air Force and Air Force Space Command (AFSPC) provide space and cyberspace capabilities for the Joint Force and the Nation. Sijan Chapter President, Chief Doc Apodaca, introduced the event to a full house at 21st Space Wing HQ with Major General Stephen Whiting at the ready to present awards.

The contest is sponsored in the name and memory of a great Air Force pioneer, General Bernard A. Schriever, with two divisions for competition: 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, however they have the option to enter the Open Division as well. The theme, as determined by the Commander of AFSPC, General Jay Raymond, was, "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?"

A panel of distinguished experts led by General Lance Lord, USAF (Ret) determined the winders and runner-ups from a challengingly broad array of submissions from across the Air Force. The winning author in the Open Division received a plaque and check for \$1000, the runner-up received a plaque and a check for \$500, and both submissions will be published in the *Air and Space Power Journal*. In the Airman Division the top essay winner received a plaque and a check for \$500; the runner-up received a plaque and a check for \$250. A plaque is also presented to the essay recognized for Honorable Mention.

#### **OPEN CATEGORY**

Open Division Winner: Lt Col Brandon Davenport: Essay Titled: On Implementing a Space Warfare Construct Open Division Runner up: Major Kenneth Grosselin: Essay Titled: A Culture of Military Spacepower Open Division Honorable Mention: Major Matthew Beck: Essay Titled: Addressing Counterspace Doctrine through Naval Composite Warfare.

Airman/NCO Division Winner: A1C Quinton Burgess: Essay Titled: *The Challenges of Space Superiority* Airman/NCO Division Runner Up: SSgt Alexis Cornn: Essay Titled: *Lessons From the Space Domain* 

Through continued support and coordination with HQ Air Force Space Command, the Lance P. Sijan Chapter is proud to be originator of the Schriever Essay Contest and provide the funding for all the winners. Thank you to all the contest judges, administrators and the participants for recognizing the relevancy of scholarly efforts to continually stimulate thought and discussion of the space and cyberspace capabilities so vital to the defense of the United States. As Chief



Winner Lt Col Brandon Davenport

Apodaca so aptly announced, "A dream only becomes reality when pursued. There are so many thoughts and ideas that go to waste when we don't express them. Utilize the contest to share something that could potentially change the way we do business." Well done everyone and we're already looking forward to the next round of competition.





# **2019 General Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest Results cont.**



Honorable Mention Major Matthew Beck



Runner Up SSgt Alexis Cornn



Winner A1C Quinton Burgess



The Winners





Chief Apodaca hosting Contest Winner Announcement

## 2020 Colorado JROTC Drill Meet

For the tenth year in a row, the Lance P. Sijan Chapter was the annual sponsor for the JROTC annual drill meet with nine schools competing in this year's competition. General William Mitchell High School hosted the event on February 1, 2020 and the competitors represented a wide area in Colorado to include Canon City High School (Army), Falcon HS (AF), Gateway HS (Denver, AF) John F. Kennedy HS (Denver, Army), William Mitchell HS (AF), Pueblo County HS (Army), Sand Creek HS (AF), Skyview Academy (Denver, AF), and Westminster HS (AF). The schools competed in the following categories: Drill Down, Armed Exhibition Solo, Inspection, Unarmed Regulation, Unarmed Exhibition, and Color Guard. During the closing ceremony, MSgt Angelo Bryant, Vice President of the Air Force Association, Lance P. Sijan Chapter 125, did the honors of presenting the awards. Each team that placed in the competition areas received a trophy. The top 10 cadets that placed during the drill down also received a ribbon to wear on their uniforms. All schools participating in the drill meet also received an Air Force Association Drill Meet 2020 streamer for their unit guide on.

Keith Woodfork, Lt Col, USAF (Ret), Mitchell HS JROTC Senior Aerospace Science Instructor, shared with Chief Doc Apodaca and MSgt Bryant, "Please pass on our sincere appreciation to all the members of the Air Force Association, Lance P. Sijan Chapter 125, for their outstanding support of our JROTC cadets. We could not have done this Drill Meet without your support. It was definitely an outstanding drill meet and we look forward to working with you again next year. If there is anything we can do for the AFA in the future, please don't hesitate to ask. We definitely like to showcase our cadets."



William Mitchell High School JROTC Regulation Drill Team



John F. Kennedy High School JROTC Exhibition Drill Team



Sijan Chapter VP Angelo Bryant presenting Commander's Trophy to JFK HS JROTC









## 2020 Colorado JROTC Drill Meet cont.

The Sijan Chapter is proud to support and highlight our amazing Colorado JROTC students!

## **Competition Results**

#### o Drill Down

- o 1st Place –Ben Phelan, Sand Creek High School
- o 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Anthony Aragon, Skyview High School
- o 3<sup>rd</sup> Place –Andrew Usrey, Skyview High School
- o 4th Place—Logan Buzbee, Sand Creek High School
- o 5<sup>th</sup> Place –Ethan Shakelford, Sand Creek High School
- o 6<sup>th</sup> Place Christopher Mestas, Pueblo County High School
- o 7<sup>th</sup> Place –Francisco Escobar, Mitchll High School
- o 8<sup>th</sup> Place— Xavier Dilly, Skyview High School
- o 9th Place—Gabrel Meja, Sand Creek High School
- o 10<sup>th</sup> Place Daniel Parra, Sand Creek High School

### o Armed Exhibition Solo Category

- 1st Place- Justin Riese, Mitchell High School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place— Aelwyn Arellano, Mitchell High School 3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Cadet Lang, Pueblo County High School

## o Inspection

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place—John F. Kennedy High School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Falcon High School Silver 3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Sand Creek High School
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place –Mitchell High School JROTC

### **Unarmed Regulation**

- o 1<sup>st</sup> Place—John F. Kennedy High School o 2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Mitchell High School

- o 3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Falcon High School Gold o 4<sup>th</sup> Place—Falcon High School Green

### **Unarmed Exhibition**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place—John F. Kennedy High School 2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Mitchell High School 3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Skyview High School

#### Color Guard

- o 1st Place—Falcon High School Team 1
- o 2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Skyview High School Team 2 o 3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Mitchell High School

- o 4<sup>th</sup> Place—John F Kennedy High School o 5<sup>th</sup> Place –Skyview High School Team #1

## Commander's Trophy (Runner Up) - William Mitchell High School Commander's Trophy (Overall Championship)— John F. Kennedy High School





Fundraiser to support Wounded Airman Program

AFA Members,

AFA is once again hosting our Wounded Airmen Cycling Challenge (WACC) benefiting AFA's Wounded Airman Program on May 16, Armed Forces Day. In partnership with CycleBar, an indoor spin class venue, we have a goal to raise \$40,000 by hosting a fun spin class fundraiser to support our wounded Airmen in need. AFA's **Wounded Airman Program** provides life-changing and lifesaving support to our wounded, ill, and injured Airmen who have given so much to our Air Force and our nation.

Since 2011, AFA's Wounded Airman Program has been instrumental in supporting our Air Force Wounded Warriors and Caregivers through the work of the Air Force Wounded Warrior Program. We support our Air Force family through emergency assistance grants to assist with past due bills that help keep the lights on in an Airman's home. We award Airman for Life travel assistance grants to wounded Airmen and caregivers to attend Air Force Wounded Warrior CARE events, Air Force Trials, and Warrior Games that help them connect with their Air Force family and know they are not forgotten. Our support extends to our Air Force caregivers, the backbone of our Air Force family. We support them through much needed "me-time" events, often in conjunction with resiliency training. We are committed to taking care of our wounded heroes and their families on their road to recovery.

With just two months to go, we need your help to achieve our goal. Please consider joining the AFA team by donating, becoming a fundraiser yourself to involve your network or, even better, attending the event and riding it out with us for this great cause! All can be done by going to our event fundraising site <u>here</u>.

In addition to the fundraiser being held in Arlington, Virginia, AFA is seeking out chapters to host their own Wounded Airmen Cycling Challenge or fundraising event! AFA will split the funds raised by each chapter for proceeds to go to local wounded Airmen in their area - it's a win-win for both the chapter and AFA's Wounded Airman Program!

We are committed to caring for our wounded Airmen. AFA is asking our members if they would consider donating to this special event where all funds raised support our wounded heroes and their families.

For questions about riding or fundraising please contact AFA's Director of Development, Wesley Sherman at wsherman@afa.org or 703-247-5831.

Sincerely,



Orville President

To Register or Donate: www.fundly.com/wacc2020 or www.afa.org/wacc



## What is CyberPatriot?

CyberPatriot was started in 2009 as an in-person competition at the Air Force Association's (AFA) 25th Air Warfare Symposium in Orlando, FL. In the inaugural year, eight teams competed using SAIC's CyberNEXS program to find vulnerabilities and harden the defense of a Windows system.

CyberPatriot was created by the AFA to encourage K-12 students to explore careers in cybersecurity or other Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to our nation's future. It is sponsored and supported by many industry leaders such as AT&T, Cisco, Boeing, Microsoft, Facebook, Northrup Grumman, MasterCard, USAA, and the Department of Homeland Security.

Its popularity and student participation has grown tremendously over the past decade- a testament to the importance of this arena. In 2019, there were over 6000 teams across the U.S. and abroad.

## What's Going on in Summer 2019?

This summer, AT&T will host a "Standard Cyber Camp" geared towards students with little to no cyber knowledge. The Standard camp emphasizes fun, hands-on learning of cybersecurity principles that are relevant

and applicable to everyday life. The camp will run the mornings of 27-31 July, **2020** and will be held at the Patriot Park office complex near Peterson AFB. The goal is to instruct campers about cyber ethics, online safety, and the fundamental principles of cybersecurity.

AT&T will provide the curriculum, instructors, materials, laptops, and light snacks, as well as CyberPatriot swag.

## What Will Campers Learn?

The 2020 Camp will begin with an introduction to cybersecurity career opportunities, cyber ethics, online safety, how computers work, cyber threats, cybersecurity principles, and virtual machines. Campers will also get a rundown of Windows 10 basic security policies and tools, account management, file protection, auditing, and monitoring. To build onto their new cyber knowledge, the campers will also be introduced to Linux,



Students participating in AT&T's 2019 Cyber Camp

Ubuntu 16 terminology and concepts, Graphical User Interface (GUI) security, basic command line security, and intermediate Ubuntu security.

### What Does It Cost?

Nothing! We welcome all interested campers *free of charge*. Our target audience is students entering  $8^{th} - 10^{th}$  grade who are interested in learning about cybersecurity. Space is limited to 25 campers, so register soon!

## **How Do I Register a Camper?**

Contact the 2020 AT&T Colorado Springs CyberPatriot Camp Coordinator, Ms. Caty Rozema at <a href="mailto:CyberPatriotCOS@att.com">CyberPatriotCOS@att.com</a> or call 719-799-2761. Ms. Rozema will provide you with the required registration paperwork (code of conduct and

liability form) and help you complete the registration process. Spots are limited, so we ask that if you register a camper, you honor your commitment with us!



For more information, check out: <a href="http://www.uscyberpatriot.org/home">http://www.uscyberpatriot.org/home</a>.

## Air Force Association—Sijan Chapter

## 2020 Scholarship

The Lance P. Sijan Chapter annually sponsors scholarships awarded to outstanding high school seniors who have been accepted for enrollment at a college or university and to current outstanding college freshman, sophomore and junior students. High School applicants must be high school seniors/graduates who plan to attend college during the 2020-21 academic year. High School students selected for full scholarships that will be awarded in 2020, or have been selected to attend a Military Service Academy, are not eligible. All scholarships are open to immediate family members (son, daughter, spouse) of active duty and retired Air Force, Air Force Reserve, and Air National Guard members attending high school (not applicable to spouses) in the greater Colorado Springs area; AFJROTC cadets attending high school in the greater Colorado Springs area; college freshmen, sophomores, and juniors from the greater Colorado Springs area attending any college or university; Silver Wings members; and Arnold Air Society members. The Lance P. Sijan Chapter Scholarships are awarded based on the overall character and leadership potential of the student, which includes academic achievement, demonstrated leadership, community service, and writing composition. A Scholarship Selection Committee, comprised of military and aerospace industry leaders, will score all applications and select the scholarship recipients. The scholarship selection process is nondiscriminatory and Scholarship Committee members' immediate family members are not eligible for a scholarship award nor can they benefit financially in any way from this program. There is no specified restriction on the use of scholarship award moneys; however, it is the intent of the Sijan Chapter that they be utilized in the direct support of academic pursuits.

Due to the generosity of Jim and Karen Wright, the Sijan Chapter has also established two scholarships in their daughter Kim's name. The first of these scholarships is a \$3,000 annual scholarship which will go to a deserving high school student meeting the criteria above, who has at least a "B" average, who plans to attend a 4-year college or university, and who plans to pursue an education degree. As long as the recipient maintains a "B" average in college, the scholarship will be renewed each year for four years. The second scholarship will be a \$1,000 annual scholarship to a deserving high school student meeting the criteria above, who has at least a "B" average, and who plans to attend a community college or vocational school. Again, as long as the recipient maintains a "B" average in community college or vocational school, the scholarship will be renewed each year for two years. Complete application packages must include the following (only complete packages will be considered):

- Application form (completely filled out). Applicants must use the application form below, or from the Lance P. Sijan Chapter website at <a href="https://www.lancepsijanafa.org/#">https://www.lancepsijanafa.org/#</a>, to apply for a 2020 scholarship. This one form will be used for all scholarships.
- A transcript of your high school or college grades.
- A copy of your SAT and/or ACT scores (high school seniors only).
- At least one letter of recommendation from a current or past teacher of the applicant. (Up to three letters of recommendation may be included with the application. This is optional for spouses.)
- An essay of no less than 500 words and no more than 1000 words that answers and justifies the following question:

Do you think the establishment of the Space Force as a separate military branch under the Department of the Air Force helps or hurts our national security?

AFA Scholarship Selection Committee C/O David Geuting 8210 Broughton Court, Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Please review your application to ensure all questions are complete and mail the application package, plus all other requested information, to Lance Sijan Chapter 125. Applications postmarked after 1 April 2020 will not be accepted. Mail complete package to:

AFA Scholarship Selection Committee C/O David Geuting 8210 Broughton Court, Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Each scholarship recipient will be notified of his/her selection no later than 4 May 2020. Recipients will receive their scholarship checks via mail no later than 29 May 2020.

For additional information, please contact the Sijan Chapter Scholarship Chairman:



David Geuting 719-445-0670 (home) or 719-208-6482 (cell) david.geuting@yahoo.com

## Raymond Sworn In as First Space Force Chief

By: Rachel S. Cohen



Gen. Jay Raymond was formally sworn in as the inaugural Chief of Space Operations Jan. 14 at a White House ceremony led by Vice President Mike Pence. "The President and Congress have given us a great opportunity to build the force we need to respond to the challenges that we face in the space domain," Raymond said of the Space Force. "Not only is this historical, but it is critical ... to our national security and that of our allies." Raymond has been working as the Space Force's first Chief since it was created Dec. 20. He also leads US Space Command, the combatant command that uses Space Force assets in daily operations, and managed USAF space resources as Air Force Space Command boss since October 2016.

## **Building a More Global Space Force**

By: Rachel S. Cohen

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif.—Col. Scott Brodeur has big plans for the Combined Space Operations Center here as he enters his last few months as commander. The CSpOC is a secretive command-and-control organization that tracks objects in space and acts as a liaison between those who operate military space assets and those who need their services. But Brodeur wants to make the center's work truer to its name so everyone can see the same information. The Space Force is pursuing a new ops floor for space domain awareness that would connect counterparts all over the world with a common picture of what's happening on orbit. CSpOC personnel hope to be up and running in a new facility across campus at Vandenberg by the end of the year.

## **U.S. SPACE FORCE FACT SHEET**

The U.S. Space Force (USSF) is a new branch of the Armed Forces. It was established on December 20, 2019 with enactment of the Fiscal Year 2020 National Defense Authorization Act and will be stood-up over the next 18 months. The USSF was established within the Department of the Air Force, meaning the Secretary of the Air Force has overall responsibility for the USSF, under the guidance and direction of the Secretary of Defense. Additionally, a four-star general known as the Chief of Space Operations (CSO) serves as the senior military member of the USSF. The CSO will be a full member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in December 2020.

### Mission

The USSF is a military service that organizes, trains, and equips space forces in order to protect U.S. and allied interests in space and to provide space capabilities to the joint force. USSF responsibilities include developing military space professionals, acquiring military space systems, maturing the military doctrine for space power, and organizing space forces to present to our Combatant Commands.

#### Office of the Chief of Space Operations

The Chief of Space Operations (CSO), U.S. Space Force, serves as the principal uniformed adviser to the Secretary of the Air Force on Space Force activities. The CSO presides over the Office of the Chief of Space Operations, transmits plans and recommendations to the Secretary of the Air Force and acts as the Secretary's agent in carrying them out.



## U.S. SPACE FORCE FACT SHEET cont.

## **Space Force Organization**

The USSF Headquarters and Office of the CSO are located in the Pentagon, just like the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force. This staff will focus on establishing a fully-functioning headquarters; preparing to execute the full scope of its organize, train, and equip responsibilities; and, in conjunction with the U.S. Air Force, developing a detailed plan to transfer forces into the U.S. Space Force. As a new military service, the U.S. Space Force will leverage the Department of the Air force for more than 75 percent of its enabling functions to significantly reduce cost and avoid duplication. The DAF will provide support functions that includes logistics, base operating support, civilian personnel management, business systems, IT support, audit agencies, etc.

#### **People**

Air Force Space Command (AFSPC) was redesignated as the USSF as an initial step in establishing the USSF. Military members that were assigned to AFSPC have now been assigned to the USSF but remain Airmen within the U.S. Air Force. Appropriate Air Force space-related personnel will transfer into the Space Force and become Space Force service members in a deliberate manner over the next 18 months. Over time, the DoD vision is to consolidate space missions from across the Armed Forces into the USSF, as appropriate and consistent with law.

#### **Space Capabilities**

The new, independent U.S. Space Force will maintain and enhance the competitive edge of the Department of Defense (DOD) in space while adapting to new strategic challenges. Spacelift operations at the East and West Coast launch bases provide services, facilities and range safety control for the conduct of DOD, NASA and commercial space launches. Through the command and control of all DOD satellites, satellite operators provide force-multiplying effects continuous global coverage, low vulnerability and autonomous operations. Satellites provide essential in-theater secure communications, weather and navigational data for ground, air and fleet operations and threat warning.

Ground-based and space-based systems monitor ballistic missile launches around the world to guard against a surprise missile attack on North America. A global network of space surveillance sensors provide vital information on the location of satellites and space debris for the nation and the world. Maintaining space superiority is an emerging capability required to protect U.S. space assets from hostile attacks.

#### History

While the launch of the U.S. Space Force propels the United States into a new era, the Department of the Air Force has a proud history and long-standing record of providing the best space capabilities in the world. On Sept. 1, 1982, the Air Force established AFSPC, with space operations as its primary mission. Cold War-era space operations focused on missile warning, launch operations, satellite control, space surveillance and command and control for national leadership. In 1991, Operation DESERT STORM validated the command's continuing focus on support to the warfighter through the use of GPS to enable the famous "Left Hook," proving the value of space-based capabilities.

In the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the president directed military action against Afghanistan and Iraq. AFSPC provided extensive space-based support to the U.S. Central Command commander in areas of communications; positioning, navigation and timing; meteorology; and warning. In 2005, the Air Force expanded its mission areas to include cyberspace. In concert with this, the Air Staff assigned responsibility for conducting cyberspace operations to AFSPC through Twenty-Fourth Air Force, which was activated in August 2009.

In July 2018, the Air Force cyber mission transferred to Air Combat Command, which generated the greatest capacity for an integrated Information Warfare capability within the Air Force. This move allowed AFSPC to focus on gaining and maintaining space superiority and outpacing our adversaries in the space domain. With the enactment of the FY20 NDAA, AFSPC was re-designated the U.S. Space Force on Dec. 20, 2019, granting Title 10 authorization to the U.S. Space Force, established under the Department of the Air Force.



(Current as of 20 Dec 19)

## George Douglas, Former AFA National President, Dies at 95

Retired Maj. Gen. George M. Douglas, a former Air Force Association National President and Chairman of the Board, died Feb. 18 in Broomfield, Colorado at the age of 95. Douglas enlisted in the Army in 1943 and received his commission after World War II through Officer Candidate School. He transferred to the U.S. Air Force Reserve in 1958 and retired from the military in 1982 at the rank of Major General. He served in Air Defense Command and North American Aerospace Defense Command until 1976, later working as the Individual Mobilization Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel at Headquarters USAF. His involvement with the military continued through his participation in the Air Force Association where he served as National President, Chairman of the Board and Director Emeritus.

In 2014 the Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association gathered at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort to recognize Major General (Retired) George M. Douglas as an Air Force Association Gold Life Member. General Douglas was only the 21st recipient of this award at the time, joining a prestigious group of previous honorees, one of whom is Medal of Honor recipient, General Jimmy Doolittle, honored in 1959 as the second Gold Life Member. The award is only presented to members whose Air Force Association record, production and accomplishments on a national level have been outstanding

over a period of years, reflecting the highest credit to the AFA mission, and culminating in a year of greatest individual achievement and distinction. General Douglas was a strong supporter of the Colorado Springs community through his work in the Military Affairs Committee, National Defense Industrial Association, and founding member of the Pikes Peak Roundtable. The Roundtable promotes positive relations between military and community leaders. The Lance P. Chapter is honored to have had Major General Douglas as one of our members and proud that his lifetime of accomplishments was recognized at the national level. Our chapter members extend their deepest



2014 Sijan Reception Honoring George Douglas



2014 Huge Turnout at Sijan to Honor MGen Douglas

sympathies to the Douglas family for the loss of this extraordinary man.

General Douglas' family asked in lieu of flowers, anyone wishing to donate in his memory of please consider a contribution to AFA and earmark that for AFA Education. Anyone may contribute to an AFA Fellowship (www.afa.org/fellowships) as an enduring recognition of George's contributions, as listed on the Fellowship page, and the proceeds go directly to Aerospace Education programs of the Air Force Association.

## **Detachment 90 Silver Wings Tour Initial Flight Training**

In response to the Colorado AFA goal this year to increase contact with Silver Wings Chapters and Arnold Air Society Squadrons, L3Harris/Doss Aviation and the Mel Harmon Chapter in Pueblo rolled out a great welcome for the Columbine Chapter of Silver Wings from Colorado State University on Sunday, March 1st. Linda Aldrich, Colorado AFA President, welcomed the group before Chief Pilot and AFA member, Mark "Yak" Maryak led a first class tour of the state-of-the-art Initial Flight Training facility that provides the introductory flight training for all USAF aviation candidates supporting Headquarters Air Education and Training Command (HQ AETC). Knows as the "Gateway to Air Force Aviation" the facility trains not only pilots, but includes training for Combat Systems Officers (CSOs) and Remotely Piloted Aircraft Pilots (RPAs) and now international students. L3 Doss Aviation provides operations support to flying wing current operations, to ensure aircrew qualifications as well as non-flying support to standardization/ evaluation. This is accomplished with support functions such as aircrew scheduling, operations training, and standardization and evaluation administration support. Key duties include flight scheduling to facilitate operations, tracking aircrew qualifications, upgrades, tests, exercises, and continuation training accomplishments. With over 2000 students per year and the excellent flying conditions in the Pueblo area, the instructors are continually busy with multiple flights every weekday.

"Yak" shared stories of his background and combat experience as well as taking the visitors to the "Supervisor of Flying (SOF)" control tower and showing them housing, maintenance, training rooms, and finding a student to share experiences while dining in the cafeteria area. The visitors never ran out of questions, but eventually ran out of time so traveled next to the Weisbord Aircraft Museum. The Silver Wings were welcomed to the museum by Bill Barrett, 100-year-old World War II veteran of the Pacific campaigns and who now volunteers at the museum. As if meeting one legend wasn't enough, the visitors also had the privilege of meeting John Bradford, a young 96-year-old who joined the Navy at the end of WWI and flew in Korea and Vietnam, having flown several of the aircraft in the museum. Mel Harmon Chapter President Mike Sumida and Treasurer Margaret Eichman accompanied the visitors who were more than eager to try to see everything this amazing museum has to offer. Mike shared his personal aviation memories and a wealth of knowledge about the aircraft in the museum. As the visitors were departing, they were still bubbling with enthusiasm over all they had seen

and all the information they had received from "Yak" and the great hosts at the museum.









## The Fourth Annual Run To Remember 5K

Article Submitted By:
Audrey E. Mayer, AAS
SQ/CD, Mark Giles Danielson Squadron, Region VIII

For the past four years, the Arnold Air Society Danielson Squadron at Colorado State University has held a 5K in honor of Second Lieutenant Benjamin Walder, who took his own life shortly after entering active duty. All proceeds are donated to the Larimer County Alliance for Suicide Prevention, to raise awareness about suicide, especially within the military. This year, the race will be held on 26 April on Colorado State's campus.

Lieutenant Walder was a respected Air Force ROTC cadet, member of Arnold Air Society, and Colorado State University alumni. He took his own life after commissioning and becoming a Second Lieutenant. The Danielson Squadron feels it is very important to carry on his legacy for his family, friends, and those who have been impacted by suicide. On the fourth anniversary of the Run to Remember, our squadron hopes to boost our registration numbers. This year the race has been made a qualifier for the BOLDER Boulder 10K, which will be held on 25 May. We are looking forward to seeing runners from across the state participate in the event, and encourage all to register in

This past year, we raised over \$2000 for the Alliance for Suicide Prevention. We hope to exceed that amount this year, and continue to grow this event in Lieutenant Walder's honor. Registration for the Run to Remember can be found on Active.com . A T-shirt is included with the registration fee, and military discounts are offered. More information about the location, time, and details of this event are featured on the registration website.







support of a great cause.

# Air Force Academy Hosts 2020 National Character & Leadership Symposium

Contributed by: Steve Base

On 20 and 21 February the United States Air Force Academy held the 27th annual National Character and Leadership Symposium (NCLS), this year's theme being "Valuing Human Conditions, Cultures and Societies." The event hosted domestic and foreign leaders, experts, athletes, activists and authors who provided a broad spectrum of experience and knowledge about this year's theme. The conference was attended by 600 academics, local community members, and both ROTC and service academy cadets. The event was kicked off on Thursday morning with welcoming remarks from Academy Superintendent Lt Gen Silveria. The keynote address was from Major General Michael Fantini, USAF, who was introduced by his son, a USAFA cadet. Gen Fantini has a varied and distinguished career as a pilot, staff officer and commander. His talk emphasized the role of leadership in creating an innovative and positive organizational culture that can readily adapt to increasing changes in technology. He pointed out that these changes, previously driven by government funding, are now provided by commercial innovation. He also emphasized a command focus on people, family and mission as the key to a successful culture.



A-10 Pilot Colonel Kim Campbell

Gen Fantini was followed up with a variety of conference speakers, some speaking in or near Arnold Hall, while others were across the terrazzo at Fairchild Hall, the academy's academic building. Attendees selected which of the many sessions to attend based on their own personal interests. Athlete presenters included John Urschel, who was a football star at Penn State where he won the Campbell Trophy or "Academic Heisman,"

and later played three years in the NFL a lineman for the Baltimore Ravens. Currently he is completing a PhD in Mathematics at MIT. During his soft-spoken delivery, he explained how both his mother and his professors helped him to discover and develop his passion for mathematical theory. Also presenting were the US women's hockey team stars Jocelyne and Monique Lamoreaux, both wearing their gold medals. The twins grew up in a hockey family and both have amassed multiple Olympic medals and World Championships. They have their own charitable foundation and were also instrumental in organizing the women's national team hockey boycott in 2017. This boycott ensured gender equitable reimbursement for their players. Both were just off maternity leave and were considering

> whether to restart the rigorous training required to continue competing as players.



US Women's Hockey Team stars Jocelyne and Monique Lamoreaux

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Military leaders included Mark Nutsch, a former Green Beret Major. He narrated the circumstances that resulted in him leading a small detachment of horse-mounted Special Forces operators, who with an irregular local militia force over threw the Taliban in Afghanistan. The 2018 movie "12 STRONG" is based the same operation. Key to their victory was the ability to improvise logistics and transport, and to call in US air support, key being AF B-52 strikes from Diego Garcia. Another military leader was Col Kim Campbell, USAF, a professor in the Department of Military and Strategic Studies at the academy. She gave the William "Bud" Breckner Lecture and recounted successfully bringing home a badly damaged A-10 during the second Iraq War, flying with an emergency backup flight control system after the two primary systems had been damaged. She credits others, including her flight leader and her maintenance troops with her success. Retired Israel BG Zvika Haimovich, IDF, was in charge of Israel Air Defenses when the Arrow 3 and David's Sling missile defense systems became operational. He pointed out that we are in an era of rapid change involving volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity, and the importance of leadership in managing this change and in identifying gaps in capabilities.

The dinner sponsored the USAFA class of 1973 featured former Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates, serving from 2006 to 2011 under two different Presidents. Other presenters included Mastro Arezo, activist and women's sports official in Afghanistan; Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Kaleth O. Wright; the Air Force 12 Outstanding Airman; an Athletic Panel, a Human Condition Panel; and a Student Consortium. Kristen Christy, Lance Sijan AFA member and 2019 Women of Influence Legacy Winner talked about her adversities as an Air Force family member. Mike Evans, Founder and ED of Full Court Peace, is an athlete and coach who uses sports to overcome sectarian stereotypes and other cultural barriers. Academic Dr. Cynthia Willis-Esqueda's presentation focused on race, bias and the law. Marlene Bjornstrud, as an athlete, coach and administrator/executive, recounted her lifetime dedication to advancing women's athletics. Joel "Thor" Neeb, CEO of Afterburner, USAFA graduate and distinguished F-15 pilot, discussed the competitive advantages of building diverse teams. Athlete Josiah Middaugh was the 2015 XTERRA champion. XTERRA are triathlon events involving swimming, trail running, and mountain biking. He provided insights into the values and techniques that enabled him to reach the top in this competitive sport. Dr Anne-Rizzo Fantini is the Governor of the American College of Surgeons, and an Air Force Reservist. Her talk focused on how her own appreciation of diversity helped enable her successful medical career.

Two other unique NCLS presentations deserve mention. Ishmael Beah was a child growing up in the West African nation of Sierra Leona, which in the 1990s devolved into civil war and then into anarchy. Beah was recruited as a child soldier by one faction for a number of years. He not only survived this but by a serendipitous series of events was eventually able to travel to New York where he was adopted by an American. He continued his education in the US and became a best-selling author of two books based on his experiences, translated into 40 languages. He currently lives in LA with his wife and children. He narrated his odyssey with keen insights and attention to detail. He said it took him a number of years to recover from his experiences; what was reassuring was his positive attitude and upbeat disposition despite the war and horror of which he found himself a part—a very uplifting story. At the end of NCLS there was a Challenge Ceremony hosted by Col Mark Anarumo from USAFA. He recounted a story from a previous seminar where he met a 95 -year old, WWII veteran. This man was fighter pilot serving in the Pacific theatre who had developed an intense hatred for the Japanese during his combat experiences. His story related an unusual series of circumstances that enabled him to reconsider and eventually abandon those feelings completely, again, a very moving story.



We live in a multicultural, diverse country. The NCLS presenters represented a very broad spectrum of experience and insights from those that have successfully navigated the challenges of this multi-ethnic and diverse world to benefit the future leaders in attendance who will have to function and succeed in similar environments. An amazing and well worthwhile event.

## 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

<u>LancePSijanAFA@gmail.com</u> to learn more. These are great networking and volunteer opportunities!

### **Volunteer Spotlight**

First things first—Congratulations to SMSgt Selectee Angelo Bryant!!! We are so proud and happy for you!!!

As the Vice President of the Lance P. Sijan chapter #125, MSgt Bryant takes pride in developing long lasting relationships within the community and encouraging professional development across the Front Range. In his spare time he is also a senior member in the Civil Air Patrol, where he is a character development instructor of 98 future leaders within the Cadet program. As a native born Texan, he brings the southern hospitality to each event that he is involved in, from JROTC banquet and awards ceremonies to military functions, he represents AFA with the utmost professionalism. He is currently working on the AF Ball committee and bringing back the history and heritage of the Air Force Birthday and collaborating with Air Force leadership and paving the way for future events with Space on the horizon



Michael "Angelo" Bryant is actively serving at Detachment 4, as an Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center Division Manager located on Peterson Air Force Base (PAFB), Colorado. As a cyber analyst, he provides cybersecurity testing oversight and advises CSAF on cyber technology vulnerabilities for 36 space, cyberspace, and missile defense missions worth \$365 billion dollars.

Master Sergeant Bryant enlisted in the Air Force in February of 1998 and his background includes various duties in the Cyber career field. He has served as a President, Vice President and Professional Development mentor for organizations at Peterson AFB, and Ramstein AB, Germany. He has deployed in support of Support of Enduring Freedom and Freedom's Sentinel and completed overseas assignments in support of Air Force needs to include Italy, Afghanistan, Australia, Bulgaria, Canary Island, German, Japan, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, and Spain.

Thank you SMSgt (Select) Bryant for the many volunteer hours you are giving to the Air Force Association and the Lance P. Sijan Chapter!

#### **Our Volunteers in Action**

Thank you to these representatives who stepped up for this quarter to show Sijan and AFA in action:

Jan 22 – (Angelo Bryant) USSF 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr Awards

Feb 1 – (Angelo Bryant) AF JROTC Colorado Drill Meet (\$900 Donation from Sijan)

Feb 20-21 – (Steve Base) National Character and Leadership Symposium, USAFA

Feb 21 – (Angelo Bryant) USSF 1st annual awards

Feb 25 -- (Willie Kalaskie) US Global Leadership Coalition

Feb 26 – (Willie Kalaskie) Pikes Peak Veterans Council Mar 1 – (Linda Aldrich) Initial Flight Training Tour, Pueblo

Redirected \$1000 Donation to renovation of the City Hanger, Peterson Air & Space Museum Foundation

## **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.

#### **Welcome to New Community Partner Faricy Boys**



The Faricy Boys is a proud Colorado Springs Jeep Chrysler dealer in the Denver area. Sporting a variety of new models like the new Jeep Wrangler, Jeep Grand Cherokee, Jeep Cherokee, Chrysler Pacifica, and the Chrysler 300, our vast inventory is ideal for your every Jeep and Chrysler preference. Come in today at 4950 New Car Drive to take one for a test drive. Not only does The Faricy Boys specialize in new Jeep and Chryslers, but we also have a

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## Thanks to these Amazing Community Partners who are Platinum Sponsors for the 2020 Air Force Ball!!!

As planning is in full swing for the Air Force Ball, which will be on September 18, 2020, the Lance P. Sijan Chapter extends a huge thank you to the corporate sponsors who make this event possible each year. Already we have Braxton, Lockheed Martin and Boeing committed to sponsoring at the Platinum level—a huge boost to ensuring the AF Ball is a wonderful event.

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## **Community Partner Highlight cont.**

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one focus – our customers' missions. Whether it's protecting citizens or advancing the boundaries of science, these missions are some of the most important and challenging in the world. We bring an unwavering commitment to help our customers succeed, and it's that sense of purpose and opportunity to make a difference in the world that drives us every day. The vision is to be the global leader in supporting our customers' missions, strengthening security and advancing scientific discovery.

Boeing says "The Future of Space Is Built Here." With experience gained from supporting every major U.S. endeavor to escape Earth's gravity, we're designing and building the future of safe, assured space exploration and commercial access – even as we lead the digital transition of the satellite



industry for both government and commercial customers around the globe. We're enabling critical research on the International Space Station (ISS) that benefits the future space economy, deep-space exploration and life on Earth; returning crew launch capabilities to U.S. soil with the CST-100 Starliner commercial spacecraft; ensuring successful delivery to Earth's orbit with the United Launch Alliance (ULA) joint venture between Boeing and Lockheed Martin; and building heavy-lift, human-rated propulsion to deep space with the Space Launch System (SLS) rocket that will launch missions on a path to the Gateway cislunar outpost, the moon's surface and Mars. Boeing-built Tracking and Data Relay Satellites (TDRS) provide high-bandwidth communications between Earth-orbiting spacecraft and facilities on the ground. We also design and build advanced space and communications systems for military, commercial and scientific uses, including advanced digital payload, all-electric propulsion and 3D manufacturing capabilities for spacecraft that can operate in the geosynchronous, medium-Earth-orbital or low-Earth-orbital planes.



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- For details on your AFA member benefits, go to: https://www.afa.org/ afa/memberbenefits



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Points of Interest &

**Upcoming Events** 

### LANCE P. SIJAN CHAPTER MONTHLY MEETINGS

Place: Community Partner Location: TBD

Date: Every 2nd Tuesday of each month / Time: 4:30pm

### SECOND QUARTER STATE MEETING:

Place: Grand Junction Date: May 30, 2020

Time: Meeting at 9:30; Lunch to follow

#### STATE CONVENTION

Place: Weisbrod Aircraft Museum, Pueblo, CO

Date: Saturday August 15, 2020

Time: Business Meeting at 9:30am; Awards Banquet to 6pm

#### CYBER CAMP

Place: Patriot Park Office Complex

Date: July 27-31, 2020 Time: To Be Announced

#### IMAGE 2020 TO BENEFIT STEM SCHOLARSHIP ACTIVITIES

Place: Eisenhower Golf Course, USAFA Date: Wednesday, August 19th, 2020

Time: Registration and Breakfast starts at 0630am; Shotgun start 08:00am

#### AIR FORCE BALL SAVE THE DATE

Place: Broadmoor

Date: September 18, 2020

Time: Reception at 5pm; Dinner at 5:45pm

Message from Sijan President Doc Apodaca: By now you've probably seen the notice that we are moving the Air Force Ball. Don't fret! We have a team in place that will make sure the event is even more successful. There were a few challenges and many questions that needed to be answered to make the move happen, but we finally made the call and moved it to Fall of 2020 with the primary purpose of getting back in line with the Air Force birthday. Be on the lookout for more details and please let us know if you are interested in helping out. Please contact the team at afball.lancepsijanafa@gmail.com.



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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: <a href="mailto:membership@afa.org">membership@afa.org</a> your updated information, or mail changes to AFA National address at:

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