

The Sijan Sentinel

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JUNE 2020

WELCOME TO SIJAN CHAPTER 125!

President: CMSgt Charles "Doc" Apodaca Vice President: MSgt Angelo Bryant Secretary: Doug Kendall Treasurer: William Houth



MESSAGE FROM THE SIJAN CHAPTER PRESIDENT:

Lance P. Sijan Membership,

As we gather nominations for Chapter elections to be held in July, I am reflecting on the amazing time I've had as your Chapter President. The volunteers that make this Chapter so successful are dedicated, diverse, entertaining and have become my very good friends. Teamwork has created a force that was able to surge forward in spite of all the challenges and restrictions imposed by the coronavirus. We've made huge changes such as moving the Air Force Ball to September from the familiar January-February timeframe and starting anew with a "Total Force" concept to recognize our new Space Force personnel as a part of the Air Force Association family. We've kept scholarships alive and flourishing through our partnership with NDIA and AFCEA to promote the IMAGE Golf Tournament. We have repeatedly been recognized for our Aerospace Education Excellence and we opened a new avenue of support and communication with our Colorado Arnold Air Society Squadrons and Silver Wings Chapters. Key to our future success is the burgeoning interest from personnel at our local bases who are often first time AFA members, but are eagerly stepping up to volunteer for our events. What happens with me? I'm stepping aside, but I'm not leaving this team. I love what we do and what we stand for and I hope you'll keep me around for the long haul. I do deploy in October, but I'll be back after six months and want to continue to serve the AFA mission. Being a key player in helping shape up communications for the Space Force and understanding how things have evolved, I will be a



strong liaison between AFA and the newly stood up Space Force Association. I think it is important to build strong relations and I plan to be a part of that foundation. Thank you for allowing me to participate serve the mission of AFA: "Our mission is to education the public about the dominant U.S. Air and Space Forces as the foundation of a strong National Defense, to honor and support our Airmen and families, and to remember and respect our enduring Heritage."

2020 Air Force Ball Postponed. New Date Announced Soon!

It is with great regret that the Sijan AF Ball Committee and Executive Board have determined that our biggest event of the year, The Air Force Ball, must be delayed. With the numerical restrictions on gathering and the social distancing requirements that are continuing plus having recently had new cases at Peterson AFB, the decision had to be made. For now, we are in a delay mode and will keep everyone apprised of rescheduling and any further decisions. Sometime when the COVID-19 precautions are loosened and/or a vaccine becomes available, we are looking forward to celebrating with you with the theme: *Celebrating the TOTAL Force*. Whether you currently serve, have served, are in a military family, are part of a DoD support organization, or volunteer, YOU are part of the total force. We are so disappointed that it will be a little while longer before we can celebrate with you. Be watching for future announcements—stay safe and be well!

Industrial Military Annual Golf Event (IMAGE) 2020

Please join us at the USAF Academy Eisenhower Golf Course on August 19, 2016 for our charity IMAGE tournament. 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 National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) and the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association (AFCEA) and the Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association (AFA) all work together to raise money for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) scholarships and related activities. Each year, we collectively award over \$60k to deserving students and STEM activities, with IMAGE providing a substantial portion of those funds. Look for more information in this newsletter and hope to see you at the course!

Sijan Elections in July

Chapter Executive Board Elections in July

Be watching for your ballot to arrive via Constant Contact. Because our Chapter President, Doc Apodaca, is having to step aside, we are having elections a little earlier than the usual September time frame. We have outstanding individuals who have stepped forward and who are willing to be a part of the Executive Board. Write-in votes are also welcome, so we encourage all Sijan Chapter membership to please return your ballot <u>LancePSijanAFA@gmail.com</u>. Following are the bios of those who have asked to be placed on the ballot with nominations accepted and approved by the current Executive Board.



For Chapter President: **MASTER SERGEANT ANGELO BRYANT** MSgt 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. He is the Lance P. Sijan Chapter Vice President of the Air Force Association and is fully familiar with the duties of the Chapter President, having partnered closely Doc Apodaca for all the last year. 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.

For Chapter Vice President: SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT GERALD MOREY

SMSgt Gerald Morey is the First Sergeant, 21st Medical Group, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. SMSgt Morey serves as the principle advisor to the commander in maintaining discipline, standards, morale, and welfare for 560 Airman. He builds and maintains a mission-ready Enlisted Force to execute home station and expeditionary mission requirements. He provides professional guidance and monitors administrative actions, performance reports, awards, decorations, promotions, professional military education and family care programs. SMSgt Morey enlisted in the Air Force in March 1997 and his background includes various duties in Security Forces at the unit level. Throughout his career, he has filled a myriad of roles within the Security Forces career field including Security Forces Operations Superintendent. Sergeant Morey has deployed on several occasions to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, and Enduring Freedom. MSgt Morey was the Operations Support Superintendent, 702 Munition Support Squadron, Buechel Air Base, Germany. Prior to his current position, he

was the First Sergeant for the 51 Aircraft Maintenance Squadron,

Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea.



Sijan Elections in July Cont.



To Continue as Chapter Secretary: **DOUGLAS KENDALL**

Doug Kendall is the ENSCO Program Manager for a Systems Engineering & Integration (SE&I) program for the Range & Network Division at the Space & Missile Systems Center (SMC) at Los Angeles AFB, CA. Doug has 30+ years of acquisition, engineering, and space operations experience and success—holding key leadership, engineering, logistics/sustainment, program management, and staff positions throughout his career, including holding prominent positions at SMC—Director of Systems Engineering and Spacelift Range Group Commander. His AF career included engineering on the Peacekeeper ballistic missile program; served on & led space crews in Turkey during DESERT STORM; led crews performing

satellite operations at Schriever AFB and commanded units in space/missile training. After retiring from the AF as a Colonel, Doug worked the next 6 years with Honeywell leading a logistics/maintenance team on the Air Force Satellite Control Network (AFSCN) program. Doug joined ENSCO, Inc, a small business engineering company, in early 2015 working as a Senior Staff Systems Engineer on the SE&I team supporting the launch ranges. ENSCO was recently awarded the contract for which he is now the Program Manager.

Doug achieved numerous awards, distinctions and medals during his distinguished 30-year Air Force career, including the Legion of Merit, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, and numerous other awards. He earned two Bachelor of Science degrees—one in Computer Science and the other in Electrical Engineering. Additionally, he earned a Masters of Science and Systems Management degree and a Masters of Strategic Studies degree from the Air War College (residence). He also earned Level III Program Manager certification at SMC and now maintains PMP (Project Management Professional) Certification.

For Chapter Treasurer: MASTER SERGEANT JUSTIN B. ALTHOFF

Master Sergeant Justin B. Althoff is the Test Support Division Manager for the Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Detachment Four at Peterson Air Force Base, CO. As the Test Support Division Manager, Sergeant Althoff directs resource planning and delivery for the independent testing and evaluation of new space, cyber and missile defense capabilities. He provides budget analysis and decision support to the Detachment Commander and 30 test programs under the direct oversight of the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Sergeant Althoff enlisted in the Air Force in May of 2009 and his background includes various duties in the financial management and comptroller field. He has served in the customer service, military and travel pay support, budget analysis, accounting liaison, and resource manager positions. He has served at the squadron, group, and Direct-Reporting Unit levels. Sergeant Althoff has deployed in support of operations Enduring Freedom, Inherent Resolve, Freedom Sentinel, and NATO Resolute Support.



Around Your AFA SIJAN Community

Sijan Chapter Aerospace Education Events

Submitted by Dave Geuting

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. 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. The Chapter is proud to announce this year's recipients of the \$1000 scholarships, both extremely talented and motivated students.

Katherine (Katie) Roth attends the University of Northern Colorado with a 4.0 GPA and is working toward a degree in Physical Education. Katie has submitted well-written and thoughtful essays in competition for Sijan scholarships since 2017, resulting in receipt of a scholarship every year since '17.

Christopher (Chris) Herz is a Dean's List student at the University of Colorado—Colorado Springs, studying Biochemistry for Pre-Med. Chris is also a repeat recipient of a Sijan Scholarship.

A third scholarship was awarded to Nina Florek, Rampart High School, due to the generosity of Jim and Karen Wright, who established two scholarships in their daughter Kim's name. The first of these scholarships is a \$3,000 annual scholarship which goes to a deserving high school student 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. Recipient Florek was recently featured in the Colorado Springs Gazette "Best and Brightest for 2020" with the headline "Problem solver more than a star student and athlete." She has volunteered at a nursing home, where she spent time with a Holocaust survivor and a World War II veteran, and volunteered with the nonprofit Mellow Memories. In response to several teen suicides in her community, Florek started making handmade cards to hand out to peers, in hopes, she says of being "the light for people who may have lost their way and are in a dark times." She calls it "Card Cares." Ms. Florek was thrilled when she was notified of the Wright Scholarship and immediately wrote to the Chapter, "Thank you! I am sincerely honored to be the receipt of the Kim Wright Scholarship. Thank you to the Wright family and the Sijan chapter of the Air Force Association for their generosity."



Katie Roth, Sijan Scholarship Recipient



Nina Florek, Wright Scholarship Recipient



The second Wright scholarship is 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. The Chapter received a thank you recently from a Wright Scholarship recipient who attended community college. "Last year you asked me to keep you informed of my educational pursuits. I just finished my A.S. in Psychology at CNCC. I just wanted to keep them informed that I plan on continuing my education at Metropolitan State University in Denver this Fall. I just wanted to take the time to thank them for awarding me with the 2018 Kimberly Wright Memorial Scholarship. V/R Lilly Kelkenberg"

The Chapter is also pleased to announce our Chapter Teacher Of the Year (TOY), Ms. Mary Gregory, an outstanding individual who is devoted to generating enthusiasm and excellence in her classroom for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). As a Lewis Palmer High School Astronomy, Chemistry and Algebra instructor in grades 9-12, Ms. Gregory has devoted over 25 years as a teacher, mentor and motivator for her students. Lewis Palmer Principal, Bridget O'Connor stated, "Mary passion fuels enthusiasm. Within minutes of meeting with Mary, one cannot

help but sense her intense conviction for the field of science, students, and authentic learning opportunities." As our Teacher of the Year, Ms. Gregory received a \$250 check from National AFA and a \$250 check from the Sijan Chapter. Congratulations to this amazing teacher! Thank you to Dave Geuting, Joe Baldwin and Caty Rozema for their great insight and assistance with selecting our scholarship winners and Teacher of the Year.

National and State AFA Aerospace Education Events

Submitted by Caty Rozema

Garcia Scholarship

It is with great pleasure that we'd like to announce the winner of this year's Garcia Scholarship. Drum roll please...Luke Hawkins! Luke graduated from Pueblo County High School with an impressive 4.0+ GPA. He will attend Colorado School of Mines in the fall, where he plans to study Electrical Engineering with a special interest in Aerospace Engineering. From playing the trumpet as part of the pit orchestra for Les Miserables and participating in 4H,

to leading through StellarXplorers and the Technology Student Association, Luke has a long history of participating in volunteer activities. (Be sure to read the article that follows about the outstanding Stellar Xplorers team that placed third in the world—Luke is a member of the team.) Congratulations to Luke!

The Francisco Garcia Scholarship is a scholarship awarded by the Colorado State Air Force Association (CSAFA). It is a \$1000 scholarship awarded annually to one recipient in the State of Colorado. The applicant must be a graduating senior from a Colorado high school and intend to obtain a college degree in an STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) related field. A huge thanks to the tireless efforts of our Chapter VPs for Aerospace Education and the awards committee. We could not reward great students like Luke without YOU. To learn more about other available AFA scholarships click here: AFA Scholarships

Air University, Air Force Junior ROTC, recently announced their annual cadet and instructor award winners. "With almost 900 high schools, 2,000 instructors and 120,000 students, this is a significant honor and we could not be more

proud of our winners." The State Winner for all of Colorado is Katrina Eickhoff who attends Harrison High

School. Congratulations Cadet Eickhoff on your outstanding performance and dedication in AFJROTC!



Dave Geuting received a National AFA Medal of Merit for his outstanding contributions to aerospace education, presented by State President Linda Aldrich

Sijan Chapter Aerospace Education Events Cont.

Congratulations to the Stellar Xplorers team from the "Fighting Hornets," School of Engineering and Biomedical Science at Pueblo County High School (Pueblo, CO). On 10 March, the StellarXplorers Program Office determined an in-person National Finals was not prudent, so used the standings through the Semi-Finals (scores from four rounds of competition weighted per the rules), and declared the top three teams as the Champions, Second Place, and Third Place teams. That designated Pueblo's SEBS STLX060097 Stellar Xplorers as **THIRD in the WORLD!** With the leadership of John Musso (former Mel Harmon Chapter Teacher of the Year and AFA Colorado State Teacher of the Year) and Tina Cox, an engineer and Air Force Association Advisor, "County Hornets" Jacob Waggoner, Luke Hawkins, Tyler Jones, Li Hong Sweet-Seip and Shawn Cunningham competed against the world's best. Mr. Musso was quoted in *The Pueblo Chieftain*, "It's a multi-phase international competition based on aerospace engineering and concepts...Students are exposed to, and manipulate actual orbital mechanics software...(that) allows the students to perform complex analysis of the various orbital-based scenarios that require a solution." Stephen Gourley, National Program Director, announced that each of the students on the team would receive a \$1000 educational grant - directly deposited to their personal accounts!

StellarXplorers VII registration is open! Team directors are encouraged to register one to five teams. Team rosters can be created in the fall, once students are back in school and engaged. Registration and information can be found at: www.stellarxplorers.org; send any questions to stellarxplorers.org; send any questions to stellarxplorers.org; send any questions to stellarxplorers.org; send any questions to stellarxplorers.org.

StellarXplorers is a challenging, space system design competition involving all aspects of system development and operation with a spacecraft and payload focus.

Who can participate? Teams can come from any organized youth organization such as a high school (including home schools), JROTC, CAP, School Clubs, Boy/Girl Scouts, Boys & Girls Clubs. Teams consist of an adult Team Director (usually a teacher) and two to six students. We need to emphasize is YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A SPACE EXPERT to have a team. You only need to find students interested in learning about space. Participation is free until after teams have had the opportunity to compete for the first qualifying round. There is a nominal \$200 registration fee for each team, with waivers available to Title I schools upon request.

How does it work? StellarXplorers provides specific training in the use of system simulation software, Systems Tool Kit (STK) as well as an online textbook as a curriculum supplement and study resource for online "team" Quizzes given during the competition. The actual competition is accomplished from the team's home location. Teams are given a scenario describing the system's mission and constraints and they provide a solution to a typical space design problem, such as orbit determination, satellite component selection, and launch vehicle planning. Practice Rounds begin in October with Qualification Rounds beginning in November that determine which teams advance to the Semi-Finals in February. The top 10 teams from the Semi-Finals will receive an all-expense-paid trip the National Finals.

How do you get started? Go to the StellarXplorers Website at <u>http://stellarxplorers.org/</u>. Register your team under the Registration Tab. You will not need to identify cadets until after the school year begins. Under the Competition Tab, click on STLX VI Starting Checklist. This gives a step-by-step for getting ready to field a team. Also, we are here to help, so do not hesitate to ask for assistance.

Benefits for Students: This is an exciting hands-on learning experience that develops commercially valuable skills and



increases appreciation for the critical role of space in our daily lives. The competition attracts all types of students with diverse backgrounds who will establish their own experiential base off accomplishment, all while building teamwork and leadership skills. Most of all ... it is FUN!!!

Benefits for Educators: Relevant and stimulating addition to your classroom with hands-on, real-world STEM applications that are widely embedded into your students' lives.

Benefits for Sponsors: Offers the chance to "grow your own" future workforce! You'll have access to a pipeline of talented individuals, interested your business, most U.S. citizens eligible for advanced clearances and uniquely positioned to be your interns and future employees. You'll also boost US competitiveness and STEM education, while enhancing your visibility with customers and peers. Colorado Springs is a "space town." Let's show the world what we can do!

CyberPatriot: Though our lives might have slowed down, cybersecurity hasn't taken a break. In fact, the need to be cyber warriors is greater than ever! AFA's CyberPatriot program is running full steam ahead to keep fighting the good fight. A quick look at what's happening:

*Cyber Camps: There are in person and virtual camps all around the country. For a list of camp locations and POCs for each camp, go here: <u>2020 CyberPatriot Camps</u>.

*CyberGenerations: This Senior Citizens' Cyber Safety Initiative is designed to equip senior citizens with the knowledge needed to stay protected from cyber-crimes. The program can be hosted as a workshop for small or large groups, or it can be completed individually using a self-paced guide. Topics covered in the program include:

Introduction to Cybersecurity: Understand the importance of cybersecurity, browsing the web safely, and protecting personal information

Password Management: Create strong passwords and maintain good password hygiene
Common Internet Threats: Recognize and avoid malware and social engineering
Internet Scams and Fraud: Recognize internet and phone scams, protect your identity, and shop online safely
Social Media Safety: Understand the importance of good social media etiquette and utilization of privacy settings
For more information and to download a CyberGenerations guide, go here: CyberGenerations

***The CyberPatriot Elementary School Cyber Education Initiative (ESCEI)** is a set of three fun, interactive learning modules aimed at increasing grade K-6 students' awareness of online safety and cybersecurity principles. Supplemental activities are also available to get students collaborating with each other about their newly learned cyber skills! Click here to download your free ESCEI 2.0 kit: <u>ESCEI 2.0 Kit</u>

And last but not least...

*The Cyber Education Literature Series: Was developed to introduce cybersecurity awareness to young children. A reader for younger children is available to the public and pioneers the topic of cybersecurity for early elementary youth. Meet Sarah the Cyber Hero and Ben the Cyber Defender as they work as they work to keep kiddoes safe from online threats! Books are available at <u>bookbaby.com</u>



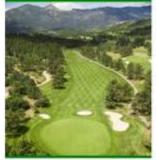
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SIJAN, AFCEA, & NDIA Event

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We look forward to seeing you on the course and at our lunch following golf. We sincerely appreciate your charitable support to our STEM

Very respectfully

Joe Kahoe, MAGE 2020 Charman

REGISTRATION

Registration Deadline: 14 Aug 2020 Register Online: www.bit.lv/2020IMAGE

AD Military & Res./Gov't Civilian - \$65 Retired & Industry - \$125 Questions: Contact Joe Kahoe at ioseph.Kahoe@bowheadsupport.com or 719-210-5568

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

Make check payable to: IMAGE 2020 Check must be received by 18 Aug 2020

> Mail to: Joe Kahoe IMAGE 2020 Chairman 4140 Saddle Rock Road Colorado Springs, CO 80918

CANCELLATION POLICY Cancel at no cost before 14 Aug Cancellations after 14 Aug will cost \$25. Substitutions can be made at no cost.

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2020 Industry Military Annual Golf Event (IMAGE)

19 August 2020



USAF Academy, CO



14 Aug 2020

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Date Wednesday, 19 Aug 2020

Location: Eisenhower Golf Course USAFA Rating: 70.0, Slope 121, Par 71 - 6288 yards

Players without valid vehicle registration and military I.D. 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: Modified scramble tournament, with first, second, third & last place prizes for gross team scores. Additional rules to be briefed on tournament day.

Mulligans: A muligan package will be available for purchase

Points of Contact: Joe Kahoe IMAGE 2020 Chair (NDIA)

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Click link for Registration Information:

https://www.planmygolfevent.com/35349-IndustryMilitaryAnnualGolfEventI

Sijan in Action

Colorado Air Force Association in Action

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. As with many events, this year's presentation did not take place in person due to COVID-19 restrictions. In this unconventional year, on April 18, 2020, USAFA graduated 967 Second Lieutenants, which included 86 who were the first to commission directly into the newly created Space Force. AFA Colorado received confirmation that 2Lt Benjamin S. Jury was recognized as the Outstanding Cadet in Systems Engineering. For now he is a casual Lt working at USAFA at the Davis Airfield and eventually he'll head to Sheppard AFB for Euro NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training (ENJJPT).

Col Cooper and the personnel from the USAFA Endowment sincerely thanked AFA for the support shown for USAFA cadets even under this year's unusual circumstances. We are proud to recognize Lt Jury and we wish him well in his aspirations to fly fighter jets!

Fellowship in Memory of Major General George M. Douglas

The Lance P. Sian Chapter made a generous contribution to the Fellowship in memory of Maj Gen George M. Douglas. AFA Fellowships provide an excellent way for chapters to honor and recognize significant accomplishments, and in this case, General Douglas. The donated Fellowship funds are used to support and expand AFA education programs.

Who was General Douglas? He retired from the Air Force in 1982 in the grade of Major General. His last assignment was IMA to Commander in Chief of NORAD and Commander of Aerospace Defense Command. During that same period, he served as the AFA National President and Chairman of the Board. Following that he was appointed a Trustee of the Air Force Memorial Foundation. The Foundation's responsibility was selecting the site for the Air Force Memorial in DC and to include all the funding requirements.

He was a member of many organizations and his active participation made a difference in each one of them. He received many AFA awards too many to mention, with the top two

being AFA Member of the Year and the distinguished AFA Gold Life Member Card. It could be said he has done so much for so many and our way of repayment is through the award of an AFA Fellowship in his memory. The amount money donated will determine the level of Fellowship awarded. If you would like additional information or wish to contribute, please contact Chuck Zimkas at **cpzopa1@comcast.net** or checks may be mailed to "AFA Fellowship" c/o

Chuck Zimkas, 8085 De Anza Peak Trail, Colorado Springs, CO 80924.

Raising Awareness About Racism

Sijan Chapter Members joined Peterson AFB personnel in a 5K hike on June 13th to come together as a military community in a show of solidarity in hopes to bring awareness and compassion to a very sensitive and complex topic. Participants were asked to bring an open mind and an open heart for the event on the Santa Fe Trail. The event focused on having a moments to express, to listen, to understand, and to reflect on equality and racism. IAW with COVID-19 guideline, the hikers wore masks or maintained



social distancing. Personnel joined 9 other bases around the world in this event to foster healthy and productive relationships.







Sijan President Doc Apodaca presenting \$500 to the Douglas Fellowship on behalf of the Chapter

Sijan in Action Cont.

Retiree Assistance and Information

One of the goals of the Retiree Assistance Office is to help keep military retirees, their spouses and surviving spouses informed about things that could impact you. During normal times, most military retirees and spouses get their information from the base newspaper or from discussions with others while on base. The Corona Virus has changed what we define as normal. For the near future, the Retiree Assistance Office will be forwarding updates to Sijan Chapter received from the 21st Space Wing, and those updates will be provided to Sijan membership through Constant Contact. Those updates will in most instances be provided to the Retiree Assistance Office by either the Wing Public Affairs Office or by the Force Support Squadron.

If you have any suggestions as to how we can better serve your information needs during the Corona Virus shutdown, please reply to this email <u>scouter62@gmail.com</u>. Since we do not have access to the Retiree Assistance Office, we are using the personal email of one of our volunteers--Randy Barrett--USAF (Retired). During normal times, Randy staffs the Peterson AFB Retiree Assistance Office every Thursday and Friday. If you would like to talk with someone, please call Bob Koenig --USAF (Retired), another one of our other volunteers on his cell phone (719)321-5100. If he doesn't pick up, leave him a voice mail and he will return your call. We are here to help keep you informed. Sincerely, Southern Colorado Retiree Assistance Office Volunteers

Thanks, Randy Barrett On Behalf of TED GEMBCZYNSKI, SGTMAJ, USMC (Ret), Retiree Activities Office 21 Space Wing/CVR 135 Dover St, Peterson AFB CO 80914-7153

DoD COVID-19 Information Resources

Please continue to visit <u>https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/</u> for the latest updates on DoD's response to COVID-19. This site will post all transcripts of senior leader press briefings in addition to many news stories about DoD COVID-19 response activities and DoD policy and guidance for the force. Military OneSource continues to host daily Facebook Live events at noon Mondays through Fridays at: <u>https://www.facebook.com/military.1source/</u>.

Updates on Military Family support programs during the COVID-19 response information is regularly posted to: <u>https://www.militaryonesource.mil/coronavirus</u>

Information for TRICARE beneficiaries is found at: <u>https://www.tricare.mil/coronavirus</u> Commissary resources and information is found at: <u>https://commissaries.com/coronavirus</u> Financial Readiness information and resources are found here: <u>https://finred.usalearning.gov/COVID19-Resources</u>



Information on CAC and USID card issuance and renewal changes related to the COVID-19 outbreak is available at <u>www.CAC.mil/coronavirus</u>

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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** to learn more. These are great networking and volunteer opportunities!

Volunteer Spotlight

Welcome to a new volunteer! Joe Baldwin recently retired from the U.S. State Department and settled in Colorado Springs to enjoy the great outdoors and striking views of Pikes Peak and surrounding mountains. He re-joined AFA and quickly responded to the call for volunteers in the first quarter 2020 Sijan Sentinel. He helped reach out to local businesses to seek their support for the Air Force Ball, reviewed applications for AFA scholarships and Teacher of the Year nominations, and eagerly agreed to support enhanced outreach to Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings units at Colorado universities.



He also has contributed to the local community through the Care and Share Food Bank and The Place for homeless youth. Joe graduated from the University of Virginia (UVA) in 1976 and was commissioned a

second lieutenant through the AFROTC program. His 26-year Air Force career included several missile operations assignments; a tour as an ROTC instructor at UVA; headquarters assignments at SAC, 8th Air Force, US European Command, and the Air Staff; writing speeches for several GOs; command positions at the squadron and group level; and deputy director of an OSD office. After retiring from the Air Force in 2003, he worked at SAIC as a program manager for four years, then joined the State Department where he served as a regional manager for a WMD nonproliferation assistance program for 12 years.

Joe is married to Kaye, his wife of 47 years. They have two sons who live in Laramie WY and northern VA, and two grandchildren in Laramie. Joe and Kaye set their sights on retiring in Colorado Springs while visiting the area in the early nineties and finally were able to do so. They both enjoy the rugged beauty of the mountains West, and Joe is an avid runner.

Thank you, Joe, for finding the Lance P. Sijan Chapter and jumping right in to help!!

Welcome to the Newest Member of the Lance P. Sijan AFA Family- Please welcome William (Liam) Harvey Mills VI who joined the family of Brandi and Bill Mills in April! He arrived early so we assume he's a go-getter like his Mama and Daddy. Believe it or not, we kept Brandi working on the AF Ball Planning Committee even with the arrival of Liam to the family. Congratulations, Brandi and Bill! It's not too early to get him his lifetime AFA membership... :)

Volunteer activities for the last quarter:

April – May – (Dave Geuting, Caty Rozema, Joe Baldwin) Scholarship
 and Chapter/State Teacher of the Year Award Committee
 April 25 – (Linda Aldrich, Jeri Andrews) USAFA Systems Engineering Award Ceremony
 May 26 – (Linda Aldrich) National Emerging Leader Program Board
 June 13 – (Doc Apodaca, Angelo Bryant, Shierae Bryan, Caty Rozema) Peterson AFB 5K event

June 24 – (Doc Apodaca) Presentation of Sijan donation to Douglas Fellowship



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.

Highlighting Community Partner ENSCO, Inc.

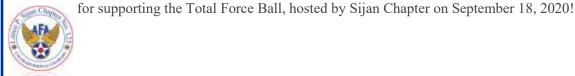
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Thank you ENSCO, Inc. for being a Community Partner for the Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association and



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How To Contact AFA

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



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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

COLORADO STATE AFA BUSINESS MEETING:

Place: Weisbrod Aircraft Museum, Pueblo, CO. Date: August 15, 2020 Time: 9:30am Awards Banquet Reception: Cancelled until further notice

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

15th Annual Mile High Chapter Golf Tournament:

Place: Spring Valley Golf Course Date: September 25, 2020 Time: 6:30am

JOINT REGIONAL CONCLAVE (ROCKY MT. REGION AFA, AAS/SW):

Place: Utah TBD Date: November 6-8, 2020 Time: TBD

AIR FORCE BALL DELAYED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Place: Broadmoor Date: TBD Time: TBD

COVID-19 NOTICE

Schriever Essay Contest deferred until March 2021 POC: Gregory W. Ball, PhD., Director of History and Heritage Space Force History Office (HQ USSF/HO), 719-554-3709/3081

COMMUNITY PARTNER RECEPTION

TBD when restrictions are lifted

For up-to-date chapter happenings follow us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/browse/admined_pages/?id=100004188004907#I/pages/ Lance-P-Sijan-AFA-Chapter-125/378580798874849

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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: <u>membership@afa.org</u> your updated information, or mail changes to AFA National address at:

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