

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, 10 November 2020, 5:00 – 6:00pm (Mountain)
Location: 625 Suffolk St. Bldg 863, Peterson AFB, CO 80914;
AFOTEC Ingelido Conference Room (ICR)

Dial-in: Commercial: 1-301-909-7352

Access Code: 24732270

Attendees: Angelo, Paul, Linda, Doug, Willie, Gerald, Shierae, Kristen, Brandi, Tim

President's Comments/Update (Angelo Bryant)

- *Covid-19 updates:* postures are staying about the same as the COVID continues to spread
- *Wreath:* Willie gave the discussion on the wreath; he gave some background on the Wreath Across America; and national cemeteries; there's none at Pikes Peak National Cemetery; and they can be purchased; nothing is happening at the cemetery on Veteran's Day. Paul is attending one at Memorial Park and they're laying a wreath there...up to 75 can attend that. Linda brought up the Pueblo Cemetery. Paul provided the following information (published in the quarterly newsletter)

AFA Supporting Wreaths Across America

By Paul Bailey

REMEMBER the Fallen. . . HONOR those who Serve. . .

On **Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 10:00 AM**, Wreaths Across America will be at Pikes Peak National Cemetery to Remember and Honor our Veterans. Through the laying of Remembrance Wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes, the individual who lay's a wreath will say the name of each and every Veteran aloud. Please help lay wreaths at as many graves as possible by going to the website listed below or sponsor a wreath to honor our fallen.

<https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/153621/Overview/?relatedId=0>

Also on **Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 10:00 AM**, Wreaths Across America will be at Evergreen Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and every veteran aloud. Please help lay wreaths at as many graves as possible by going to the website listed below or sponsor a wreath to honor our fallen. <https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/42571/overview/>

-- Gerald made motion to purchase two new wreaths; Linda seconded and it passed; Paul will use the existing Sijan wreath at the ceremony tomorrow. We may need more than one for the future;

- *Sijan Chapter updates:* Welcomed Paul to the team as State VP for Government Relations; Linda explained that he will be updating Congressional contact information and will be coordinating with the chapter for updating complimentary memberships. The membership means we can send the AFA magazine and legislative updates from AFA to them.

- *Fundraiser for Scholarships (Pampered Chef) Results:* Made \$239 out of \$700+ in sales; great job

Vice President's Comments/Update (Gerald Morey)

- Working on Constant Contact; newsletter went out with older info but got out the new one.
- State Awards dinner: To recognize our AFA award winners; got a hall for 13 Nov, Friday, 5:45pm; state awards winners plus one will be covered; but they'll be able to accept awards and be recognized. It's been tough to start positions this year with the COVID but we're all working through it; expressed appreciation for all the work people are doing.

State President's Comments (Linda Aldrich)

- *Fourth Qtr State Meeting Results*: understand the COVID problem; but we didn't have any Sijan members; national & state officers were there, but no Sijan. Extended congrats to state winners for Mile High and Huyser Chapters; Caty established a link so folks could view the awards; Linda will send out the minutes; there are numerous action items
- We need to follow-up on new members (i.e. Austin Hood & Matt Dougherty); we're missing an opportunity when we don't include them
- Taxes for Sijan are done; thanks to Justin for good records; thanks to Linda's husband for doing them
- Ret Maj Gen John Berry (Wings Museum) – Exploration of Flight; is life member of AFA and wants to support; willing to give free flight in airplane for Teacher of the Year; opportunities for cadets to learn about flights at the airport; opportunities for local chapters with Silver Wings
- 4-5 December; need words for Gen Steve Whiting to give intro for transition into Space Force; send suggestions to Linda in next two weeks (NLT 24 Nov); suggestion—talk about the difference between Space Force and US Space Command-
- Need list of topics to talk with Gen Eberhardt; how can we better advocate for AFA in state of Colorado; need topics to send to Orville Wright (need within the next month) (NLT 17 Nov)
- We need a separate meeting to figure out who is owed a plaque and who is owed a medallion for Community Partners; need flyer of why it's good to be a member; we need to give thank you letters for the CP's who renew their membership
- Meeting with Frontier Technologies about partnership with Sijan/AFA; we need to invite them to be CP
- There's more than just the AF Ball going on

Treasurer's Report (Justin Althoff)

- *Monthly Report*: provided financial report

Secretary's Report (Doug Kendall)

- nothing to report

Vice Presidents' Reports:

VP, Membership (Kristen Christy)

- *Reports for new members*: have a new list of members; last membership list was updated in January in 2020; Kristen doesn't want to update if somebody already is doing this
- Will follow up on Austin, Matt, and Joe Baldwin
- On the field portal it indicates we have no CPs; **Need to log onto the Field Portal to see the current list of CPs (Executive Board members have access)

VP, Community Partners (Shierae Bryan)

- 21 overdue invoices-
- Some CP's say they cannot continue this year as a sponsor

VP, Aerospace Education & Scholarships (Dave Geuting) ABSENT

- *Update on Schriever AFB scholarships & Teachers of the Year*:
 - Scholarship process will start up again in January with the mailing of applications to schools, AFJROTC commanders, and past recipients.

-- Schriever is planning for a CCAF graduation, but date is TBD. This will involve presentation of Pitzenger Award and check(s). I will plan on attending.

VP, Communications Report (Bill Houth) ABSENT

- *Website update:*

VP, Veteran's Affairs (Willie Kalaskie)

- Gave discussion on wreath (see above)

VP, Programs (Gayle/Brandi) Brandi

- *AF Ball Update:* just working on Ball activities; if you need anything please reach out

VP, Community Relations (Timothy Crouch/ Paul Bailey)

- Paul will be attending Veteran's Day event at memorial park on Veterans Day and informed us that

Veteran's Day activities are more limited this year; Veteran's Council not meeting until January 2021

- Tim updated the council updates concerning Space Force—folks are doing the same things as before, just under a different name; for more updates, member should visit www.spaceforce.mil to understand how things are moving along. Gen Raymond updated information about Space Force management practices, priorities and identity and can be found on website:

<https://www.spoc.spaceforce.mil/News/Article-Display/Article/2410286/raymond-document-outlines-space-forces-management-practices-priorities-and-iden>

Other Business:

- *AF Ball Updates (Coty):* need an email scrub—multiple ones for folks; still planning for 27 February, but you never know with COVID; sponsorships still holding strong

- Keep on keeping on; return policy on sponsors is 100%; still have a good lineup of folks

UPCOMING AFA EVENTS 2020 / 2021

November 2020

10 – Board Meeting

13 – State Award Dinner

14 – AAS/SW Virtual RCON for Areas VIII, X, XI

11 – Veterans Day

26 – Thanksgiving Day

December 2020

8 – Board Meeting

24—31 Happy Holidays!

January 2021

1 – Happy New Year!

12 – Board Meeting

18 – Martin Luther King, Jr Day

February 2021

9 – Board Meeting

15 – President's Day

27 – **AF Ball** (Broadmoor)

March 2021

9 – Board Meeting

April 2021

9 – Board Meeting