



The Sijan Sentinel

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WELCOME TO SIJAN CHAPTER 125!

President: SMSgt Angelo Bryant
Vice President: SMSgt Gerald Morey
Secretary: Doug Kendall
Treasurer: MSgt Justin Althoff



MESSAGE FROM THE SIJAN CHAPTER PRESIDENT:

Lance P. Sijan Membership,

2020 will be remembered for years to come! At the beginning of the pandemic, AFA National President, stated "We are a nation at war, and our U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force remain in the fight every day, at every hour, to fight through the attack". I know that when this letter reaches you, that many of you have been affected in some way by COVID-19. I encourage each of you to remain vigilant, resilient and at all times reach back for assistance, if ever needed. Many of our members have been doing some great things this year and I cannot thank you enough for all the hard work each of you have put in to take care of our community. We have a special "shout out" to all the State Level award winners that continue to shine. As all ways, we remain committed, diverse, engaging and unwavering to remind the community of our devotion to **educate, advocate and support.**

Plans for next year have already begun and the hopes to see you in person or virtually has already been set in stone. Please remember to keep an eye out for the upcoming Air Force Ball as we have had to make a few adjustments due to social distancing restrictions. We are still on track to celebrate the "Total Force" to recognize all services, including the newest branch of service, the United States Space Force. Whether you currently serve, have served, are in a military family, part of a DOD support organization, or volunteer, YOU are part of the total force. Be watching for announcements with specifics! So, put your suits, dresses and fancy attire in the cleaners and dust off the dancing shoes because we are getting ready to celebrate!

Our chapter is always looking for volunteers, we are looking for agile and innovative ways stay in touch with our community. We will hold our first virtual General Membership Meeting at the beginning of the year and looking for full involvement and support from Colorado AFROTC Detachment 105 and 90, Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings members as we take on 2021 by storm.

Lastly, please be on the lookout for your Holiday Postcard in the mail. We have sent you a little something special in the mail to show you how much we care. This will also help us clean up our contact list for some of the information we have may be a little dated. If you do not received your post card please contact us via lancepsijanafa@gmail.com e-mail address or log into your account via the portal [Here](#) and update your mailing/contact information. We know we have missed a few of you by way of electronic contact information and we hope to fix that in this way. Thank you for allowing me to serve and promote the mission of AFA: "Our mission is to educate 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."

We wish you a Merry Christmas and have a Blessed and Happy New Year.



AFA Colorado State Awards

Congratulations to our State Award Winners!

Once a year in August at the Colorado State Air Force Association Awards Banquet we honor our outstanding volunteers for the many dedicated hours they devote to educating, advocating and supporting AFA. Each Chapter in the state sends the names of their hard working individuals to the State Awards Board for approval and then it's time for a grand affair with members from all over the state in attendance. Well, we all know what this year has been like with COVID restrictions so that meant it became pretty challenging trying to present awards to our recipients.

Over the past three months, we have met in small groups in Pueblo, Aurora, and Colorado Springs or resorted to mailed awards to make sure everyone knows how much they are appreciated. If we were able to present the award in person, we tried to capture the moment. If not, we apologize that we weren't able to shake your hand and take your picture, but please know how very much we appreciate your efforts—especially in light of all the challenges COVID has presented.

One of the best kept secrets is the State Members of the Year, so we definitely caught the chosen ones off guard when we announced Cliff Klein, Steve Gourley and Caty Rozema as the winners. Cliff and Steve are both in Mile High Chapter, designated as the best chapter in the nation for 2020, in great part due to the extraordinary leadership both of these men have provided. Caty is a Sijan Chapter member and has weathered the storm of multiple changes to the Air Force Ball; she has been the master of adapting to whatever obstacle COVID has placed in the way and is still soldiering on with plans.

Please see the complete list below of our wonderful State Award Recipients.

2020 AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION STATE AWARD WINNERS

CHAPTER CITATIONS

Justin Althoff	Marv Blair
Joe Baldwin	Gregory Ball
Shierae Bryan	Kristen Christy
Michael Conedy	Lucille Corsentino
Tim Crouch	Allie Darling
Jessica DeLong	Paul DeLong
Luis Hernandez	Vanessa Johnson
Susan Juba	Joey Mathews
Jennifer Miller	

STATE MEDAL OF MERIT

Bill Barrett	Angelo Bryant
Ernie DeGraw (Posthumously)	Peter Juba
Willie Kalaskie	Felipe Rodriguez
Dave Tobin	Gene Vaerewyck

STATE SUPERIOR EXCELLENCE AWARD

Charles "Doc" Apodaca	Mary Ann Blair
Ray Brown	Henry Eichman
Dave Geuting	Josephine Rasmussen
Rick Peterson	

STATE EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD

Bill Houth	Doug Kendall
Mark "Yak" Maryak	Brandi Mills
Damita Stevens	

STATE PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

Kenn Bowens	Neil Burroughs
Burnett "Chip" Deyerle	Gayle Divine
Joe Kahoe	Mike Sumida

STATE MEMBERS OF THE YEAR

Steve Gourley, Cliff Klein, Caty Rozema



AFA Colorado State Awards cont.

Congratulations to our State Award Winners!



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6



Photo 7



Photo 8

Photo 1: Marv Blair and Lucille Corsentino, Mel Harmon Chapter celebrating their Chapter Citations

Photo 2: Bill Barrett, Mel Harmon, with his Medal of Merit award

Photo 3: Ruth and George Carr accepting for Ernie DeGraw who passed away this year, Mel Harmon

Photo 4: Gene Vaerewyck, Mel Harmon, receiving his Medal of Merit from Linda Aldrich, State President

Photo 5: Brandi Sandoval Mills, Sijan Chapter, displaying her Exceptional Service Award

Photo 6: Ray Brown, Mel Harmon, receiving his Superior Excellence Award

Photo 7: Josephine Rasmussen, Mel Harmon, receiving her Superior Excellence Award

Photo 8: Henry Eichman, Mel Harmon, receiving his Superior Excellence Award



AFA Colorado State Awards cont.

Congratulations to our State Award Winners!



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Photo 12



Photo 13

Photo 9: Mary Ann Blair receiving her Superior Excellence Award from Linda Aldrich

Photo 10: Mike Sumida, Mel Harmon, with his Presidential Citation Award

Photo 11: Caty Rozema showing Rick Peterson, via Zoom, his Superior Excellence Award

Photo 12: Cliff Klein with his Member of the Year Award, and accepting Steve Gourley's Member of the Year Award, Mile High Chapter

Photo 13: Caty Rozema, Sijan, with her Member of the Year Award



Sijan Awards

All of our amazing National Award Winners were announced in the third quarter Sijan Newsletter, however, at that time none of the actual physical awards had arrived from National AFA Headquarters. We happened to catch Caty Rozema (Sijan) actually in receipt of her National Medal of Merit...and Margaret Eichman (Mel Harmon) showing how she's going to react when her award finally arrives. Really, folks, they will all get here eventually!!



Linda Aldrich (State President) &
Margaret Eichman (Mel Harmon)



Caty Rozema (Sijan)

12 Days of AFA

We are excited to launch the 12 Days of AFA – an end-of-year push to increase AFA membership among those who are currently serving in our Air and Space Forces! As Field leaders, **WE NEED YOUR HELP** to make this a success and welcome thousands of new Airmen and Space Professionals into our AFA Family!

Here are a few answers to your questions:

- **WHAT?** AFA will be gifting FREE three-year eMemberships to all those currently serving in our Air & Space Forces. Our campaign theme will be the *12 Days of AFA* where we highlight twelve reasons to be an AFA member.
- **WHO?** Our membership offer is open to any members of the Air and Space Forces – uniform or civilian, Active Duty, Guard or Reserve – who are currently serving.
- **WHERE?** Visit www.AFA.org/12days to learn more!
- **WHEN?** The *12 Days of AFA* campaign launched today! Free memberships will be accepted throughout the winter holiday season and will close on 5 January.
- **WHY?** I know I don't need to tell you that the strength of our Association rests with our members
- **HOW ... do the lawyers feel about this gift?** Great! Based on a current Department of the Air Force legal review, this limited time gift offering may be accepted by all Air and Space Force Professionals in the Department of the Air Force (uniform and civilian) in their personal capacities, under the applicable provisions of the Department of Defense *Standards of Conduct*.
Finally, the most important question...

HOW can we help? Thanks for asking! We need your help to get this offer out to the Airmen and Space Force Professionals in your networks. Please share this information through your own networks but also reach out to partner organizations, base relations, and others to ask for their help to share this great offer!



Thank you all for your incredible dedication to supporting our Air and Space Forces and your love for our great Association.

2021 Air Force Ball

The Air Force Ball... When is it?

The Air Force Ball committee has continued to plan the event while keeping a keen eye on the COVID-19 situation. With the health and safety of our attendees in mind, we have made the decision to postpone the event (yes, again!) from the current date of 27 February 2021 to 18 September 2021. We're pretty sure it's going to stick this time! We look forward to seeing you in September to celebrate YOUR United States Air Force. We'd like to give a HUGE shout out to our sponsors. We quite literally could not hold this event without you! Want to see your company's logo below? We've got several opportunities available ranging from GOLD sponsorship to our Arnold Air Society/Silver Wings table, as well as the Air Force Champion level for small businesses.

Email: afball.lancepsijanafa@gmail.com for more information.

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AIR FORCE CHAMPIONS





2021 Air Force Ball

Presented by the Air Force Association

Saturday, 18 September 2021

THE BROADMOOR

DONOR LEVELS

\$12,000 – Platinum Level (Three Available)

- > 2 seats at head table
- > 4 seats at a VIP Table (2 corporate members and their guests)
- > 2 corporate tables (12 corporate seats and 8 seats for 4 military and their guests)
- > Recognition as supporter of Youngest Airman and Guest
- > Recognition as Platinum corporate donor during the Ball
- > Corporate name/logo displayed throughout the event
- > Full-page color ad in the event program in prominent position
- > Written and logo acknowledgement of support in Chapter quarterly newsletter
- > Community partner one-year membership or renewal



\$10,000 – Diamond Level (Four Available)

- > 4 seats at a VIP table (2 corporate members and their guests)
- > 1 corporate table (6 corporate seats and 4 seats for 2 military and their guests)
- > Recognition as Diamond corporate donor during the Ball
- > Corporate name/logo displayed throughout the event
- > Full-page color ad in the event program
- > Written and logo acknowledgement of support in Chapter quarterly newsletter
- > Community partner one-year membership or renewal

\$8,000 – Gold Level (Four Available)

- > 4 seats at a VIP table (2 corporate members and their guests)
- > Recognition as Gold corporate donor during the Ball
- > Half-page color ad in the event program
- > Written and logo acknowledgement of support in Chapter quarterly newsletter
- > Community partner one-year membership or renewal

\$5,000 – Outstanding Airmen Table (One Available)

- > 2 seats at the Outstanding Airmen table
- > Champions five Outstanding Airmen and their guests (10 Total)
- > Recognition as Outstanding Airmen corporate donor during the Ball
- > Half-page color ad in the event program
- > Written and logo acknowledgement of support in Chapter quarterly newsletter
- > Community partner one-year membership or renewal



\$5,000 – Wounded Airmen Table (Two Available)

- > 2 seats at the Wounded Airmen table
- > Champions five Wounded Airmen and their guests (10 Total)
- > Recognition as Wounded Airmen corporate donor during the Ball
- > Half-page color ad in the event program
- > Written and logo acknowledgement of support in Chapter quarterly newsletter
- > Community partner one-year membership or renewal

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\$5,000 – Arnold Air Society & Silver Wings Table (One Available)

- 2 seats at the Arnold Air Society & Silver Wings table
- Champions five Arnold Air Society & Silver Wings members and their guests (10 Total)
- Recognition as Arnold Air Society & Silver Wings corporate donor during the Ball
- Half-page color ad in the event program
- Written and logo acknowledgement of support in Chapter quarterly newsletter
- Community partner one-year membership or renewal

\$4,000 – Parking Donor (One Available)

- 4 tickets to the Ball
- Recognition as parking donor during the Ball
- Signage in the parking garage and the Know Before You Go email sent to attendees
- Half-page color ad in the event program
- Written and logo acknowledgement of support in Chapter quarterly newsletter
- Community partner one-year membership or renewal

\$2,500 – Silver Level (Six Available)

- 2 tickets to the Ball
- Recognition as Silver donor during the Ball
- Quarter-page color ad in the event program
- Written and logo acknowledgement of support in Chapter quarterly newsletter
- Community partner one-year membership or renewal

**\$1,000 – AF Champion (Small Business - 100 Employees or fewer)**

- 2 tickets to the Ball
- Recognition as AF Champion corporate donor during the Ball
- Quarter-page color ad in the event program
- Written and logo acknowledgement of support in Chapter quarterly newsletter
- Community partner one-year membership or renewal



For more information, contact
AFBall.LancePSijanAFA@gmail.com

OR

Phone: 719-799-2761 (Caty Rozema)



AFA Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)

Contributed by Caty Rozema, State Aerospace Education VP

AFA's STEM Programs Continue to Thrive

The pandemic hasn't hampered AFA's dedication to its STEM programs:

CyberPatriot: "The National Youth Cyber Education Program created by the Air Force Association to inspire K-12 students toward careers in cybersecurity or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to our nation's future."

StellarXplorers: "A space system design competition involving all aspects of system development and operation with a spacecraft and payload focus."

Both programs are in full swing, with competitions ongoing. CyberPatriot will again hold camps in the summer of 2021, with several locations across Colorado. Camp registration begins in the new year and we'll have a complete list of Colorado locations.

It's not too early to start thinking about next year's StellarXplorers competition! Registration begins next fall. Will the next national champion be from Colorado? For more information on either CyberPatriot or StellarXplorers, email us at: lancepsijanafa@gmail.com.

Coming in early 2021: virtual CyberGenerations program!

CyberGenerations: "A cyber safety initiative geared toward keeping senior citizens safe online." Want to keep your older loved ones safe from scammers, password hackers, and other online threats? CyberGenerations can help! We will hold a virtual course in early 2021 with first priority going to AFA members and their families.

Are you a cyber wizard? If so, we'd love your expertise. To get involved as an instructor, email us at: lancepsijanafa@gmail.com. The course material is provided. Scholarships! Get your scholarships!

Are you or someone you know in the market for a scholarship? Check out the AFA website (<https://www.afa.org/education/scholarships>) to see a list of available opportunities.

The scholarship values range from \$1,000 up to \$10,000. There are general STEM-focused awards, as well as tailored opportunities for Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings (AAS/SW), dentistry students, pilots; and daughters of Active, Guard, or Reserve Air Force or Space Force members pursuing a bachelor's degree in a STEM field.

Applications are being accepted *NOW* through 30 April 2021. Don't wait! Apply today!



Wings Over the Rockies and Exploration of Flight

Contributed by Joe Baldwin

If you live in the Rocky Mountain area and are interested in interactive exhibits involving the experience of flight, flying in a light aircraft, adding aviation related materials and experiences to your students' curriculum, participating in monthly fly-ins featuring planes and pilots, or exposing your kids (or yourself!) to the wonders of flight and space, then Wings Over the Rockies and the Exploration of Flight center in Denver are for you!

In July 2018, Wings Over the Rockies opened its Exploration of Flight at one of the nation's most active general aviation airports in Centennial, Colorado to honor the importance of the aerospace frontier, celebrate aerospace as a cornerstone of American culture; and inspire the development of future aerospace leaders and the next generation of pilots, air traffic controllers, mechanics, and other vital aviation personnel. Wings Over the Rockies is a Colorado based non-profit organization dedicated to educating and inspiring people about aviation and space endeavors of the past, present, and the future. It promotes the past at its Air and Space Museum located on the former Lowry Air Force Base, Denver. The museum hosts displays of military and general aviation aircraft, aerospace collections, and archives; and the future at the Exploration of Flight at Centennial airport.



Exploration of Flight provides a unique experience involving all dimensions of the flight. It includes the 19,000 square foot Boeing Blue Sky Aviation Gallery located on an active flight ramp at Centennial Airport that enables participants to explore interactive exhibits including a tumbling gyro chair and wind tunnel, pilot-quality flight simulators, and a virtual reality flight experience. Visitors can also listen to communications between the tower and pilots, observe ramp and flying operations, and more. All of this is available for a modest guest pass ticket ranging from \$4.00 to \$10.00 or an annual individual membership ranging from \$30.00 to \$45.00.

Exploration of Flight also is establishing the Ozmen Black Sky Space Gallery at the Centennial airport campus. The facility will use the latest exhibit and industry technology to take visitors on an incredible journey through the solar system and beyond, illuminating space exploration.

Through a partnership with the Aspen Flying Club, Wings over the Rockies offers discovery flights for visitors to the Exploration of Flight. This experience entails classroom and practical learning about instruments and controls in a single-engine general aviation trainer (such as a Cessna 182), helping the pilot perform pre-flight inspection of the aircraft, then enjoying a one-hour flight across the Front Range wearing a headset so you can listen to your pilot and air traffic control.

Additionally, Colorado educators can volunteer to become a Teacher Envoy and serve as an official Wings Over the Rockies ambassador for the student body of his or her school in order to help inspire the next generation of aviation and space professionals. Teacher Envoys are provided access to an online resource library complete with aviation and space-based lesson plans and activities that enable them to provide students with information on educational and career opportunities in aerospace activities. Teacher Envoys can deliver one-on-one and group presentations to students on the resources and attractions of the Air and Space Museum and Exploration of Flight center, distribute free-admission Museum passes to encourage student visits, participate in periodic Teacher Envoy development opportunities, and attend exclusive events. It all begins with new Teacher Envoys enjoying a free 20-minute flight in the Wings' 1930s vintage Stearman biplane or other unique aircraft.

Wings Over the Rockies also sponsors several youth programs to promote interest in air and space careers.

The Little Wings program for children ages 2-4 (with a parent or guardian) presents a monthly themed early learner program in the kids' zone at the Air and Space Museum. The program includes a reading of an aerospace children's book and a hands-on STEM activity.

Wings Explorers provides a hands-on learning experience for children ages 5-7, and includes a monthly lesson, book reading, and a take home project. Participants receive an Explorer Passport and a sticker in the passport for each activity they attend, then receive a special Junior Astronaut License at the end of the year if they attend six activities.

Wings Aerospace Pathways helps prepare participants in grade

s 6-12 for careers in aerospace and beyond through experiential learning in a real-world context at Exploration of Flight. This two-semester program enables students to find out first-hand what it takes to succeed in the aerospace industry.

Air and Space Camps at the Air and Space Museum occur during the summer for 8-13-year-olds. The camps immerse them in a week-long themed aerospace experience that include such activities as flying drones and learning about deep space travel.

In a partnership with Experimental Aircraft Association's (EAA's) Young Eagles program, Wings Over the Rockies offers free flights for kids ages 8-17. On the third Saturday of each month, youngsters can experience their first flight with a certified Colorado pilot. Additionally, Wings Over the Rockies hopes to renew a flight training scholarship program that enables middle and high school students to work toward a glider, sport, or private pilot certificate.



While the events of 2020 have impacted some of the above activities, Wings Over the Rockies continues to conduct many of them with due regard for protective measures against coronavirus. More information can be found at the following web sites: www.wingsmuseum.org and www.explorationofflight.org.

Events Around Your Sijan Chapter Community

Sijan Chapter President's Son on the Path to Be a Pilot

Isaiah Bryant joined Civil Air Patrol Sept 2017 with aspirations and goals to be a pilot. He set a goal to learn leadership through the CAP program and has held positions as Flight Sergeant and Flight Commander where he has led, mentored and developed a flight of 15-20 cadets. He developed his skill in lecture and instruction and in his Cadet Aero Space Education position, he helped increase the cadets understanding of AeroSpace and as a result helped over 20 cadets advance in rank. He was selected to be the 2018 Colorado Wing (COWG) Encampment Flight 1st Sergeant where he was responsible for 22 Cadets. Isaiah just achieved a big milestone as he accomplished the Billy Mitchell Achievement Award and obtained the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. He has logged over 64 hours in flight and will soon have his private pilot's license by the beginning of 2021. As he looks to join the United States Air Force and follow in the footsteps of his Great-Grandfather, Grandfather and Father, he will become a 4th generation military member. He truly has made this family proud and we thank the Lord for bringing him into our lives, for there is no limit to what this young man can do.



Bryant Family

Promotion of MSgt Angelo Bryant to Senior Master Sergeant

In a time when everything seems to be done virtually, that includes promotions, so we were able to share via facebook in the promotion ceremony for our Sijan Chapter President, Angelo Bryant. On December 18th, now SMSgt Bryant invited the AFA members to view this well-deserved step up to the next rank. SMSgt Bryant and his predecessor, Chief Doc Apodaca, have energized the enlisted community of Peterson and Schriever to recognize the value of AFA membership as our membership numbers have swelled. SMSgt Bryant brings a wealth of new ideas and innovation to move the Chapter into 2021, discovering new methods for reaching out to educate, advocate and support the Air Force and the Space Force through AFA.

We are proud of our Chapter President and are fully confident that our military members will flourish under his leadership, just as the Sijan Chapter has. Congratulations!!!!



Events Around Your Sijan Chapter Community

In Memory of Mr. Peter Teets

Mr. Peter Teets passed away on 29 Nov 2020. He was former undersecretary and Acting Secretary of the Air Force, head of the National Reconnaissance Office and president and chief operating officer of Lockheed Martin Corporation and a Lance P. Sijan Chapter member.

Condolences may be sent to:

The Teets Family
9730 Highland Glen Pl
COS, CO 80920-2438

Remembering Our Veterans

On Veterans Day, November 11, 2020, the Air Force Association Lance P. Sijan Chapter #125 participated in a Veterans Day wreath laying at Memorial Park in Colorado Springs. Individual veterans' organizations laid wreaths at their respective military services or designated unit memorials. The event was organized and conducted by the Colorado Chapter of the Special Forces Association. The picture shows AFA member Col Paul L Bailey, USAF (Ret) laying the Chapter wreath at the Air Force Memorial dedicated to all who served in the United States Air Force in the Pikes Peak region.



Congratulations to our Executive Board new Space Force Members

Changes are occurring rapidly at Peterson and Schriever! Some of our Executive Board Members are wearing their new uniform tapes proclaiming their transition into the Space Force. Congratulations to Angelo Bryant, President; Tim Crouch, Professional Organization Liaison, and Doc Apodaca, Past President.

There are a total of 60 E-8's and 30 E-9's in the Space Force, so SMSgt Bryant, SMSgt Crouch and Chief Apodaca are part of team that will have the responsibility to build the foundational enlisted structure of the new Service. We have over 60 years of collected Air Force service and now paving the way for the next generation as Space Professionals. This transition and many like it are how Sijan Chapter is showing our devotion to a total force message.



Tim Crouch & Angelo Bryant



Doc Apodaca



Retiree Assistance Information

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 scouter62@gmail.com. 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 <https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/> 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: <https://www.facebook.com/military.1source/>.

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

Information for TRICARE beneficiaries is found at: <https://www.tricare.mil/coronavirus>

Commissary resources and information is found at: <https://commissaries.com/coronavirus>

Financial Readiness information and resources are found here:

<https://finred.usalearning.gov/COVID19-Resources>



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

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, Shierae Bryan at (719) 556-1255 or shierae.e.bryan.mil@mail.mil.

Community Partner Highlight

Fidelity Mortgage Solutions:

Fidelity Mortgage Solutions is a local mortgage brokerage firm focused on finding solutions to individual mortgage needs and situations. In today's environment, they can help electronically, by phone or in person. The company specializes in home purchases and refinances with Government backed loans such as FHA, VA, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. As a brokerage firm, clients are not tied to one source of financing. The FMS team does the shopping for you via 10 different nationwide and local lenders to offer the best rates and programs available. Led by Quinn White, all brokers are fully licensed through the state of Colorado and registered nationally. Check them out at their website fidelitymortgagesolutions.com or with the state at www.dora.state.co.us/realestate. The FMS website provides a "mortgage 101" tutorial to assist in planning for financing a home. Better yet, call directly at 719-886-2752 for personal assistance from Quinn or one of his team. They are located at Fidelity Mortgage Solutions, 15455 Gleneagle Drive, Suite 230, Colorado Springs CO 80921 NMLS # 476792.



Lance P. Sijan Is Looking for Volunteers

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Your Lance P. Sijan Chapter relies on dedicated volunteers for our projects and contributions to the Air Force Family. We urge you all to consider volunteering with your Air Force Association. The AFA, like every other like-minded organization here in town, needs help. We need people dedicated to our mission, anxious to ensure we are visible and committed to our community and our Air Force family. Don't worry about whether or not there will be anything for you to do...there's plenty to go around. So please join us. Come to our monthly Board meetings, or just call one of us to let us know you're available. We'd love to see you! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Doc Apodaca at LancePSijanAFA@gmail.com to learn more. These are great networking and volunteer opportunities!

Volunteer Spotlight

Paul Bailey served thirty years in the US Air Force in duty positions of strategic missiles, space operations & planning and intelligence both in the United States and overseas in every level of unit from Operating Location to Combatant Command. Following his retirement from the Air Force, he served with several companies supporting the Department of Defense both in the United States and overseas in Germany and Afghanistan. He is a Life Member of AFA and has been a member of several AFA Chapters serving as Chapter Secretary and Chapter Vice President. He was also competitively selected to serve on an AFA Advisory Council to the Chief of Staff while still in the Air Force. He is married to the former Deborah Denison and has two adult children, son Scott, a member of the Space Force and daughter Jillian, a Social Worker in Colorado Springs. Paul and Deborah also have one granddaughter, Reagan, whom they help care for and provide support for on-line schooling.



Volunteer activities for the last quarter:

Our Volunteers in Action

October – Pampered Chef Scholarship Fundraiser – Angelo Bryant, Gerald Morrey

19 Oct – SNCOA/Air Force ROTC Mentoring Panel for 55 Cadets (Virtual)—Angelo Bryant

24-25 Oct – Academy Appointment interviews/Congressman Buck's office – Linda Aldrich

31 Oct – State Meeting – Jerry White, Joan Sell, Caty Rozema

11 Nov - Colorado Springs Veterans Day Ceremony at Memorial Park - Paul Bailey

14 Nov - Armies/Silver Wings District Conclave – Angelo Bryant, Linda Aldrich, Caty Rozema

6 Oct, 3 Nov, 1 Dec Character Development Instructor for 57 Civil Air Patrol Cadets (Virtual)—Angelo Bryant

22 Dec - Jingle and Mingle Virtual Holiday Reception – Sijan Chapter sponsors in partnership with AFCEA, NDIA, AIAA, and Space Force Association

4th Quarter- Thank you to the generous donations from MSgt (ret) Janice R. Geuting and Caty Rozema for the contributions to honor CCAF Pitsenbarger recipients.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Points of Interest & Upcoming Events

- 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: membership@afa.org
- To join AFA or renew your membership, visit: www.afa.org
- For details on your AFA member benefits, go to: <https://www.afa.org/afa/memberbenefits>

LANCE P. SIJAN CHAPTER MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

SIJAN SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS BIGINS:

Place: Virtual.
Date: January 2021
Time: N/A

1ST QUARTER STATE AFA MEETING:

Place: Virtual.
Date: February 2021
Time: TBD

SCHRIEVER ESSAY CONTEST:

Place: Virtual.
Date: March 2021
Time: N/A

RESCHEDULED IMAGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Place: USAFA
Date: August 18, 2021
Time: TBD

AIR FORCE/SPACE FORCE BALL: (SAVE THE DATE)

Place: Broadmoor
Date: 18 September 2021
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



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