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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,

As we embrace 2021 with hopes that we are turning the corner on a crippling 2020, we send a solidified prayer of hope for each and every one of you. We are starting of this year as strong as ever and have been increasing our scheduled events as national and local law have allowed. We have an extremely dedicated core of volunteers, but as with any military affiliated organization, some of our members have been tagged with assignments and are moving on to new assignments pastures just at a time where we need to be visible and relevant as Space Force celebrates its first year under the Department of the Air Force. In particular, we are looking for someone to organize our social media platform and general membership meetings so as many members as possible can join together to become re-acquainted with the Sijan Chapter in 2021. As some of you may have been wondering about the Air Force Ball, we are locked in for 18 Sept 21 at the Broadmoor, and if you interested to give a helping hand please reach out to afbball.lancepsijanafa@gmail.com.

In this technological age, we are looking for Cyber minded individuals with expertise to mentor a student through our StellarXplorers team, a CyberPatriot team or become a volunteer at a Cyber Generations and CyberCamp this summer. Are you eager to engage with the world again? How about assisting our Community Partner Vice President in contacting local business for their support? We are always seeking Arnold Air Society, Silver Wings, or Angel Flight alumni to mentor or reach our local cadets. If you are interested please contact us and we can get you in touch with our local school leadership. 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. Joins our efforts to bridge the gaps and lead and mentor our next generation to success.

As our nation is turning the corner on the Pandemic, we have a couple of opportunities for some of you get involved. As we are losing some of our key players on our amazing core team due to PCS season, we still need to support to our Airmen, Guardians and their families. Please consider reaching out to me at michael.bryant.10@spaceforce.mil or to any of our Chapter officers to help us keep the Lance P. Sijan Chapter strong, more relevant, and fully capable of embracing our Air Force and Space Force membership. We are determined to make a difference in our local community and need your support to keep hope alive.

Special Mention: Please join me in congratulating our Sijan Chapter Vice President, Senior Master Sergeant Gearld Morey, who just received the Space Operations Command 2021 Spirit of Hope Award! This award is presented to men, women and organizations of the United States Armed Forces, entertainers and other distinguished Americans and organizations whose patriotism and service reflect Bob Hope's service. "G", well deserved, my friend! We are rooting for him as he competes at the Air Force-level.

Also to the unwavering support of our Community Partners that have helped us remain active. We were able to show our love and admiration for a few of our Community Partners over the Christmas break and hope to engage with more of you as the year proceeds. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support as we battled through our time of separation.



Out of Cycle Elections/Appointments

Due to Gerald Morey, Chapter Vice President, and Justin Althouse, Chapter Treasurer, having upcoming military moves, the Chapter needs to fill the positions of Vice President and Treasurer. The following individuals have expressed their interest in filling these positions. If there are no further applications presented to Chapter President, Angelo Bryant, these individuals will be confirmed by consent of the current Executive Board. Thank you to Gerald for all the efforts to clean up our Constant Contact lists and get the announcements out to all our members, plus thank you to Justin for applying all his military financial skills to putting our Sijan treasurer and tax records in perfect order. Best wishes for your next assignments.

Colonel Paul L Bailey, USAF (Ret) (Candidate for Chapter Vice President)

Paul L Bailey has supported the Air Force Association as a member, as a competitively selected member of the AFA/USAF Planning and Advisory Staff to the Chief of Staff, USAF, as a Chapter Secretary and Inaugural Member of the AFA Chapter at the US Naval War College, Lance Sijan Chapter Vice President for Veterans Affairs leading a presentation ceremony awarding Vietnam Era Service Pins to local veterans, and as Lance Sijan Chapter Vice President for Community Affairs and Colorado AFA State Vice President for Government Affairs.

He spent 30 years in the USAF in the strategic missile, intelligence, space and planning career fields on active duty, reserve duty, and as a mobilized officer supporting both DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM and Kosovo Operation ALLIED FORCE. He served his initial duty assignment as a Strategic Air Command Titan II Crew Commander and Deputy Crew Commander at Little Rock AFB following initial missile training at Sheppard AFB, TX and Operational Readiness Training at Vandenberg AFB, CA. He transitioned to the Intelligence Career Field with training at Lowry AFB, CO and later assignments at Hurlburt Field, FL and Eglin AFB focused on computer intelligence support and electronic warfare. He served overseas at Osan AB, Republic of Korea on a remote tour of duty at the HQ 314th Air Division. He finished his active duty at the HQ Air Mobility Command Intelligence staff at Scott AFB where he transitioned to the Air Intelligence Agency Reserve Program at HQ US Transportation Command and later at the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington DC.

He again transitioned to be a US Army Civilian Intelligence/Counterintelligence Specialist at the US Army Intelligence Threat Analysis Center and later at the US Army Materiel Command in Washington DC, later serving on the Pentagon Air Staff as a USAF Intelligence Civilian focused on strategic offensive/defensive systems and US and Allied space systems at the AF Intelligence Support Agency, then transitioning as a Civilian Intelligence Specialist at the Defense Intelligence Agency. While there, he was mobilized to serve on active duty in Washington DC, Hickam AFB at HQ Pacific Air Forces and Stuttgart, Germany at the US European Command. As a Defense Intelligence Agency Civilian Intelligence Specialist, he later served on the staffs of HQ US Space Command/North American Aerospace Defense Command and finally at HQ US Northern Command/ North American Aerospace Defense Command finishing his civilian career as a GG-15. He also concluded his US Air Force military career with assignments to Air Force Space Command and later at the 90th Space Wing, as the senior reserve officer overseeing 58 reservists assigned to the Wing. He retired as a Colonel at F.E. Warren AFB with 30 years of service. Following his government service as both a USAF Officer and Senior Civilian, he served as a Defense Intelligence contractor at HQ US Africa Command in Germany, as a Counter Intelligence specialist with the Joint Field Office at Camp Phoenix, Afghanistan, at HQ US Special Operations Command as a Weapons of Mass Destruction analytic planner and finally as staff planner at the National Security Agency/HQ US Cyber Command at Ft Meade, MD where he concluded his multiple careers with forty years of service to the nation. Throughout his multiple careers and at numerous locations, he has supported the Air Force Association in many different roles and now as a retired Air Force Officer and Government Civilian. He looks forward to continuing to serve through new roles with the Air Force Association.

MSgt Brylie Button (Candidate for Chapter Treasurer)

My name is Brylie Button and I am assigned to the 21st Medical Group as an additional duty first sergeant. I have been in the Air Force for 13 years and I am originally from Maine. I am single and have two kids who have four legs named Bo and ZsaZsa! My hobbies include anything outdoors, hiking, skiing, working out, Netflix and chill with snacks, or doing puzzles. For the last 10 years, I have served in multiple treasurer positions, with the most recent being the Pikes Peak Top III. I am looking to expand my involvement with an AFA chapter to serve a larger population and make a bigger impact. I feel the foundation I've created will contribute to make a strong team even stronger.



Sijan Chapter Special Events

WE WANT YOU!

to take part in our chapter's initial session of
AFA's CyberGenerations program

Who: Anyone 55 years wise and older

What: AFA's CyberGenerations program equips attendees with the knowledge and skills to stay protected from cyber crimes

Topics covered include: Introduction to Cybersecurity, Password Management, Common Internet Threats, Internet Scams and Fraud, Social Media Safety

When: Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:30, 28 April – 19 May 2021

Where: Either Peterson AFB or in the comfort of your home (COVID-19 restrictions-dependent)

Why: Because we value your safety, whether you're cruising the streets or cruising the internet.

Cost: FREE!

For more information or to register email:
lancepsijanafa@gmail.com
or call Caty Rozema: 719-358-0223



Win a 2-night stay in Breckenridge and have your artwork featured on the cover of the Air Force Ball program cover!



2021 ART CONTEST

Click the above 2021 Art Contest picture for more details or copy below web address into your browser
<https://www.lancepsijanafa.org/af-ball-cover-contest/>



2021 Air Force Ball Cover Art Contest

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THEME

“Celebrating the Total Force”

WINNING ART WORK TO BE
FEATURED ON
THE AIR FORCE BALL PROGRAM COVER
AT THE BROADMOOR HOTEL
SEP 18, 2021

AND
THE LANCE P SIJAN AFA WEBSITE
WWW.LANCEPSIJANAF.AORG

AFBALL.LANCEPSIJANAF.A@GMAIL.COM



WIN A 2-NIGHT
STAY IN
BRECKENRIDGE!

ALL AGES ARE
ENCOURAGED TO
PARTICIPATE

FORMATS
ACCEPTED
Drawing, Painting,
Mixed-media, or
Digital

SUBMIT ENTRIES
Feb 1-Apr 1, 2021

WINNER TO BE
ANNOUNCED
May 15, 2021

FOR ENTRY DETAILS
VISIT OUR WEBSITE
OR EMAIL US

2021 Scholarships Application

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 2021-22 academic year. High School students selected for full scholarships that will be awarded in 2021, 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 <https://www.lancepsijanafa.org/#>, to apply for a 2021 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:

During the COVID-19 pandemic, do you think the use of the United States military (Active, Reserve, National Guard) at the federal and state level for distribution of the vaccine is a proper and effective use of the military?

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

Scholarship applications must be postmarked by 1 April 2021. Each scholarship recipient will be notified of his/her selection no later than 7 May 2021. Recipients will receive their scholarship checks via mail no later than 4 June 2021.

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

Click or copy this link into your browser for more details: <https://www.lancepsijanafa.org/media-embeds/>



Scholarships



Are you or someone in your family pursuing higher education? If so, be sure to check out AFA's scholarships! There are great opportunities that range in focus from \$1,000 to full tuition. Yes! You read that right! There are tailored awards based on area of study, and some dedicated for children of service members.

There is a brand-NEW award- the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial Scholarship - for you to check out as well. Click here <https://www.afa.org/education/scholarships> to learn more and apply. Are you currently getting a degree with the help of an AFA scholarship? We would love to hear from you! Email us at: lancepsijanafa@gmail.com to tell us how your studies are going.

Registration for the 2021 season of AFA CyberCamps is now open !

Registration for AFA CyberCamps will close on May 1, 2021.

CyberPatriot offers two types of camps:

Standard camps are designed for beginner students who have little or no prior experience with cybersecurity. The cost for the standard camp curriculum is \$1,150.

Advanced camps are for students with previous knowledge of cybersecurity. Any student who has participated in CyberPatriot's national youth cyber defense competition is a prime candidate for an advanced camp. The cost for the advanced camp curriculum is \$1,450. For both camp types, CyberPatriot provides the curriculum (PowerPoint with instructor notes), instructor guide, student workbook, demonstration images, and competition images. For the summer of 2021 AFA CyberCamps can be held in-person or virtually. We ask that any in-person camps please follow CDC guidance and any local regulations in regard to COVID-19. The host organization is responsible for supplying the instructor(s), facility or digital platform, computers (if in-person), and is also responsible for managing camp attendee registration. Hosts may choose to have a camp during any of the available weeks:

- Week 1: June 7-11
- Week 2: June 14-18
- Week 3: June 21-25
- Week 4: July 12-16
- Week 5: July 19-23
- Week 6: July 26-30
- Week 7: August 2-6

Interested in hosting a CyberCamp? We're happy to give you : lancepsijanafa@gmail.com

Click here for more information: [2021 CyberCamp Information](#)

StellarXplorers VII Competition Is Heating Up!

Congratulations to Pueblo County High School on their first-place finish in the central region. Not familiar with StellarXplorers- the challenging, space system design competition involving all aspects of system development and operation with a spacecraft and payload focus? Click here for information: [StellarXplorers Information](#) Want to start a team? Reach out to the StellarXplorers staff with questions: stellarxplorers@afa.org

Mitchell Institute Continues to Deliver

Have you checked out the latest Mitchell Institute podcast? Do you know what's next on the agenda? Click here for information: <https://www.mitchellaerospacepower.org/> Not familiar with the Mitchell Institute? Check out its mission: The Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies is an independent, nonpartisan policy research institute established to provide creative,

insightful policy options that better empower our nation's leaders by:

- Informing the national security debate,
- Educating about aerospace power's unique role in securing America's global interests, and
- Cultivating air minded talent.

Quite often this involves questioning established doctrine, organizational constructs, and operational concepts, asking whether there is a better way to meet desired goals. The Mitchell Institute provides independent, sound analysis outlining the right solutions in the aerospace domain to protect our nation.



Events at Wings of the Rockies Explorations of Flight



Looking for something to do with the kiddos? Head up to Denver for Wings Over the Rockies' monthly fly-ins. The first Saturday of each month features planes, pilots, and breakfast!

Barrett & Pratt Provisions food truck is on site. Swing on by to watch aircraft fly in, talk with pilots, and explore interactive exhibits and simulators. The next event is April 3.

For more information or to purchase tickets, click here:

[Exploration of Flight Monthly Fly-In](#)
13005 Wings Way Englewood, CO 80112



Stop by and say hi to our Mile High Chapter!



Meet Civil Air Patrol (CAP) members and learn about what they do!

First Ever Space Force JROTC Units!

Headquarters Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (HQ AFJROTC), in union with the U.S. Space Force, recently designated 10 desired JROTC units from across the country to transform into the first-ever Space Force JROTC units. The inception of the USSF as the newest military service, that protects U.S. and allied interests in space and provides space capabilities to the joint force, was the catalyst for these conversions.

Effective the Fall of 2021, the following schools will make history as the ten specifically chosen to be the inaugural cohort of high school SFJROTC units: Arlington Career Center, Arlington, VA; Del Norte High School, Albuquerque, NM; Durango High School, Las Vegas, NV; **Falcon High School, Falcon, CO**; Huntsville High School,

Huntsville, AL; Klein High School, Spring, TX; Shadow Mountain High School, Phoenix, AZ; Space Coast Jr/Sr High School, Cocoa, FL; The Academy for Academic Excellence, Apple Valley, CA; and Warren County High School, Warrenton, NC.

Considerations for unit selection included school proximity to Space bases, facilities, and centers of influence, for example, Space Command Headquarters, NASA, Missile Defense Agency, etc., or current instructor cadre with prior space operations experience. A celebratory media event is being planned to commemorate this historic event. For more information contact AFJROTC Public Affairs at christian.hodge.1@us.af.mil



State Officer Emeritus

Congratulations Jeri Andrews, State Officer Emeritus

At the Colorado State Convention business meeting, August 2020, an amendment to the State constitution was introduced, seconded, and proceeded to a vote. The newly implemented amendment established a new category of State officers, an honorary title for Emeritus Officers. The criteria for the honorary title is:

1. Members, who have expressed a desire to remain actively involved, that have served ten years of accumulated service at the State and Chapter level, six of which were served as a member of the Colorado State Board of Directors.
2. They may: a) Attend Board of Directors meetings and participate as desired. b) Chair or serve on committees. c) Receive notification of all Chapter and State activities.
3. Board Members Emeriti provide the Association with a highly qualified group of individuals with varied experience and valued wisdom. They are expected to be strong advocates for the objectives of the Association and serve, individually and collectively, in senior advisory and consultant status at the State and Chapter level.
4. Selection is required, by the State Executive Board, no more than once a year in the 30 days prior to the annual State Convention.



National Officer Emeritus Joan Sell congratulating Jeri Andrews at her Emeritus presentation

Upon acceptance of the amendment to the constitution, a nomination for the first Emeritus Officer was received and seconded. The Air Force Association in Colorado is proud to announce the first Emeritus Officer, Ms. Jeri Andrews. Due to COVID and virtual meetings, the presentation was long delayed, but Jeri arrived at a lunch with friends on Friday, March 12th, not knowing that a surprise presentation awaited her. Linda Aldrich, State President, and Caty Rozema, State Aerospace Vice President arrived with a certificate, AFA badge and the citation listed below. Congratulations Jeri and thank you for so many years of dedicated service to the Air Force Association!

Citation to accompany the award of Colorado Air Force Association Officer Emeritus status to Jeri Andrews.

Whereas the State Executive Board has determined State Officer Emeritus status may be bestowed by the vote of the Executive Board, the Colorado State Air Force Association proudly bestows the title of State Officer Emeritus upon Ms. Jeri Andrews. Ms. Jeri Andrews exceeds the requirements of having served ten years of accumulated service at the State and Chapter level, six of which were served as a member of the Colorado State Board of Directors. Ms. Andrews served at State Treasurer from 2011 to 2020, State Vice President of Plans and Programs from 2005 to 2010, and Colorado Aerospace Education Foundation Secretary from 2001 to 2004. At the Chapter level she has served as a Chapter Air Force Ball Committee Member and Chapter Community Partner Vice President successively for many years. At the State Level she has been recognized with a State Medal of Merit, State Exceptional Service Award, President's Citation and Exceptional Service Award. At the National level, she was among the limited numbers who have received the National Medal of Merit and National Exceptional Service Award. Ms. Andrews has provided, and will continue to provide, valued wisdom to the Association, as well as advocating for the objectives of the Air Force Association. Congratulations and well deserved Colorado Officer Emeritus Jeri Andrews.



Capitalizing on Air Force Heritage to Inspire Youth

Contributed by Joe Baldwin

There are many episodes in the annals of Air Force history that could be utilized to inspire young Americans to excel and overcome adversity. But few are as relevant to today's challenges as the proud legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen and the Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP).

The heroic efforts of the Tuskegee Airmen and WASP aviators laid the foundation for the U.S. Air Force to become the leading Service in fully integrating minorities and women into its ranks over the past 74 years, culminating in the first African-American chief of staff and the first female senior enlisted advisor of all the Services, as well as female aviators piloting combat aircraft and leading combatant units and commands.

The Commemorative Air Force® (CAF) RISE ABOVE® program draws on this pivotal Air Force heritage to encourage young people to adopt the principles that motivated these stalwart patriots to succeed despite all odds against them. The RISE ABOVE program provides a variety of resources that individuals can draw upon to educate and motivate their children or grandchildren, and that educators can utilize to encourage their students to overcome obstacles and pursue their dreams.

Some may have observed key elements of these resources at the Pikes Peak Regional Airshow in September 2019, which included the CAF Red Tail Squadron's restored P-51C Mustang emblazoned with 332d Fighter Group colors (to include the famous red tail) and the RISE ABOVE Traveling Exhibit. That exhibit now accommodates up to 30 visitors and displays on a 160-degree panoramic screen the compelling short films "Rise Above: Red Tail" and "Rise Above: WASP." These films create the feeling of being in a cockpit soaring above the clouds. Typically, the exhibit is deployed to airshows in conjunction with the Red Tail P-51C; however, CAF RISE ABOVE also conducts "off the tarmac" activities that entail sending the exhibit to communities to visit schools, museums, and special events in order to bring the inspirational messages of the Tuskegee Airmen and WASP to young and old alike.

Additionally, CAF RISE ABOVE provides a variety of educational and historical resources on its website (<https://cafriseabove.org/>) and most can be downloaded free of charge. Its educational outreach program is founded on the Six Guiding Principles® reflected in the efforts and achievements of the Tuskegee Airmen and WASP:

- Aim High
- Believe in Yourself
- Use Your Brain
- Be Ready to Go
- Never Quit
- Expect to Win

The CAF RISE ABOVE program curates and offers innovative resources and materials for parents/grandparents, teachers and youth leaders to help bring alive the lessons of the Tuskegee Airmen and the WASP in the classroom to inspire students of all ages. These include:

- Descriptions of how the Six Guiding Principles were reflected in the efforts of the Tuskegee Airmen and WASP.
- No cost resource kits that provide activities, Power Point presentations, articles, posters, photos, booklets, and reference materials that can be used for lesson planning and classroom instruction.
- A Virtual Museum made up of photos, artifacts, and information pertaining to the Tuskegee Airmen and WASP that have been submitted from around the country.
- A Profiles section on Tuskegee Airmen and WASP that feature individual stories of courage, self-reliance, and perseverance.
- On-demand webinars involving interviews with Tuskegee pilots Charles McGee and Harold Brown.
- Resource kits, inspiration packs, booklets, DVDs, dog tags with the Six Guiding Principles, and other materials that are offered for purchase at cost.



Capitalizing on Air Force Heritage to Inspire Youth cont.

Also of note is the CAF's recent development of an educational program to support school systems rocked by the Covid pandemic. The no-cost RISE ABOVE Back-to-School Campaign is built upon the Six Guiding Principles and designed to inspire students to triumph in the face of adversity by learning about the experience of others who have succeeded against enormous odds – and provided within a timely back-to-school theme. Digital resources include an implementation guide, actionable plans and resources for teachers at all grade levels, and interviews with Tuskegee Airmen. Every effort has been made to ensure these free educational resources are aligned with the latest curriculum standards.

There are a variety of ways the Sijan Chapter and its members can capitalize on and promote the CAF RISE ABOVE program.

- Spread the word about the program to air show organizers, teachers, schools, school boards, and youth organizations.
 - (Note: RISE ABOVE aircraft and traveling exhibit can be scheduled by contacting CAF RISE ABOVE Senior Logistics Coordinator Kristi Younkin at logistics@redtail.org or 479-228-4520.)
- Volunteer to help schools and/or youth organizations implement educational elements of the RISE ABOVE program.
- Make a one-time or recurring donation to the CAF RISE ABOVE program.
- Purchase Tuskegee Airmen and WASP memorabilia, books and gifts from the RISE ABOVE online store.

Members also can become a CAF RISE ABOVE Ambassador and support the program remotely from their homes or participate in events conducted around the country. Possible activities for Ambassadors include:

- Serving as a regional contributor to the Virtual Museum.
- Researching and writing profiles for the Tuskegee Airmen and/or WASP.
- Helping develop additional materials to be included in Resource kits.
- Joining the RISE ABOVE traveling team to support its participation in airshows and off-tarmac activities around the country.
- Participating in nearby RISE ABOVE activities, such as its support for the World War II Era Ball at the Boulder Airport on June 19, 2021. (See <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/12th-annual-1940s-wwii-era-ball-tickets-86569213849>)
- Telling the story of the Tuskegee Airmen and WASP, describing how their examples of courage and dedication are relevant to the challenges of today's world.
(If interested in being an Ambassador, complete and submit the volunteer form at <https://cafriseabove.org/volunteer/>)

The CAF RISE ABOVE program conducted a limited number of activities during 2020, but it already is undertaking a busy schedule in 2021 with events across the country. (See <https://cafriseabove.org/events/>)

Given the AFA goal to “Remember, respect and honor our Air and Space Force heritage,” it seems quite appropriate that we in the Sijan Chapter seek opportunities to support the CAF RISE ABOVE program and thereby contribute to the development of strength and fortitude in area youth, promote an appreciation for Air Force heritage, and highlight the progress made in our Service over the past 74 years.



Around Your Sijan Chapter Community

Sijan Chapter Contributing Sponsor of the Military Spouse Resilience Workshop

The Sijan Chapter is proud to have been a sponsor of the Military Spouse Resilience Workshop, held virtually and led by Kristen Christy, former Sijan Chapter President. The purpose of the workshop was to equip military spouses with the armor needed for the battlefield called MILITARY LIFE so they feel protected, respected, and connected. Spouses of all branches/all statuses were invited to attend with the most distant attendant being from Alice Springs, Australia.

The 162 registrants were greeted by Second Lady of the United States, Mrs. Karen Pence. The registrants were joined by General officer and Chief spouses Laura Hyten, Mollie Raymond, Mary Thompson and Rachel Rush. After Ms. Christy shared her own story of survival after a spouse suicide, and numerous breakout sessions, the discussion led to positive decisions in many arenas for the participants.

Three individuals decided they would like to start their own business, 22 signed up for a Colorado Connect account through the workforce center in Colorado Springs, and eight expressed a desire to sign up for more of the Marriage Resources. And the list continues: one individual is getting help to start a non-profit; a dozen spouses plan to start their own group for financial resiliency and the free-flow of ideas will help many find resources within their own community.

Many of the spouses received scholarships to attend and a multitude of prizes were given out, to include a weekend at the Broadmoor. In addition to the comradery established through the workshop, many supportive connections were made and other installations may have similar workshops in the future. For further information, contact Kristen Christy at KLChristy@comcast.net

Services at Veterans Community Living Centers

WHO: Veterans, their spouses and widows and Gold Star parents

WHEN: If you experience an accident, injury or a change in your health condition, we provide short-term and long-term rehabilitation and nursing care. Under the direction of physicians, nurses and therapists, we provide a variety of programs and services to meet your health care needs. In addition, depending on location, we provide long-term care, memory care, assisted-living care, and cottage apartments.

HOW: Please feel free to call one of our Admission Coordinators to obtain additional information or to schedule a tour. We always have openings for visitors and volunteers! Division of Veterans Community Living Centers • 1575 Sherman Street • Denver, Colorado 80203 Phone: 303.866.6425 • www.colorado.gov/cdhs/veteranshomes



United Veterans Coalition of Colorado Newsletter

Click [here](#) to access the Newsletter

Or copy this link into browser:

<https://www.lancepsijanafa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/3-NL-Mar-20211.pdf>



US Space Force Staff Badge

As the US Space Force continues to grow, develop and mature, new insignia are being authorized that you may see on bases and in meeting and talking with Space Force members. Shown above is a new badge insignia listed as the US Space Force Staff Badge that has recently been authorized for selected staff positions. This may be useful to you in understanding the background and positions of Space Force members you may be interacting with.



Around Your Sijan Chapter Community cont.

Items Contributed by Paul Bailey

Colorado Springs Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo

The Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo has been a Colorado Springs tradition since 1937, showcasing the top rodeo talent and action, while providing wholesome entertainment for the Pikes Peak community to enjoy. Since 1946, the proceeds of the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo have been utilized to help support service members and their families in the Pikes Peak Region. The Colorado Springs Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo, that includes a Parade, is optimistically planned to be held on July 14-17, 2021 at the Norris-Penrose Event Center. Planning will continue with a sharp eye on COVID-related health conditions that dictate meeting size and spacing restrictions that could cancel the Rodeo and Parade again this year. You can monitor developments on the Rodeo events on their website at <http://www.pikespeakorbust.org/>, with some 2021 information already being posted.

Colorado Springs Memorial Day Ceremony

A ceremony to mark the 2021 Memorial Day at the Pikes Peak National Cemetery May 31, 2021 is tentatively being scheduled. The event in 2020 was a small event because of COVID restrictions, with only selected members of local Veterans organizations being invited. However, should the COVID restrictions on meeting size and spacing be lifted, the full Memorial Day event may be reinstated. No information is posted to date for 2021 at <https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/ceremony/> where there would be a menu item of 2021 Memorial Day Ceremonies under our State and Cemetery location. We will keep you posted on the status of the event where in the past, we have been one of the organizations that has laid a wreath at the ceremony.

Colorado Springs Veterans Day Parade

The 2020 Colorado Springs Veterans Day Parade was cancelled in 2020. Optimistically, the first planning meeting for the 2021 Colorado Springs Veterans Day Parade occurred on March 10, 2021. The 2021 Parade is scheduled for the first Saturday in November – November 6, 2021 at 10:00AM. Planning will continue with a sharp eye on COVID-related health conditions that dictate meeting size and spacing restrictions that could cancel the Parade again this year. The theme for the 2021 Parade is “The Greatest Generation.” You can monitor developments on the Parade on their website at www.csvetsparade.org and also register a parade participant in the near future, but no 2021 information has been posted to date.

K9 Veterans Day

A relatively new “Veterans Day” has begun to be celebrated on March 13, 2021. That day was “National K9 Veterans Day” in order to celebrate the anniversary of when the US military began formally training war dogs during WWII. War dogs were first used by the US military in WWI, using bred and trained war dogs supplied by the British and French. During that war, the canines could hear the whine of incoming shells before the troops, helping them to take shelter and also helped to find wounded soldiers. Today, canine K9s are used by every branch of the US military and are now trained for a number of different jobs to aid their units from explosive ordinance detection, security duties and combat tracking. Many K9 handlers state that it is important to respect the canines that have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. The K9s only want toys and just that love and feedback from the handler. They don’t volunteer for themselves. More on the history of these canine veterans can be found at the US War Dog Association website at:

<http://www.uswardogs.org/war-dog-history>.



Around Your Sijan Chapter Community cont.

Congratulations to our AFA State Secretary—Now a Guardian!

AFA State Secretary and Mile High Chapter Secretary Damita Stevens is now wearing her new uniform tape proclaiming her transition into the Space Force. Not only is Damita an outstanding AFA member but is off to a long and impressive career as a Guardian as well-evidenced by her nomination for the 2020 Twelve Outstanding Guardians of the Year. Damita stated, that as a Guardian, “You must always take with you the courage to explore the unknown and challenge the impossible...It is so important to develop our organization to meet the ever-changing demands of the future and better ourselves so we may be the premier choice for the bright-eyed and excited air, space, and cyber pioneers.”



Thank you, Damita, for being so vital to the service of AFA and congratulations for being on the team of foundation enlisted members of Space Force.

OBITUARY Frank Casserino

JULY 21, 1955 – JANUARY 4, 2021



Maj Gen (Ret) Frank J. Casserino, Jr., 65, passed away at home on January 4, 2021, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Frank was born on July 21, 1955, in the Bronx, NY, to Frank and Aida Casserino. After graduating from Lindenhurst High School, where he was an All-State linebacker, Frank attended the United States Air Force Academy, graduating in 1977 with a BS in Astronautical Engineering. In 1980 he earned an MBA from the University of Santa Clara, CA. Frank was a member of the Astronaut Program and was selected as the prime Payload Specialist for the space shuttle flight in September 1986. In 1993, he led the creation of a Reserve Spa Program, standing up the 7th Space Operations Squadron. In subsequent years, he created a Reserve space group, the 310th Space Group, and ultimately the 310th Space Wing. He is known throughout the United States Space Force as the “Father of the Reserve Space Program.”

Frank served in the United States Air Force at the Squadron, Group, Major Command, and Air Staff level. He commanded several organizations, leading his Airmen with the credo “Family of Professionals,” a term that endures across many reserve space organizations today. He retired from the United States Air Force on December 1, 2011. In his civilian career, Frank worked for the Aerospace Corporation as a space engineer and consultant for Air Force Space Command.

Frank was preceded in death by his father, Frank J. Casserino, Sr. He is survived by his wife Gloria, son Josh, and daughter Gina, mother Aida, and four siblings. Frank was a father figure, mentor, and leader to all who worked with him. He stood by his priorities of Faith, Family, and Service throughout his life and will be remembered as an individual who left an impact on all who knew and loved him. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials in memory of Frank J. Casserino be made to Officers’ Christian Fellowship at <https://www.ocfusa.org> or mail to Officers Christian Fellowship, 3784 South Inca Street, Englewood, CO 80110.



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 or Djandra Marquez, djandra.marquez@spaceforce.mil

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Thanks to APEX for being a Community Partner to the Lance P. Sijan Chapter and thanks to Allie Darling, Senior Account Manager, Apex Systems, for all the volunteer hours supporting the Total Force Ball coming up September 18, 2021



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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 activities for the last quarter:

Our Volunteers in Action:

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

- Jan 12 - (POC Dave Geuting) CCAF Graduation/Pitsenbarger Award (Thank you MSgt Janice Geuting , USAF, Retired, for your contribution to the Pitsenbarger Award recipient.)
- Jan 12 - (POC Dave Geuting) Combined Peterson/Schriever Education Services Office Opening
- Feb 6 - (Caty Rozema) Breakfast Fly-In at Wings Over the Rockies
- Mar 6 - (Linda Aldrich-Sijan/Mark "Yak" Maryak-Mel Harmon) Virtual Initial Flight Training Tour, Pueblo
- Mar 10 - (Dave Geuting) Schriever CCAF Graduation Check for 2020 Pitsenbarger Recipient
- Mar 12 - (Caty Rozema, Joan Sell) Emeritus Award Presentation to Jeri Andrews
- Mar 25 - (Djandra Marquez, Shierae Bryan, Gayle Divine) –What's Happening in Space Event
- 2021 - (Willie Kalaskie) Treasurer of the Pikes Peak National Cemetery Support Committee.

Planned Events

- May 5 - (Paul Bailey) AFJROTC Award Presentation, Harrison HS
- May 10 - (Angelo Bryant) AFJROTC Award Presentation, Vista Ridge HS

Need a Volunteer to write articles for the Lance P. Sijan Newsletter

To All My AFA Friends, For more years than I can remember I have been tracking Lance P. Sijan activities to write about our events and put together the information contained each quarter in the Sijan newsletter. After so many years of being so closely tied to the Lance P. Sijan Chapter, my husband and I will be moving out of state. I will be continuing on until August as the Colorado State President and, since we're moving to Wyoming, I will be continuing on as the Rocky Mountain Region President. However, the Chapter needs someone with writing skills, editing skills, and a genuine interest in tracking down information for articles to create the Lance P. Sijan newsletters each quarter. I am most sincerely grateful to Caty Rozema for all the Aerospace Education articles, Paul Bailey for Veterans news, Joe Baldwin for retiree and history articles and Steve Base for information on USAFA activities. Also, a huge thank you goes to Bill Houth who finds ways to insert all the articles into a logical order to create a great newsletter for the Chapter members. Please let me know within the next month if you are interested in taking on this responsibility or if you know of anyone who would possibly like to use their creative talents for writing articles. Thank you, Linda Aldrich



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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: Announced each month

Date: Every 2nd Tuesday of each month / Time: 5:00pm

1ST QUARTER STATE MEETING:

Place: Weisbrod Aircraft Museum, Pueblo

Date: Saturday, March 27, 2021

Time: Meeting at 9:30am

CYBER GENERATIONS:

Place: Virtual.

Date: Wednesday, April 28 - May 19, 2021

Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

STATE CONVENTION

Place: American Legion, Pueblo, CO

Date: Saturday August 21, 2021

Time: Business Meeting at 9:30am; Awards Banquet 6:00pm

IMAGE 2021 TO BENEFIT STEM SCHOLARSHIP ACTIVITIES

Place: Eisenhower Golf Course, USAFA

Date: Wednesday August 18, 2021

Time: Registration and Breakfast starts at 6:30am; Shotgun start 8:00am

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

Place: Broadmoor

Date: Saturday 18 September 2021

Time: Reception at 5:00pm; Dinner at 5:45pm



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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!

We're on the Web!

www.lancepsijanafa.org

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.

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