

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, 9 March 2021, 5:00 – 6:00pm (Mountain)
Location: 110 W. Ent Ave (Medical Annex, Bldg 725), Peterson AFB, CO 80914;
Commander's Conference Room
Dial-in: Commercial: 1-301-909-7352
Access Code: 24732270

Attendees: Doug, Paul, MSgt Button, MSgt Althoff, SMSgt Bryant, Linda, Caty, Gayle, MSgt Jamie Lee, Bill, Willie

President's Comments/Update (Angelo Bryant)

- *Sanity Check:* looking out and taking care of one another—everyone is doing good; some have received their vaccinations
- *Training Update:* made a plug for the training; those who've taken it have given it great marks and it's helping them do their jobs better. Here is the website to accomplish the training;
<https://www.afa.org/membership/trainingmodules>
- NOTE: Please complete the survey to give our chapter credit. "BIG RED BUTTON"*
- *2021 Priorities update*
 - *Virtual/In-Person Membership Mar 25 update:* Radisson Hotel "What's happening in Space POC's MSgt Bryan and TSgt Marquez; invited 8 CMSgt's – 4 have reserved and ready to go
 - *Executive Council Member vacancy updates: Opening up through the end of Mar-Election vote in April.*
 - *State Convention update:* Mel Harmon Hosting we will Provide Seed Money to secure Venue; supporting like a Wing Man
 - *Social Media – Jennifer Miller;* social media is very important and prevalent in our society, so we'll revamp and update how we use it; get the most out of it that we can

Vice President's Comments/Update (Gerald Morey) ABSENT

- *Covid-19 updates:*
- *Constant Contact:* people are starting to receive info; use this platform for contacting, informing, etc. Angelo is going to look into emails not going to .mil accounts to see if it's an AFNET issue
- *Newsletter update:* start giving your inputs to the newsletter—pictures & articles; send to Linda

State President's Comments (Linda Aldrich)

- *Support for Space Committee --* Zoom or recording of membership meeting huge interest at National level in how to make AFA relevant to the Space Force; so the leadership want to Zoom in on it to see the interaction. They want to hear what the Chiefs have to say. We are looking at hosting on FACEBOOK Live
- *M365:* board members will get the email to sign up, so we all need to activate it
- *AAS/SW/Det contacts:* young person (Cadet Boyd) wants to help AFA; think about what we can have them do. They need some service hours and right now there's not a lot to do. Let Linda know of any ideas
- *State Convention:* State meeting is in Pueblo on 27 March; need people to attend; it's at the Aircraft Museum; need to support this event. August 21st—State Convention at the American Legion; need to know who to recognize at the State level. We are considering the COVID meeting restrictions and adhering to them
- Linda read off some names of folks to contact to see about joining—reach out to them

Treasurer's Report (Justin Althoff)

- *Monthly Report*: provided the amounts of checking, savings, and CDs; looking for address to send check for to Broadmoor for AF Ball (Cathy will connect the right person); received a check from Northrop for AF Ball; will be ready to support Membership Meeting and State Convention with funding; MSgt Button will help with transition

Secretary's Report (Doug Kendall)

- Took all the training—it really is very good; take the Survey to get credit

Vice Presidents' Reports:

VP, Membership (Kristen Christy) ABSENT

- *Reports for new members*: this position is open and is VERY important to be filled; we need to continue reaching out to people

VP, Community Partners (Shierae Bryan, DJ Marquez)

- *Update on overdue invoices*
- *Update on CP's as sponsors*

VP, Aerospace Education & Scholarships (Dave Geuting) ABSENT

- *Update on Schriever AFB scholarships & Teachers of the Year*: asked Bill to ensure website has UpToDate info on this. It's starting again
- *Re CCAF/Pitsenbarger Award update*

VP, Communications Report (Bill Houth)

- *Website update*: received a couple of articles for newsletter; he'll keep updating website including the last set of board minutes; monitoring the emails—Angelo asked to be added; Bill solicited people to send corrections that are needed on the website; social media needs to be updated
- Please send State Convention info so we can get it on the website

VP, Veteran's Affairs (Willie Kalaskie)

- *Upcoming events*: nothing to report; keeping in contact with his counterparts
- *Wreath update*: who has the stick on the Wreaths? We need it for December and need to decide what to spend; Angelo—you have the stick Willie; we already have a Memorial Wreath—that's getting remade by Zenia Apodaca; Paul—we're going to need it for Memorial Day—planning is already occurring. County Veteran's Council meets once per month—if we want to remain a member, it costs 10 cents per member (Paul will forward emails to Willie)

- Paul is attending a meeting tomorrow for the Veteran's Day parade; we could recruit cadets to participate; Paul knows a couple of other orgs—6 Jr ROTC units in town; could consider AFA medals

VP, Government Relations (Paul Bailey/Matt Dougherty) Matt ABSENT

- *Updates*: talked to Matt who has contacted Congressman Lambert who is trying to keep USSPACECOM in Colorado; it'll probably be this summer for the final decision; Senator Hickenlooper is establishing offices, but he's not really defense related; Senator Bennett isn't involved much in military or space;
- Linda: will they accept complimentary memberships? Paul doesn't know but plans to connect with their Washington DC offices

- Paul has a few slides for the Membership Meeting
- Do we want AFA to be a member of the Veteran's Affairs Association? (10 cents/ member for our 1,800+ members); taking it off line to determine
- Using cadets for the parade is a great idea

VP, Programs (Gayle/Brandi)

- *AF Ball Update*: hotel contracts all in place; has a lead for the entertainer, DJ & band—will follow up with Caty; Angelo will talk to his father who is an avid DJ in Texas; he will talk to see if he's available
- Justin did not get the tax papers from the hotel; Gayle will check on it
- Caty: looks like we'll get the ballroom earlier in the day which is great!
- Caty just addressed giving the second down payment
- Caty: Paul, with our VIP invite list, several offices reached out and responded; we need to get back on the calendars of the VIP (Bennet expressed interest as did others); we send invites to all elected officials (usually get one or two); Paul will coordinate with Caty to ensure Paul's package has the info
- Caty: special project at National level on strategic planning (meetings on Mondays) in which we're interested in engaging with the strategic plans—we may get solicited for feedback on the strategic plan (Linda requested Caty bring this up at the State Meeting)

VP, Community Relations (Timothy Crouch/ Paul Bailey) Tim is ABSENT

- *Update on Space Force*:

Other Business:

- *AF Ball Updates (Caty)*: **New Date is 18 September 2021**
- Working the O'Malley award—GREAT video; expect some good attendance
- There's a couple of new scholarships available; AFA webpage has info on it (Linda: put it in an article and submit for newsletter)
- Cyber Generation announcement is owed to Angelo; it's in April
- Angelo discussed the open positions on the AFA Sijan Board (he's received some interest already—Paul Bailey, MSgt Button, MSgt Yang)—so we're going to extend through the end of March. He will send out an email with the bios so we can vote at the Board meeting on 9 April
- Linda—will bring food at next Board meeting to celebrate her 70th Birthday

UPCOMING AFA EVENTS 2021

March 2021

- 9 – Board Meeting
- 25 – General Membership Meeting / “What's Happening in Space”- Space Leadership
- 27 – State AFA Meeting in Pueblo

April 2021

- 9 – Board Meeting—Linda is bringing food!

May 2021

- 11 – Board Meeting
- 31 – Memorial Day

June 2021

- 8 – Board Meeting

July 2021

4– Happy Fourth of July!

13 – Board Meeting

August 2021

10– Board Meeting

21 – State Convention at American Legion Hall