



The Sijan Sentinel

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WELCOME TO SIJAN CHAPTER 125!

President: SMSgt Angelo Bryant
Vice President: Paul Bailey
Secretary: Doug Kendall
Treasurer: MSgt Brylie Button



MESSAGE FROM THE SIJAN CHAPTER PRESIDENT:

AFA Family and Friends,

We have arrived to the middle of the year and our nation is healing and getting back to some semblance of normalcy. If you were able to join us for our "What's Happening in Space" meeting in April, you would have heard our top local Senior Enlisted Leaders speak about how our newly developed service has established ground breaking records. As the Space Force embarks on new and improved paths to keep our nation ahead, we must tackle the challenges of Space Superiority and think of agile and innovative ways to increase our potential as a service. We are so thankful that the Chiefs took a little time from their busy day to share with us some wisdom and perspective of how the future of Space is on a path beyond the stars.

We would like to welcome Joe Baldwin to the team as our liaison to the Arnold Air Society, Silver Wings, and AFROTC Detachments as he endeavors to bridge the gaps and lead and mentor our next generation to success. We are still looking for some help with our social medium platform and general membership out reach. If you are interested please contact me (michael.bryant.10@spaceforce.mil) and I will explain what we need in the way of help. As we are quickly approaching the Air Force Ball, please mark your calendars for 18 Sept 21 at the Broadmoor. Again, if you interested to give a helping hand please reach out to afball.lancepsijanafa@gmail.com. We have a couple of other opportunities for some of you get involved so please consider joining with us to support our Airmen, Guardians and their families. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at michael.bryant.10@spaceforce.mil or to any of our Chapter officers.



Special Mention: Please join me in congratulating our former Sijan Chapter Treasurer, Master Sergeant Justin Althoff, who just received the 2021 Gears of Government Awards Program, which is designed to recognize individuals and teams across the Federal workforce whose performance and dedication support exceptional delivery of key outcomes for the American people in the three areas of: mission results, customer service, and accountable stewardship. He has been a blessing to our chapter and has kept our financial accounts in tip top shape. Justin, well deserved, and best to you and your family and the future of your career! Congratulations to Sijan Chapter member and Colorado AFA State President on receipt of the Mary Anne Thompson Award, a national level AFA recognition for mentorship of Silver Wings. Linda was nominated by the Silver Wings Chapter at Colorado State University and was selected over many wonderful volunteers and mentors across the nation.

As many of you may know, our Community Partners/Sponsors have been so generous this year. Our plan is to have a Community Partner Reception sometime in the near future, so please be on the lookout for the date and location.

As our nation is moving from one crisis to the next, I urge each of you to continue to share some kindness to your neighbors. One thing is certain and true, "every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth." Look to build up and encourage one another. Find someone to help and someone to encourage as we get back. As a Chapter, we are determined to continue to look for ways to support our military and civilian families. We are so excited to see what this year will bring and how our community can finally heal and prove how resilient we truly are. Hope to see you at a Chapter meeting or event or the AF Ball soon.

Sijan Chapter Aerospace Education Events

Submitted by Dave Geuting

The Lance P. Sijan Chapter is extremely proud of our continuing annual scholarship program. Our scholarships are awarded to outstanding high school seniors who have been accepted for enrollment at a college or university and to current outstanding college freshmen, sophomore and junior students. High School applicants must be high school seniors/graduates who plan to attend college during the 2021-2022 academic year. The 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. Each submission must include an essay of no less than 500 words and no more than 1000 words that answers and justifies a question that is updated by the Vice President for Aerospace Education and the Executive Board each year. This year's topic was: *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?*

Christopher (Chris) Herz is a Dean's List student at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, studying Biochemistry for Pre-Med. In addition to his impressive resume, Chris' application was supported by excellent letters of recommendation from the medical and military-affiliated individuals. As a pre-med student, Chris wrote an incredibly thoughtful and well-justified opinion of this year's question. Chris is a repeat recipient of the Sijan Scholarship, now having proven to be a top candidate for 2019, 2020 and 2021. Congratulations Chris! The Sijan Chapter is proud to have you as a highly deserving scholarship winner.

Our second scholarship recipient, Isabella Polombo, will be a Political Science freshman at the University of Colorado—Colorado Springs. Isabella completed her high school education as an International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme student. Her Aerospace Science instructor named Isabella as a Top Cadet in JROTC, actively involved in CyberPatriot, Stellar Xplorers and Drill Team, plus having completed 400+ hours of community service. Congratulations Isabella and best wishes for the success we know you will have at UCCS!



Dave Geuting presenting 2021 Sijan Scholarship to Chris Herz



Holly Rieping, New MIT grad and Wright Scholarship recipient

Additionally, Jim and Karen Wright established a legacy scholarship in their daughter Kim's name. A \$3000 annual scholarship was to go to a deserving high school student who had at least a "B" average and who planned to attend a 4-year college or university. The first recipient was Holly Rieping, who is now the very first Kimberly Wright Scholar to get her Bachelor's Degree, a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Engineering, which she received recently from MIT! In the fall, Holly will be returning to MIT to complete a Master's of Engineering (MEng) degree in Computer Science and Engineering and working as a Teaching Assistant for the Artificial Intelligence class, 6.034. During the summer of 2021 she'll be participating in her second Software Development Engineering internship with Amazon while also starting her Master's thesis. She's been admitted into the MIT Sloan Early MBA program, so will be returning to MIT again in 2-5 years

to get her MBA. What an amazing success story! Thank you to the Wright Family for having faith in this amazing student and Congratulations Holly! We are looking forward to all the achievements yet to come in your life!



Dave Geuting presenting Holly Rieping her first year of the Wright Scholarship

Another Kimberly Wright Scholar is Nina Florek, who just completed her freshman year in college after having been featured as "Best and Brightest for 2020" in the Colorado Springs Gazette. Her scholarship will continue until graduation as long as she maintains a "B" average. The Wright family created a tremendous legacy for their daughter with their assistance to these two amazing recipients.

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.

For more information contact AFJROTC Public Affairs at christian.hodge.1@us.af.mil



National and State AFA Aerospace Education Events

Submitted by **Caty Rozema**

The Pueblo County High School Stellar Explorers team had another successful year - finishing first as the Central Regional Champion in a very competitive season. Although the team missed out on a trip to the National Finals, the group placed well and was one of the highest scoring teams in Colorado. Stellar Explorer competitions are highly competitive and involve planning and plotting intricate launch and orbital missions of space satellites. The STK software package the team uses is similar to that used by NASA and the Air Force. The group looks forward to competition again in the fall. Here is the yearbook pic for the 2021 Pueblo County High School Stellar Explorers team.



Pictured left to right: Tyler Jones – senior (***Garcia Scholarship Recipient**), Shawn Cunningham - junior, Ethan Turner - junior, Katie Neal - sophomore, Li Hong Sweet-Seip - junior and Todd Seip - staff mentor (Not pictured: Brooklyn Dash - senior)

Garcia Scholarship

The Francisco Garcia Scholarship is a \$1000 scholarship awarded annually by the Colorado State Air Force Association to one recipient in the State of Colorado. The applicant must be a graduating senior from a Colorado High school and intend to obtain a college degree in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) related field. Each year all Colorado Chapters nominate a recipient and the winner is chosen by a board coordinated with the State Aerospace Education Vice President.



We are so proud to announce this year's recipient, Tyler Jones. Tyler was the Mel Harmon Chapter nominee, and already has an impressive list of accomplishments in addition to being on the Stellar Explorers team as pictured above. He is an Eagle Scout, a member of the National Honor Society, a volunteer at the Raptor Center, and a member of the Order of the Arrow. He is headed to Western Colorado University to study Mechanical Engineering.

Teachers of the Year

The Air Force Association has a national program sponsored by Rolls Royce to recognize exceptional teachers, principally those in STEM subjects. The program starts at the Chapter level and progressively moves to the state, then national level as an AFA Teacher of the Year (ToY). The Chapter may select one ToY from any grade level (K-12), whose classroom and extracurricular activities steer their students toward greatness in STEM fields. Chapter ToYs will receive a check for \$250.00, a Certificate of Excellence from AFA National and go on to compete for AFA Colorado State ToY. State Teachers of the Year receive a check in the amount of \$500.00, a Certificate of Excellence, a personalized jacket, and are eligible to compete to be the national AFA Teacher of the Year. A Chapter nomination will include an AFA Chapter ToY nomination form, a letter of recommendation/support from a school official (principal or higher), and a one-page narrative from the teacher outlining their key activities. The nomination may also include up to three pages of news articles, or other documents, and/or photos, that include the teacher with students completing STEM activities.



Three of our Chapters recognized the exceptional teachers we have in Colorado this year. **Mel Harmon's TOY is Ms. Cheryl Farrer** of Centennial High School. Ms. Farrer was identified through the JROTC outreach program. She leads all kinds of activities, from dissecting pigs to trips to the Weisbrod Aircraft museum. She focuses on helping women and minorities visualize themselves as future STEM leaders. The Chapter was able to recognize Ms. Farrer at a recent Chapter meeting and present her with her award.

The Robert E. Huyser TOY is Mr. Mike Pewters of the online Fruita Monument High School. Mr. Pewters has been teaching for 20+ years, and he was part of a team that developed and led an online school curriculum for 1,400+ students in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mile High Chapter's TOY is Mr. Robert "Robbie" Ferguson, who has also been selected as the **AFA Colorado State, Teacher of the Year**, from Westminster High School. Mr. Ferguson successfully launched the school's aerospace program (pun intended) last year, despite the pandemic's impact on in-person learning. He joined with community, industry and university partners from NASA, University of Colorado, National Defense, Arvada Associated Modelers Club, Edge of Space Science (EOSS), and Spartan College to make it happen. Students built 3D models and participated in weather balloon launches. What a (near) out of this world experience! Mile High Chapter congratulated Mr. Ferguson in person at the May 1st Wings Over the Rockies - Exploration of Flight fly-in where he had his team competing in drone soccer. A more formal presentation will follow at a later date.



AFA State Awards Banquet August 14, 2021



Please plan to attend the 2021 State Awards Banquet hosted by Mel Harmon.

The Banquet will be held in Pueblo at the American Legion Post #2 located at 701 W. 9th Street, Pueblo, CO 81003.



Unfortunately, due to continuing COVID restrictions this year, we will be unable to honor the Outstanding Airmen and Guardians from Air Force/Space Force Garrisons. However, we are proud to be honoring our outstanding AFA members.

Dinner will be served, followed by a Guest Speaker and presentation of Awards.

Cost per person is \$38.00. RSVP required. (See attached)
Social Hour 5:30 p.m. Cash Bar.
Dinner 6:45
8:00 Speaker and Awards immediately following.

If you need additional information please contact:

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Air Force Association 2021 Colorado State Awards Banquet
REGISTRATION FORM
August 14, 2021
American Legion Post #2
701 W. 9th Street Pueblo, Colorado

17:30 hours – Reception (Cash Bar)
18:45 hours - Dinner

Registration:

Cost: \$38 Per Person

I will attend the Banquet

I am bringing a guest

I would like to make an additional donation to cover dinners for Guest Speaker, Emcee and the Color Guard

\$ _____ Total Payment – Please make check to AFA Mel Harmon Chapter 128

(We are unable to accept credit Cards.)

2 Payment options _____ Cash _____ Check

We would appreciate it if you would mail your check in advance along with your reservation.

Cash can be accepted at the door, and there is an ATM on the premises.

Name _____ Name Printed _____

Address _____

Organization _____

Email _____ Phone# _____

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 6TH (If necessary, please cancel all reservations by August 6th or you will be responsible for payment).

Please mail this form with payment to:
Margaret Eichman
AFA Mel Harmon Chapter
341 W. Venturi Drive
Pueblo West, CO 81007



What's Happening in Space Event!

What's Happening in Space Event!

Even with COVID restrictions still in place, Sijan Chapter was able to host an amazing open attendance and membership event with a Chief's panel to talk about progress with Space Force, Space Command and the Guardians. On March 25 at the Radisson Hotel, our Chiefs provided their strategic leadership perspective on what to expect moving forward. Interest was most certainly high for the topic as the physically present attendees were joined on Zoom by National Air Force Association and regional leadership to listen to the "panel discussion presented by CMSgt Boston Alexander, USSF SpOC P-S Garrison Command Chief, CMSgt Jacob Simmons (JTF-SD) SEL, CMSgt John Bentivegna (HQSF) SEL, CMSgt Kristi Steck (VNCOA) Commandant, CMSgt Charles "Doc" Apodaca (STAR Delta) SEL, CMSgt April Brittain, (Det 2) SEL, and CMSgt Sharma Haynes (21 CS) Superintendent."

In the wealth of information that was presented, a brief summary is that the Chiefs emphasized that the enlisted force is pivotal to the success of Space Force and the Chiefs will be key as the new service develops. They also explained that referring to Space Force, consisting of three commands, is different than referring to United States Space Command (USSPACECOM), a unified combatant command of the United States Department of Defense, responsible for military operations in outer space. USSPACECOM is responsible for the operational employment of Space Forces that are provided by the services of the United States Armed Forces, predominantly the United States Space Force.

What the Guardians do on behalf of the nation depends on fast response, speed of decision-making and knowing how to win. The challenge is not about location, but about organization, that is, one team bringing the highest effect, faster, lighter, and leaner through garrisons that are

power-projection platforms. Space is a new battleground and we need the advantage over adversaries so that war doesn't extend from space to earth. Guardian leadership needs to move out with new technology as well as focusing on the professional development of both the officer and enlisted corps starting from the ground up. The Chiefs recognized the need for space learning at universities and expanded professional development for enlisted Guardians beyond the traditional ALS and S/NCOA. Commissioning sources will bring in new officers and just recently Space Force JROTC units have been established in high school. Combat Development Teams will partner with industry and subject matter experts to bring new ideas to life, including virtual training. A particular challenge is developing a Space Force warfighter ethos, which need to be nested with core values—and Space Force must develop its own to pass along as a baton to all who are joining in this new concept and arena. The Chapter's innovative presentation by the Chiefs was a primary topic of discussion at the AFA Region President's meeting and with kudos received from Bruce "Orville" Wright, Lt Gen, USAFA, Ret, AFA President; Gerald Murray, Chief, USAF, Ret, Chairman of the Board; and Jim Simons, VP for Field Operations. They all asked for copies to be distributed to share nationally. It generated quite a discussion, including some cautions from Chief Murray about ensuring that AF and SF stay united through the efforts of the Air Force Association. Link for the video were made available at

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/mobile/my-drive?tab=wo> and
<https://www.facebook.com/555179050/videos/10158548795579051/>

Well done, Sijan Chapter, in leaning forward to provide information that needs to be shared and will



Chief Simmons, Chief Brittain, Chief Steck



Chief Haynes, Chief Alexander



Chief Brittain, Chief Steck





Started in 2000, IMAGE provides the opportunity for military and industry to have some fun and play a round of golf for a great cause. Rocky Mountain Chapters of the Air Force Association (AFA), National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) and the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association (AFCEA) all work together to raise money for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) scholarships and related activities. Each year, we collectively award over \$100K to deserving students and STEM activities, with IMAGE providing a substantial portion of those funds. IMAGE is a premier networking event within the defense marketplace in the Springs. Come out and enjoy a round of golf, meet counterparts from industry and military, and gain a better understanding of issues and opportunities facing our community.

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

Very respectfully,
Joe Kahoe, IMAGE 2021 Chairman

IMAGE GOLF 2021

Title **KRATOS**

Awards

Lunch

Putting Contest

Breakfast

Mulligans

Golf Cart

Drink Cart (Front 9)

Drink Cart (Back 9)

Hole-in-One

Range Balls

Closest to Hole Men's

Closest to Hole Women's

Longest Drive (Men's)

Longest Drive (Ladies)

Web Site

Tote Bag



2021 Industry Military Annual Golf Event (IMAGE)

18 August 2021



USAF Academy, CO



REGISTRATION

Registration Deadline: 12 Aug 2021

Register Online:

www.IMAGE2021.com

AD Military & Res./Gov't Civilian - \$65
Retired & Industry - \$125

Questions: Contact Joe Kahoe at joseph.kahoe@bowheadsupport.com or 719-210-5568

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

Make check payable to: **IMAGE 2021**
Check must be received by 18 Aug 2021

Mail to: Joe Kahoe; IMAGE 2021
Chairman, 4140 Saddle Rock Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80918

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancel at no cost before 16 Aug.
Cancellations after 14 Aug will cost \$25.
Substitutions can be made at no cost.

HOLE SPONSORS:



IMAGE 2021 SPONSORSHIPS

Title (Sold out)	\$5000
Hang banner at event, preferred golf pairing. Registration for four golfers. 1 hole sponsorship.	
Awards (Sold out)	\$4000
Hang banner at event, preferred golf pairing. Registration for two golfers. 1 hole sponsorship.	
Lunch (1 available) (Sold out)	\$3500
Hang banner at event, preferred golf pairing. Registration for two golfers. 1 hole sponsorship.	
Putting Contest (Sold out)	\$2500
Hang banner at putting green, preferred golf pairing. Registration for two golfers.	
Breakfast (Sold out)	\$2000
Hang banner at event. Registration for two golfers.	
Mulligans (Sold out)	\$1000
Multiple Mulligan sponsors are welcome. Place logo stickers on golfers. Hang banner at event.	
Golf Cart (Sold out)	\$1000
Hang banner at event.	
Beverage Cart (Sold out - 2 or 2)	\$750
Hang banner at event. Logo on cart.	
Range Ball Sponsor (Sold out)	\$750
Includes signage & recognition near practice tee area.	
Hole-in-One (Sold out)	\$750
Hang banner at event. Logo at contestholes.	
Tote Bag (Sold out)	\$750
Closest to Hole (Sold out)	\$750
Hang banner at event. Logo at contestholes.	
Longest Drive Men's (Sold out)	\$750
Hang banner at event. Logo at contestholes.	
Longest Drive Women's (Sold out)	\$750
Hang banner at event. Logo at contest holes.	
Hole (14 available)	\$500
Company/logo at tee box.	

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Date: Friday, 18 Aug 2021

Location: Eisenhower Golf Course USAFA

Rating: 70.0, Slope 121, Par 71 - 6288 yards

Players without valid vehicle registration and military I.D. **MUST** enter through North Gate.

Times: Breakfast & Registration: 0630
Shotgun Start: 0800
Lunch and Awards: 1300-1430

Attire: Collared shirts, no jeans or tee shirts, regulation golf shoes.

Team Composition: Preformed twosomes, or individual sign-ups are required. Team handicaps will be used for competition.

Format and Scoring: Modified scramble tournament, with first, second, third & last place prizes for gross team scores. Additional rules to be briefed on tournament day.

Mulligans: A mulligan package will be available for purchase.

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Air Force/Space Force Ball

Submitted by Caty Rozema



2021 Air Force Ball is Happening!

It's happening! It's really happening!

The IN-PERSON Air Force Ball is coming to town! We look forward to seeing you in September to celebrate YOUR United States Air Force and YOUR United State Space Force—a celebration of the TOTAL FORCE.

Who: YOU! Military, civilian, industry, anyone 18 and over is welcome.

What: The annual (when pandemics aren't a factor) event to celebrate YOUR Air Force and Space Force.

When: 18 September (the Air Force's birthday!)

Where: the Broadmoor. Nothing but the best!

Why: Because we all need a reason to celebrate!

Hotel rooms are available at special rates for attendees.* We have 30 reserved until August 19th, 2021. *Classic Room is \$199, Superior is \$234, and Premier is \$269.00*

Sponsorship opportunities are still available! We'd like to give a HUGE shout out to our sponsors. We quite literally could not hold this event without you! We will be prominently displaying your company's logo! 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.

We'll see you there!



Don't Miss the Unveiling of the New O'Malley Award.

A central highlight each year at the Air Force Ball is the presentation of the O'Malley Distinguished Space Leadership Award. The Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association established the O'Malley Award to recognize the contributions of leaders in achieving General O'Malley's vision of "...providing an intensified space focus and reorienting USAF philosophy toward an operational approach by advocating the operational use of space systems at the highest levels of the Air Force." General O'Malley was a longtime advocate for properly organizing space forces to make them more accessible to warfighters. This year's AF Ball will signal the final presentation of the O'Malley Distinguished Leadership Award and the unveiling of the newly-designed and space visionary-focused O'Malley award. You won't want to miss it!



Around Your Sijan Chapter Community

Farewell to Chapter Vice President, Gerald Morey

Our Sijan Chapter Vice President has departed to his new assignment at Offutt Air Force Base! Chapter President Angelo Bryant attended G's group/Top 3 farewell and presented him a plaque on behalf of the Chapter. As we say farewell to Gerald "G" Morey, we know he will continue to lead Airmen at his next assignment, where he will continue to be a beacon of light and inspiration to the community. He may have departed from our local chapter, but we know he will continue to represent AFA as he embodies the spirit of AFA to educate, advocate and lead. Thank you, "G" for your faithful service and friendship. Prayers continued for you and your family and all your future endeavors.



Chapter President Bryant bidding Farewell to Chapter VP Morey

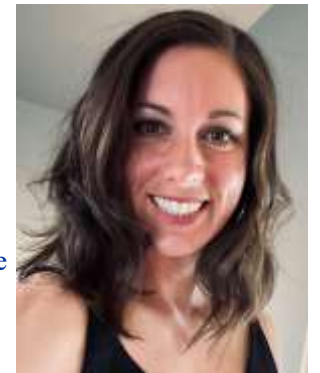
Welcome to newly elected Chapter Vice President and Chapter Treasurer

After the recent Sijan Chapter elections, we are pleased to welcome **Paul L. Bailey** as our new Chapter Vice President. Paul comes to us with a wealth of experience and lot of community and veteran contacts that will be of mutual benefit for the Chapter and related organizations. Throughout his multiple careers and at numerous locations, Paul served as an Air Force Officer and Government Civilian, always supporting the Air Force Association throughout his career. Most recently, Paul has been a regular contributor to the Sijan newsletter and active participant in ensuring the Chapter is aware of veterans and JROTC events. Welcome Paul, and we are appreciative of your willingness to serve on the Chapter Executive Board. We know the wealth of experience you bring to us will make Sijan an even better Chapter.



New Chapter Vice President Paul Bailey

Our new Chapter Treasurer is **Brylie Button**, who is a MSgt assigned to the 21st Medical Group as an additional duty first sergeant. For the last 10 years, Brylie has served in multiple treasurer positions, with the most recent being the Pikes Peak Top III. With our hugely attended Air Force Ball, the Chapter scholarships, and the Chapter non-profit status, the position of treasurer is a challenging one that requires someone with Brylie's level of expertise. Welcome Brylie and thanks for stepping up to take on keeping the Chapter legal and up to speed in our finances.



New Chapter Treasurer MSgt Brylie Button

"Thank you to President Angelo Bryant and Secretary Doug Kendall for continuing on in their current positions. We have a great team making up the Executive Board!!"



New Chapter AAS/SW Liaison Joe Baldwin

Welcome to newly appointed Chapter Liaison to Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings

Joe Baldwin is a regular contributor to the Sijan newsletter, and recently mentioned his interest in finding new ways to advance our Chapter relationship with Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings members, all of whom are AFA members. We're so happy to have Joe taking the lead to ensure the Arnies and Silver Wings are aware of Chapter activities and to encourage their participation and interest so they remain as AFA members even after their college years. We are so lucky that Joe chose the Colorado Springs area for his retirement and stepped up to Chapter participation immediately. Welcome to the Executive Team, Joe! We know our relationship with the Arnies, Silver Wings and our Colorado AFROTC Detachments will be even stronger with your leadership.



Special Farewell Gift for VP Morey



Around Your Sijan Chapter Community cont.

Lance P Sijan Chapter Wreath Laying Noted on Local Television

Contributed by Paul Bailey

Colorado Springs KOAA Channel 5 covered the Memorial Day Wreath Laying ceremony and the AFA Lance P Sijan Chapter participation in the Memorial Day wreath laying on May 31, 2021 at the Colorado Springs Memorial Park. KOAA Channel 5 interviewed the spouse of Sijan Chapter Vice President Col Paul L Bailey, USAF (Ret), Mrs. Deborah D Bailey and their granddaughter Ms. Reagan M Bailey during an interview shown on the Memorial Day evening news. Assisting in the wreath laying was the son of Col and Mrs. Bailey, MSgt Scott D Bailey shown in the picture below on the right with granddaughter (C) Ms. Reagan M. Bailey and (L) Mrs. Deborah D. Bailey.. The KOAA news article on the wreath laying may be seen at the following link: <https://www.koaa.com/news/covering-colorado/wreath-laying-ceremony-returns-in-full-to-memorial-park-in-colorado-springs> and the actual video on the ceremony may be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0XOZDZ8M6M>



Colorado Springs Memorial Day Wreath Laying

The AFA Sijan Chapter participated in the Memorial Day wreath laying on May 31, 2021 at the Colorado Springs Memorial Park. Col Paul L Bailey, USAF (Ret) laid the Sijan Chapter wreath at the Air Force Memorial during the ceremony. Shown in the picture is the wreath emplaced at the Air Force Memorial during the ceremony.



Around Your Sijan Chapter Community cont.

Congratulations to an Air Force Association Icon!

At so many chapters across the United States there are volunteers who donate hours and hours of their time to the mission of the Air Force Association. And then there are some volunteers who go above and beyond with a lifetime of dedication. That is most definitely the story of Irene Johnigan at the 90th Missile Wing in Cheyenne, Wyoming. National Officer Emeritus Joan Sell, West Area Director Bob George, and Rocky Mountain Region President Linda Aldrich joined a host of others to celebrate the devotion and legacy of Irene Johnigan to the Air Force with the dedication of the Johnigan Center for Airmen and Families at FE Warren AFB. At 90 years old, Ms. Irene has not slowed down one bit, and she is still essential to the continuing success of the AFA Cowboy Chapter in Cheyenne. Irene was the recipient of the National AFA Presidential Citation for 2020, a recognition that is rarely given by National and only for someone as dedicated as Irene. Her advice was to always be aware of what our Airmen do for us every day so if you see one give them a smile and a thank you—and buy their lunch if you have the opportunity. To say Irene is a legend in AFA would be understatement. Above all she is an example of all the positive influence that AFA can have when our members devote their time to taking care of our Airmen. Congratulations Irene and thank you for being the role model you have been for all your adult life.



Congratulations to Emerging Leader Selectees Caty Rozema and Damita Stevens

In order to ensure a strong and vibrant organization, it is incumbent on AFA to develop leaders at all levels. Emerging Leader Program (ELP) is a Field Council initiative to provide visibility and training for emerging leaders within AFA. While it is not mandatory that these emerging leaders be under 40, it is clear that by identifying and mentoring leaders early in their careers, AFA reaps the maximum benefit from their involvement, and the emerging leader is able to leverage this leadership training throughout his or her life. Participants serve for one year, from 1 October through 30 September and they are assigned a mentor within AFA to help them learn about AFA at all levels of organization. They attend the Region and State President's meetings at AFA National, where they will participate in field leadership orientation and training sessions, attend the Board of Directors meetings, and serve as delegates to the National Convention for their state organization. The competition is tough to be selected as an Emerging Leader and each year far more applications are received than are selected by the National Board. Both of our outstanding Rocky Mountain Region nominees were selected for the 2021-2022 program.

Ms. Caty Rozema is a Sijan Chapter member and is the power house behind the organization of the Chapter's Annual Air Force Ball. She is a board member on the Air Force Association Lance P. Sijan Chapter and serves as the State AFA VP for Aerospace Education. She is also on the AFA National Aerospace Education Council. She is also a member of the AFCEA Rocky Mountain Chapter. Ms. Rozema serves as a board member for the Women of AT&T Employee Resource Group, and she also leads AT&T's national AFA CyberPatriot Cyber Camps with locations in California, Colorado, Texas, and Ohio. In her role as an Associate Director with AT&T Public Sector and FirstNet, Department of Defense Segment, she facilitates the delivery of commercial capabilities on the Network as a Service (NaaS) effort across three Air Force Bases. Additionally, she oversees special projects deploying cellular, Wi-Fi, and Internet of Things (IoT) capabilities for multiple Colorado Air Force/Space Force locations. Caty's diverse team is located across the country, from San Diego, CA to the Space Coast. Caty is the recipient of multiple DoS and DoD performance and distinguished service awards, the President's Volunteer Service Award and multiple company recognitions and has been awarded the AFA National Medal of Merit.



Damita Stevens is an active Duty Guardian at Buckley Garrison in Aurora and has exhibited outstanding support to the Mile High Chapter as Chapter Secretary for the last two years. She also stepped up to contact National IT personnel in order to establish a Chapter and State website, eagerly offering her military-acquired IT skills to help other Chapters set up their websites linked to the State site. National Officer Steve Gourley stated, "She has brought to the Chapter a unique perspective, being younger and an active duty member, characteristics sorely needed in our deliberations and decisions." Damita is currently serving as the Colorado AFA State Secretary and has been a delegate to National Convention. In addition to being recognized at the State AFA level with a Medal of Merit and Exceptional Service Award, Damita was also a nominee for the 2020 Twelve Outstanding Guardians of the Year. Colorado will greatly benefit from Damita's 3-year and 5-year plans to focus on increasing memberships, encouraging retention, enhancing our technical approach, and maintaining and building upon a standard that can be used for future Chapter officers.



Community Partner Highlight

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Community Partner Highlight

Gary Jordan & The Jordan Team - Brokered by eXp Realty

- Gary Jordan is a real estate professional and strong supporter of the Air Force Association. Colorado Springs area resident for over 30 years and a realtor since 2009
- Ready to help with any of your real estate needs including: Home
- Valuation; Tips to increase your home value; Helping you sell your home; Helping you purchase your next home
- Gary's company has an "A+ Rating" with the Better Business Bureau.
- Professional designations include: Sellers Representative Specialist (SRS), Military Relocation Professional (MRP), Senior Real Estate Specialist (SRES), and Real Estate Negotiation Expert (RENE).
- Charity support include: Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, March of Dimes (Colorado Board of Directors), American Heart Association (Executive Leadership Committee).



Personal information: Alumni of Texas A&M University; Avid fly fisherman and outdoor enthusiast; Married to Cynthia Jordan (Nurse Practitioner), 4 children, 12 grandkids



Lance P. Sijan Is Looking for Volunteers

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volunteering, please contact Michael Bryant at LancePSijanAFA@gmail.com to learn more. These are great networking and volunteer opportunities!

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

Volunteer Spotlight

Our new Vice President for Community Partners! TSgt Djandra Marquez sent Sijan Chapter the following, "I am interested in joining AFA as Community Partner VP. I would like to join for several reasons: one, being in an organization that provides members an opportunity help out others in the community, not just the AF. I believe this organization is a huge networking tool with a lot of opportunities for professional development from in and outside resources and up and down the ranks, to gain more mentors who have invaluable experiences and knowledge. I love being able to be a part of an organization to support our communities and be involved locally--educate, advocate, and support one another."



Our enthusiastic response is: Welcome aboard and thank you for stepping up!!

Technical sergeant Djandra "Dj" Marquez is currently serving as the Flight Chief of TRICARE Operations & Patient Administration (TOPA), 21st Space Wing, Peterson Schriever Garrison, Colorado. In this position, she oversees USSF's largest Referral Management Ops. She leads six programs, 11 Airmen and two contractors guiding \$400M Managed Care Support Contract and facilitates TRICARE benefits for two wings with 25K enrollees. She also serves as Colorado Military Health System liaison between MTF, TRICARE Regional Office and MAJCOM/AFMOA for healthcare management providing support for 550 MDG staff members. She fosters career development for 4A0 Airmen; plans & guides assignment rotations within the MTF. Lastly, TSgt Marquez provides managerial oversight of Beneficiary Counseling Assistance Coordinator (BCAC) operations and debt resolution, Release of Information, in/outpatient medical records, aero-vacs and Patient Travel programs. Technical sergeant Marquez enlisted in the Air Force in January 2004 and her background includes various duties in the Health Care Management career field. She currently serves as the Vice President for Team Pete 5/6 at Peterson Schriever Garrison, CO. She has also served as Secretary of Bagram 5/6 at Bagram AB, Afghanistan and secretary of 18th AES Booster Club, Kadena AB, JP.

Our Volunteers in Action

- March – (Dave Geuting) Schriever CCAF Pitsenbarger Award for Summer 2020 (SrA Bianca Alonzo) (delayed due to COVID)
- April 28 – (Dave Geuting) Mitchell High School JROTC Award (Unable to present in person due to COVID restrictions)
- May 4 – (Paul Bailey) Air Academy High School JROTC Award, Cadet Elle White
- May 4 – (Dave Geuting) Falcon High School JROTC Award, Cadet Michaela Wright
- May 5 – (Dave Geuting) Harrison High School JROTC Award, Cadet Ismael Ramos
- May 10 – (Dave Geuting) Sijan Scholarship Presentation, Chris Herz
- May 10 – (Angelo Bryant) Vista Ridge HS JROTC Award, Cadet Kayla Parker
- May 24 – (Tim Crouch) USAFA 34th Squadron /received by C1C Maria G. Gaspourovich, Outstanding Unit Award for highest achievements in military, academic and athletic excellence
- May 26 – (Paul Bailey) Veterans Council
- May 27 – (Janice and Dave Geuting) Schriever CCAF Graduation; presented checks Pitsenbarger awardees for the Fall 2020 (SrA Eddie M. Waller, Jr.) and Spring 2021 (SrA Sophia R. Carbajal)
- May 31 – (Paul Bailey) Wreath Laying at Memorial Park
- June 2 – (Caty Rozema) Garcia Scholarship Presentation and Mel Harmon Teacher of the Year Recognition



Lance P. Sijan Volunteers Cont.

* The Sijan Chapter helps to award the Air Force Association JROTC medals to the six local Air Force Junior ROTC Detachments in the Colorado Springs area each year. Next year, the program will also include an award to a Space Force JROTC program being established at Falcon HS.



Dave Geuting and Pitsenbarger
Winner SrA Bianca Alonzo Pits



Paul Bailey and Cadet White,
Air Academy HS



Dave Geuting and Cadet Wright, Falcon HS



Tim Crouch presenting USAFA Unit
Award to CIC Gaspourovich



Dave Geuting and Cadet Ramos,
Harrison HS



Angelo Bryant and Cadet Parker,
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 have moved out of the area. I will be continuing on until August as the Colorado State President and will be continuing on as the Rocky Mountain Region President for another year. 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

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- 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

2ND QUARTER STATE MEETING:

Place: Civil Air Patrol Hanger, Grand Junction

Zoom Access Available

Date: Saturday, June 26, 2021

Time: Meeting at 9:30am

COLORADO AFA STATE CONVENTION:

Place: American Legion, Pueblo, CO

Date: Saturday, 14 August, 2021

Time: Business Meeting at 9:30am; Awards Banquet 5:30pm

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 - CELEBRATING THE "TOTAL FORCE"

Place: Broadmoor

Date: Saturday 18 September 2021

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

COMMUNITY PARTNER RECEPTION

Place: TBD

Date: TBD

Time: TBD

Note: Be watching for updates on this event to honor our Community Partners

Colorado Springs Veterans Day Parade

Place: Downtown

Date: Saturday 6 November 2021

Time: 10:00am

Note: 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" honoring both World War II and Korean War veterans. You can monitor developments on the Parade on their website at www.csvetsparade.org and also register a parade participant.



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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.

To update send message to: membership@afa.org your updated information, or mail changes to AFA National address at:

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