

The Sijan Sentinel

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WELCOME TO SIJAN CHAPTER #125!

President: SMSgt Angelo Bryant
Vice President: Paul Bailey
Secretary: Doug Kendall
Treasurer: Bill Mills



MESSAGE FROM THE SIJAN CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Sijan Chapter Members, Friends, and Family-

Spring has arrived and summer will be here before we know it. The Sijan Chapter continues to remain strong as our nation and world battle to stay united. We continue to be a beacon of hope during time of unrest. As a Space Force transfer, it is exciting to watch the Air Force and Space Force work together with industry to ensure we stand above the rest.

AFA is collaborating with the newly developed Space Force Association to reach out to the local community, fulfilling our mission to promote dominant U.S. Air and Space Forces as the foundation of a strong National Defense; to honor and support our Airmen, Guardians, and their Families; and to remember and respect our enduring Heritage.

Together, we advocate to the next generation of the importance of going further, faster.

I am excited to announce that we have a new addition to the Sijan board.

Phillip Taylor joins us as the VP of Community Relations. Phillip brings great experience from his service as a community outreach lead and secretary of the Junior Enlisted Council in both Japan and at USAFA, where he currently serves as an active duty member. He will be a great asset to our chapter as we continue to advance our effort to support our Airmen, Guardians, and families of our total Air Force and Space Force community.

The Sijan chapter will host AFA's annual Colorado State Convention in August. At the event, we will recognize active duty Air and Space Force members and AFA volunteers. We're looking forward to celebrating together!

The success of our chapter in fulfilling AFA's mission is attributed to the strength and unity of our members. As always, we continuously look for members who want to join us in serving our community. If you are interested, please reach out. Contact me directly at: michael.bryant.10@spaceforce.mil. You can also send a message to any of our chapter officers via our chapter e-mail lancepsijan@gmail.com.

Mark your calendars! The next Air and Space Force Ball is scheduled for 24 Feb 2023. Spread the word! More details to follow.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your continued support of the Sijan chapter as we serve our Airmen and Guardians, veterans, and their families. Until our next event or membership meeting, stay healthy and safe.

v/r,

Angelo Bryant President Lance P. Sijan Chapter #125



AROUND YOUR SIJAN COMMUNITY

Welcome Two New Board Members!

Phillip Taylor **VP of Community Relations**

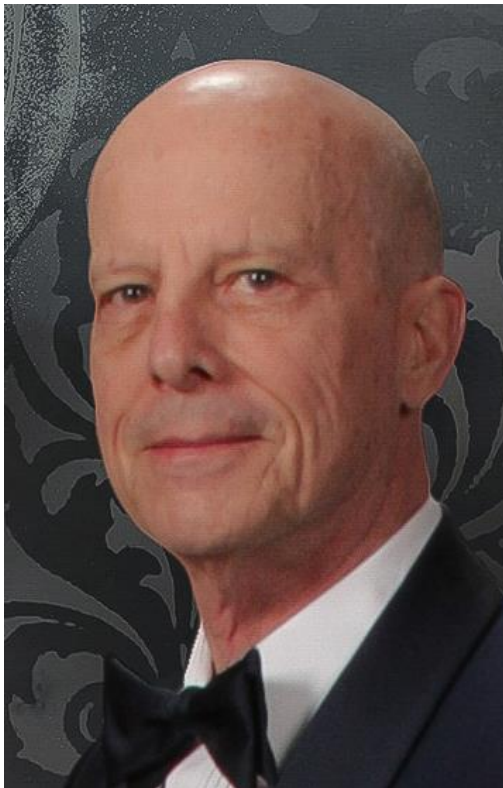
Phillip enlisted in the Air Force in February 2019. His background is Civil Engineering. He is an Engineer Apprentice, which means he does land surveys, geospatial surveys, AutoCAD, and various architectural drawings.

He has held roles such as Community Outreach and Secretary of the Junior Enlisted Council in Japan and at USAFA. He is currently stationed at the US Air Force Academy doing protocol for headquarters. He deployed to Holloman AFB in support of Operation Allies Welcome.

His volunteer and service activities include:

- Community Outreach for Misawa's First Four
- Created and Chaired mentorship program titled "The Basement"
- Secretary for USAFA's Rising Four

Phillip is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Applied Management. He enjoys cooking, playing sports, hosting gatherings, mentoring, and planning events/parties.



Bruce Hall **VP of Government Relations**

Bruce Hall retired from the U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) in May 2006, following thirty-four years of active, Reserve and Air National Guard duty at locations in the United States and overseas.

During his service, he advised the command concerning issues of readiness, welfare and morale, and utilization of personnel at AFOSI Headquarters and subordinate detachments. He maintained liaison with local, state, and U.S. officials, military and civilian, as well as U.S. and host nation elected officials and appointees.

Bruce remained in Colorado Springs following military retirement but continued working as an analyst with a defense contractor, detailed to U.S. Northern Command and the FBI Southern Colorado Joint Terrorism Task Force. He fully retired in 2012.

Bruce is looking forward to re-engaging with Air Force members and those to whom the Air Force is dear (when he's not skiing, boating, taking pictures, etc.).

AROUND YOUR SIJAN COMMUNITY

K9 Veterans Day 2022

Paul Bailey, Chapter Vice President



March 13, 2022 is National K9 Veterans Day. The day is set aside to honor and commemorate the service and sacrifices of American military working dogs throughout history. One of the top ways to honor K9 Veterans is to visit a War Dog Memorial. Did you know that we have a War Dog Memorial in downtown Colorado Springs? It is at Memorial Park, located beside the other Military memorials on the West side of the park. It was dedicated on September 12, 2020.

March 13, 1942 was the date that the US Army began training for its new War Dog program, named the “K-9 Corps.” Thus began the long and distinguished history of US Military Working Dogs. Thousands of War Dogs have served valiantly through the years. An example of their service is the Navy SEAL working dog Cairo, was part of the Bin Laden raid.

More information is here: [Colorado War Dog Memorial](#)

Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony

Paul Bailey, Chapter Vice President

It is not too early to start thinking about Memorial Day. Each year, the Sijan Chapter participates in several Memorial Day activities. Alongside many Veteran organizations, we remember our fallen through wreath laying. One such event takes place at the US Air Force Monument at Memorial Park on Monday, May 30, 2022. The ceremony is planned and coordinated by the local Special Operations Veterans Chapter, It consists of numerous Colorado Spring Veterans organizations laying wreaths at unit, service, and military special monuments to observe and commemorate the many who gave their lives in service to their country. We invite you to mark your calendars, check the Colorado Springs city website, local newspapers, or television channels in order to plan your observance of this solemn day.



Silver Wings are Ready to Soar!

Caty Rozema, Colorado VP for Aerospace Education

Caty Rozema spent a virtual evening in March with Silver Wings Detachment 90 out of Colorado State University. Topics of the night included: AFA initiatives/opportunities for military and civilian members, and professional development. She told the cadets about her unlikely path to AFA. Not having been in the military or from a military family, she’s found that AFA allows her to serve those who have served or are currently in uniform. She encouraged them to look for ways to continue their relationship with AFA once they graduate.

She also provided some early career advice such as be like Sponge Bob Square Pants: soak up as much as you can! The Sijan chapter is proud of our relationship with Silver Wings.

Learn more about what the Colorado State Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings cadets are doing here: [Colorado State AAS SW](#).

AROUND YOUR SIJAN COMMUNITY

US Space Command in Local News

Paul Bailey, Chapter Vice President

US Space Command/J2 was on the front page of the Colorado Springs Gazette on March 5, 2022, with visits by US Senator Michael Bennet and other officials on March 4, 2022. The Command was publicly given credit for doing much of the intelligence work required to support other Unified Commands and for providing much of the information on what is happening in Ukraine and other areas. Public accolades to Intelligence work. Our own Sijan chapter president serves as a Guardian with US Space Command. The chapter Vice President and several other members work at the Command.



We Want to See Your Face!

We've missed you! We didn't get out and about as much as we'd like to the last couple of years, so we're looking for ways to reconnect and tell you what AFA has in store at the chapter, state, and national levels. Our first outing is a no-brainer... coffee! Please join us to say hello and grab a cup o' joe while supporting a veteran-owned (and delicious!) coffee truck: campfire coffee! **First ten guests get a drink on us.** We'll see you there!



Take a coffee break with AFA!

Date: Friday, 22 April
Time: 10:00 – 11:00

Location: Banning Lewis Academy
7094 Cottonwood Tree Dr
Colorado Springs, CO 80927

*The first ten guests receive a 12 oz coffee on AFA!**

*Yes! Fancy coffees are included.



AROUND YOUR SIJAN COMMUNITY

Sijan Member Spotlight

Kimberly Mueller, VP of Member Relations

LT. COLONEL SUNNY NORWOOD BUCK

Lt. Colonel Sunny Norwood Buck admits training to be an Air Force officer did not leave a lot of extra time for outside pursuits. As a ROTC Cadet Sunny was introduced to many student service organizations and ultimately chose membership in the AFA over others because she appreciated the mission, the communication provided by AFA and its goal of promoting leadership, aerospace awareness, education, and professional networking and development opportunities. In her more than ten years of membership AFA has met her expectations and kept her current with details of membership happenings, outreach efforts, and resource allocation.

Norwood Buck is a drilling reservist serving at Schriever SFB and juggling life between Colorado Springs and Washington DC where she is an Associate with Booz Allen. In a revolving order of priority, she is an officer, leader, professional, academic, mother, wife, and athlete. Her planner is never out of reach as she balances her multivariate life and career trusting those around her for support, the family of people from her many worlds who get her up in the morning and make it all worthwhile.

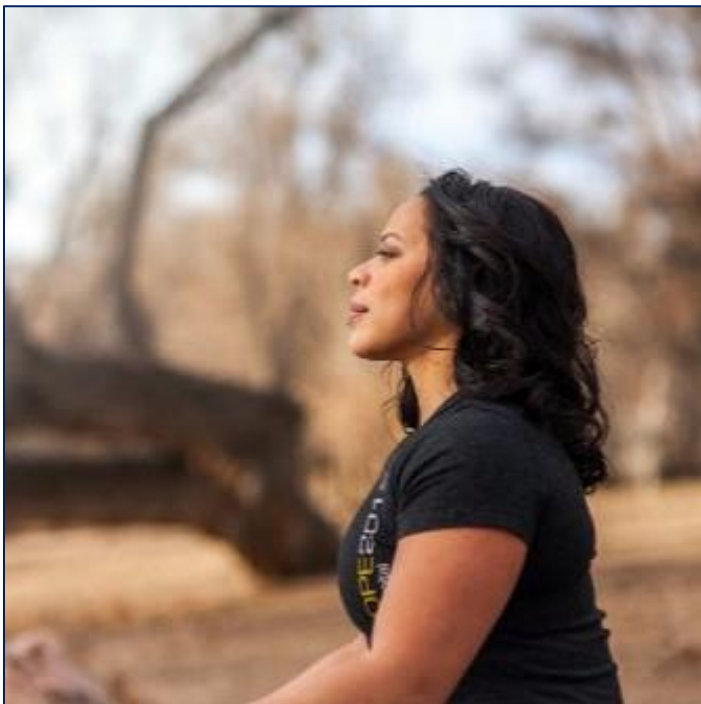
When asked about juggling so many personal and professional responsibilities and the inevitable state of occasional overwhelm, she humbly shared the importance of remembering to take pause before jumping back in.

This advice echoes her recommendation for those just starting out. “Take in everything, wrap it loosely, and be flexible. Don’t allow the perceived taint of quitting to get in the way of changing paths when opportunities present themselves.”

Through life’s journey Sunny’s parents remain the heroes to her protagonist. She was a military brat, daughter of a Chief Master Sergeant, now retired. She was raised with structure and love and named for the feeling that her addition to the world provoked.

In her limited free time, Sunny has recently learned to sail. Having spent most of her life in arid environments, and enjoying winter sports while in Colorado, her time in DC allows her access to open water. She envisions her own retirement (a goal that seems to get further away instead of closer) including the freedom to travel and sail more and may sometimes include the chance to just relax.

We’re glad to have you in the Sijan Chapter!



COLORADO AFA HAPPENINGS

17th Annual AFA Mile-High Chapter Charity Golf Tournament Is Open for Registration!

Spring Valley Golf Club
Elizabeth, CO

24 June 2022

[REGISTER](#)

Registration includes:

- Golf
- Cart
- Range Balls
- Lunch
- Great prizes, including a **\$20,000** hole-in-one prize!

Proceeds benefit the Wounded Airman Program, Airman/Guardian Family Readiness, and the Air Force and Space Force Family!

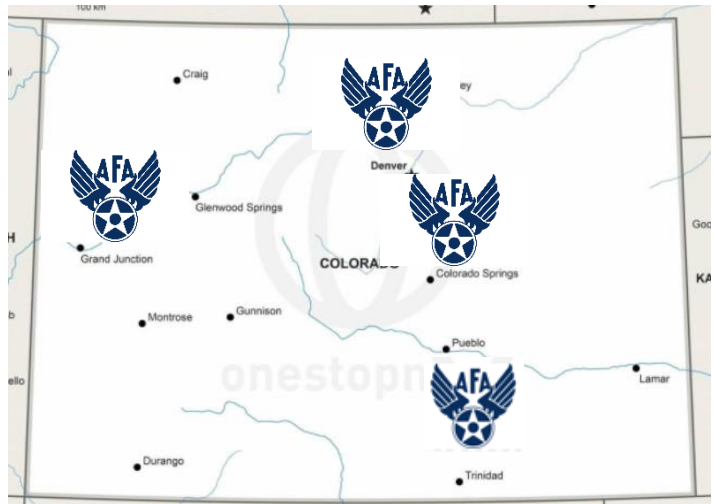
Click here for more information about the AFA Wounded Airman Program:

[AFA Wounded Airman Program](#)

Did You Know?

There are four Air Force Association Chapters in Colorado. Yes, **FOUR!** They are:

- **#125:** Lance P. Sijan, Colorado Springs
President: Angelo Bryant
- **#127:** Mile High, Aurora
President: Cliff Klein
- **#128:** Mel Harmon, Pueblo
President: Mike Sumida
- **#408:** Gen Robert E. Huyser, Grand Junction
President: Rick Peterson



There are more than 200 AFA chapters with 100,000+ members worldwide. Curious about where they are? Click here: <https://www.afa.org/states-areas>.

While you're at it, get to know our namesake, Capt Lance P, Sijan. He attended the Air Force Academy, so spent 4 years in our very own backyard. His story is here: <https://www.lancepsijanafa.org/lance-p-sijan/>.

If you pop on down to Pueblo, be sure to visit the Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum and ask if any AFA folks are there that day. They're regulars! The museum is a gem and well worth the short road trip. More info here: <https://pwam.org/>.

COLORADO AFA HAPPENINGS



AFA COLORADO STATE AWARDS BANQUET— Celebrating Air and Space Force and AFA Volunteers

We’re back in business post-COVID!!! We have not been able to have a traditional Colorado AFA State Awards Banquet since 2019. It’s time to get back to recognizing our outstanding military members and AFA volunteers. We are making a few adjustments from previous events, but please put the event on your calendar now!

Saturday, August 13

Weidner Field
111 West Cimarron Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

AFA members from all of our Colorado Chapters: Colorado Springs, Aurora, Pueblo, and Grand Junction will be there. All AFA members are welcome, as well as our cadets, Arnold Air Society (Arnies), Silver Wings and any unit members who want to cheer on their military award winners! Let’s turn out big time and make this a huge comeback event!

We will be asking Peterson, Schriever, Buckley, Air Guard, and Reserve units to nominate their outstanding personnel in the categories of Airman and Guardian of the Year, Company Grade office of the Year, Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year, Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year, and First Sergeant of the Year. We’ve added a new category for Outstanding Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings members. Those will be in addition to our amazing and ever-faithful AFA volunteers.



Aulternate Reality JazzLive



Not only will we have an amazing view of the Front Range from the Weidner facility, but we have a special treat! Entertainment will be provided by Aulternate Reality Jazz combo! Our focus will be on the future of the military and AFA—we’ll have Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings members as guest speakers. Add a scrumptious meal and lots of cheering for our award recipients to make this a fun and very special evening.

AFA NATIONAL

AFA's New Website Displays a Breadth of Programs and Support

AFA's website has a new look: <https://www.afa.org/>. A quick glance at the new layout puts the breadth and depth of AFA's programs and support on full display. A few of the highlights are below.

Air and Space Power

- **Mitchell Institute:** <https://www.afa.org/air-space-power/mitchell-institute>
The only aerospace power-focused think tank in the nation's capital. The Institute informs the national security debate, educates about the essential role of aerospace power, and cultivates aerospace-minded talent.
- **Air Force Magazine:** <https://www.afa.org/air-space-power/air-force-magazine>
The monthly journal of the Air Force Association and among the world's foremost publications on defense, aerospace, and airpower.
- **AFA top issues:** <https://www.afa.org/air-space-power/top-issues>
Widely respected in Congress, AFA works to influence and educate lawmakers on legislative issues affecting the Air and Space Forces.
- **Doolittle Leadership Center:** <https://www.afa.org/air-space-power/doolittle-leadership-center>
Named for AFA founding president and Medal of Honor recipient James H. "Jimmy" Doolittle, [it] is a venue for bringing together military and industry leaders—at every level—to promote dialogue, collaboration, and innovation.

Education and Support

- **CyberPatriot:** <https://www.afa.org/education-support/cyberpatriot>
The world's largest National Youth Cyber Education Program, propelling K-12 students toward careers in cybersecurity and other STEM disciplines, including the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition.
- **StellarXplorers:** <https://www.afa.org/education-support/stellar-xplorers>
An education initiative established by AFA consisting of the StellarXplorers National Space Design Competition and StellarCamps that aim to inspire students toward futures in STEM.
- **Wounded Airman Program:** <https://www.afa.org/wap>
AFA's Wounded Airman Program ensures that our Air Force brothers and sisters who have given so much to our great country will always be taken care of by their Air Force family.
- **Teacher of the Year:** <https://www.afa.org/TOY>
Along with grants and scholarships, the Air Force Association believes that recognizing those who educate America's youth is an important aspect of what AFA is all about. Every year, AFA's Teacher of the Year program sponsored by Rolls-Royce proudly honors the commitment and achievements of these extraordinary teachers.
- **Pitsenbarger Awards:** <https://www.afa.org/education-support/pitsenbargers>
As our Airmen improve themselves, they improve our Air Force. We are proud to offer \$750 cash awards to deserving Airmen to pursue a bachelor's degree.
- **Scholarships:** <https://www.afa.org/education-support/scholarships>
Through AFA scholarships, caring organizations and individuals help students pursue their dreams of higher education with generous grants. These programs exemplify the lifelong bond of Airmen and the commitment of our supporting community.
- **Sponsor STEM:** <https://www.afa.org/education-support/sponsor-stem>
By sponsoring our STEM programs, scholarships, and awards, you help open more doors for youth who may not otherwise have access to powerful opportunities.

AFA AEROSPACE EDUCATION PROGRAMS



Pueblo StellarXplorers Team is Headed to the Finals

Caty Rozema

The great state of Colorado will be well represented at the StellarXplorers VIII finals in Houston from April 21-24. A team from Pueblo County High School placed in the top ten out of approximately 360 teams. They problem-solved their way through multiple practice and qualification rounds, and their hard work is paying off!

Pueblo AFA chapter president Mike Sumida said of the team: “They are doing things I studied in college and used while employed by Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company. They did some amazing Aerospace engineering actions.”

The 6 team members and 2 adults get an all-expenses paid trip to Houston. While there, they’ll compete in a grueling final 10-hour competition, tour NASA, and attend an awards banquet.

Congratulations, team! We are so proud of what you’ve done. We’ll be cheering for you from the front range!



The Pueblo County High School StellarXplorers team with their coach and AFA members Mike Sumida, Caty Rozema, and Margaret Eichman

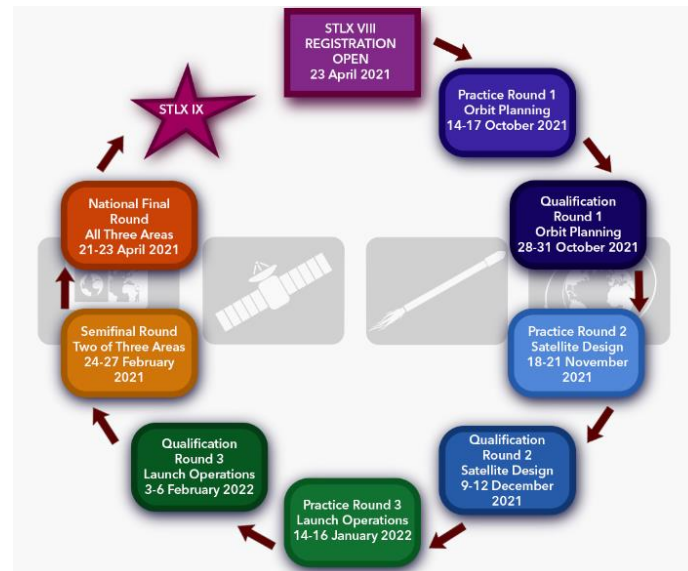


Caty Rozema talks STEM with the team

Not sure what the StellarXplorers competition is all about? Check out the website to learn more: [StellarXplorers Competition](https://www.stellarxplorers.com/competition)

Stellar camps are also available. Click here for details: [StellarXplorers Camps](https://www.stellarxplorers.com/camps).

Questions? Contact Caty Rozema: catyrozema@hotmail.com



StellarXplorers VIII competition schedule. The team has been at it since April of 2021. What a journey!

AFA AEROSPACE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Air Academy Scores a Podium Finish at CyberPatriot XIV

Caty Rozema

CYBERPATRIOT XIV



Air Academy Cadet Squadron "Lockouts" at the finals

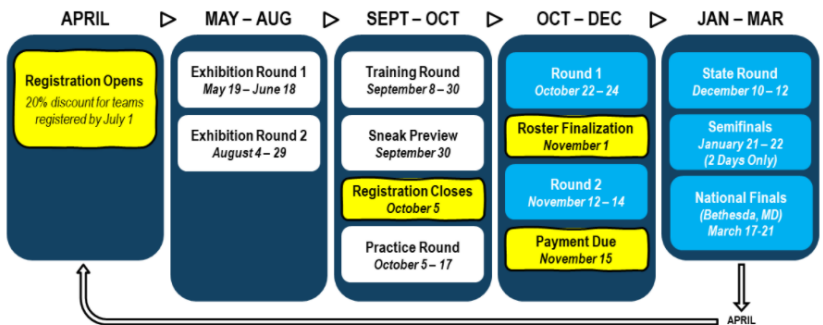
CyberPatriot XIV is a wrap! The season began with 5,254 teams comprised of 19,000 competitors. Through several rigorous competition rounds over the last year, that number was whittled down to just 28 teams. They met for a final showdown at the National Finals Competition, March 18-20 in Rockville, Maryland. When the dust settled Colorado Springs' own Air Academy Cadet Squadron "Lockouts" solved their way to an impressive third place finish in the All Services Division. Wow! The team also finished third in the Cisco NetAcad Challenge.

Two other Colorado teams - Highlands Ranch High School "Falcon Transfer Protocol" and Grandview High School "Cyber Wolves II" from Aurora made a great showing in the finals as well.

Competitors enjoyed each other's company at a banquet following the event. They heard from great speakers such as Ms. Lauren Barrett Knausenberger, Chief Information Officer for the Department of the Air Force; Lieutenant General (ret) Chris "Wedge" Weggeman, former 24th Air Force Commander; and Colonel John "Judge" Smail, Senior Cyber Officer, United States Space Force.

Congratulations to all Colorado teams for bringing their 'A' game to the finals! The Colorado AFA community is incredibly proud to call you 'ours'!

CyberPatriot XIV (2021-2022) Competition Timeline



The rigorous 2021-2022 CyberPatriot competition schedule



Summer, 2022 CyberPatriot Camp Registration is Open!

It's not too late to register to host a cyber camp! Host registration is open until 1 May 2022. A complete list of available camps and host locations will be available soon. Want to know more? Click here:

[CyberPatriot Cyber Camps](#) or contact Caty Rozema at:

catyrozema@hotmail.com or 719-358-0223. CyberPatriot camps are a great way to get your young cyber warriors ready for competition and set them on a path to a career in cybersecurity!

AFA AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Lance P. Sijan Chapter and Colorado State Garcia Scholarship

Do you know a student who could use a scholarship? If so, you're in luck! There are *TWO* AFA scholarships available- one at the chapter level and one at the state level.

The Lance P. Sijan chapter scholarship is available to high school senior or college freshman, sophomore, or junior. The Lance P. Sijan Chapter awards scholarships annually 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. Scholarships are open to immediate family members (son, daughter, spouse) of active duty and retired Air and Space Force, Air Force Reserve, and Air National Guard members in Colorado Springs; AFJROTC cadets; 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 Francisco Garcia Scholarship is awarded by the Colorado State Air Force Association (CSAFA). It is awarded annually 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 an STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) related field.

Applications for both scholarships are due by 30 April 2022.

Complete details and applications are found at the end of this newsletter. Don't wait. Apply today!

AFA National Scholarships

There are more than a dozen AFA scholarships and grants available to active duty, retirees, and military family members. They range in value from \$1,000 to full rides. Scholarships are available for a variety of students pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees in fields spanning STEM, management, oral health and wellness, flight, and others. What are you waiting for?!

Click here for more information: <https://www.afa.org/education-support/scholarships>

Applications are due by 30 April 2022. Apply today!

AFA PITSENBARGER AWARDS

But wait... there's more! Check out <https://www.afa.org/education-support/pitsenbargers> to learn about cash awards given to Airmen and Guardians who desire to pursue a bachelor's degree.

“Air Force Association Pitsenbarger Awards provide a one-time grant of \$750 and a one-year complimentary AFA eMembership to selected top USAF enlisted personnel graduating from the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) who plan to pursue a baccalaureate degree (only). The grants coincide with the CCAF graduation ceremonies held each Spring and Fall.”



A LOOK BACK

American Women Aviators in World War II

Joe Baldwin

In light of March being Women's History Month, it's quite appropriate to highlight the enormous contribution made by American female aviators during World War II (WWII). These heroic individuals overcame significant cultural, organizational, and political resistance to serve their country in wartime and in the process laid the foundation for future women pilots in the U.S. Air Force to fly virtually every airframe in the service.

Confronted with the lack of male pilots on the home front in the early 1940s, the U.S. Army Air Force (USAAF) eventually agreed to allow female flyers to perform a variety of essential missions in the CONUS to support the U.S. war effort.

In September 1942, USAAF created the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron under Air Transport Command to fly aircraft from manufacturing plants to air bases and debarkation ports in the U.S. The service recruited more than two dozen experienced, licensed female pilots with over 500 flying hours to perform these missions.

USAAF also established the Women's Flying Training Detachment in the fall of 1942 initially at Houston, Texas, then moved the program to Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas. Applicants needed 200 hours of flight time in order to qualify for the 30-week training program that emphasized cross country flying.

In August 1943, USAAF consolidated these two activities into the Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) program at Avenger Field under the leadership of famous aviator Jacqueline Cochran. More than 20,000 women applied for the program with 1,830 being accepted and 1,074 graduated from the arduous training program.



WASPS, trained to ferry the [Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress](#). Circa 1944. (Wikipedia)



WASP Bernice "Bee" Falk Haydu (DVIDS)

Female graduates of these USAAF programs operated from 120 bases across the U.S. and performed a wide variety of missions that included ferrying nearly 13,000 aircraft over 60,000 miles in the U.S., towing targets in live fire exercises, performing maintenance test flights, training other pilots, transporting cargo, and testing new aircraft. They flew virtually every type of aircraft in the WWII inventory – i.e., trainer, fighter, bomber, transport, and reconnaissance. These included the hard to handle P-47 Thunderbolt, B-26 Marauder, and B-29 Superfortress. A few highly qualified WASP graduates flew rocket-and jet-propelled aircraft such as the experimental Bell YP-59A jet fighter.

A LOOK BACK

Thirty-eight of these gallant female aviators lost their lives while serving their country, flying in good weather and bad, during daytime and at night.

WASP aviators were essentially civilian employees of the USAAF. During 1944, Congress considered bills to incorporate WASP into the USAAF that were supported by the War Department, General H. H. Arnold, and President Roosevelt. However, this effort met with strong political and media opposition that claimed the program had squandered taxpayer money and that it was a wasted effort since women aviators would not be flying these missions after the war. There also was concern that they would compete with men for limited post-war flying opportunities. Ultimately, due to political pressure and the increasing availability of male pilots to perform CONUS missions, the USAAF disbanded WASP in December 1944.

Speaking to the last WASP graduating class in late 1944, General Arnold paid tribute to them in stating “You have shown that you can fly wingtip to wingtip with your brothers. If ever there was a doubt in anyone’s mind that women could become skilled pilots, the WASP dispelled that doubt. I want to stress how valuable the whole WASP program has been for the country.”



Sadly, the contribution of women aviators in WWII was ignored for decades thereafter until President Jimmy Carter signed a bill in 1977 granting WWII veteran status to WASP, which began to shed light on their contributions. More significantly, on July 1, 2009, Congress awarded WASP aviators the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor possible. On March 11, 2010, President Obama presented the medal to a representative group of WASP and praised these patriotic individuals who “courageously answered their country’s call in a time of need while blazing a trail for the brave women who have given and

continue to give so much in service to this nation.”

Check out the following books if you would like to learn more about WASP: *Winning My Wings: A Woman Airforce Service Pilot in World War II*, *Flying Higher: The Women Airforce Service Pilots of World War II*, and *WA*



WASP Betty “Tack” Blake (military.com)

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 and Space Force, to provide support and assistance to the airmen and guardians, 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, DJ Marquez, at 540-779-3834 or at dheejhay438@gmail.com.



Tyto Athene is an IT services and solutions company that provides mission-focused digital transformation to enhance the client experience and enable them to achieve desired outcomes.

A full-service systems integrator, Tyto Athene offers a wide range of network services and solutions including the design, installation, and support of Hybrid Cloud-based Enterprise Unified Communications, Voice, 5G and NextGen Infrastructure. Tyto Athene has over fifty years of experience supporting Federal, State and Local Governments across the United States and around the globe.

Few capabilities under Tyto Athene are Network Modernization to provide end-to-end solutions including VOIP/UC, IoT, SDN and 5G infrastructure tailored to modernize networks and increase mission resiliency, capability, and flexibility. Defend critical cloud, application, mobile, and infrastructure layers to ensure data protection through the company's Cyber Security and Engineering. Drive cloud adoption with Hybrid Cloud Solutions, seamlessly integrating secure, commercial cloud services with on-premises IT infrastructure. Lastly, their Enterprise IT provide managed and professional services for customer who require continuous improvement to their technology and operational environments.

Tyto Athene is focused on helping clients securely access information in order to accelerate their ability to make decisions. The team utilizes industry-leading technologies, innovative thinking, and proven processes to deliver successful outcomes to clients. They believe their success is owed to their employees, who at every level are valued and given the resources to continuously achieve excellence.

Tyto Athene applies keen insight, experience, and strategy on every project from engineering and design to implementation, maintenance, and support. They ensure their clients not only meet or exceed their business and mission needs but also have a critical advantage that supports their future advancement and growth.

Thank you, Tyto Athene!

IN MEMORIAM

Retired Col. David T. “Buck” Buckwalter

December 5, 1949 – February 27, 2022

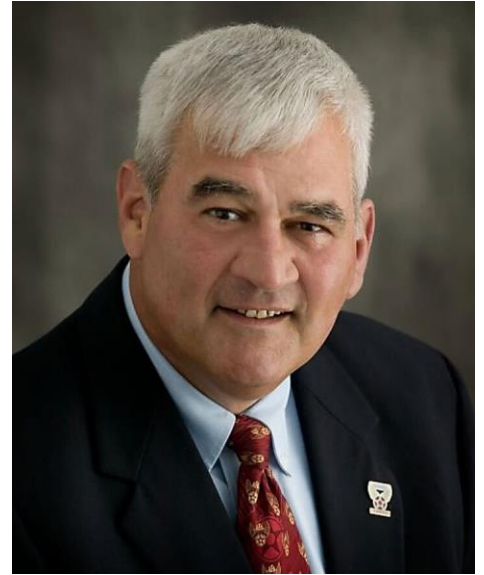
Paul Bailey, Chapter Vice President

I first met Colonel David T. ‘Buck’ Buckwalter when he was the Air Force Advisor and Senior Air Force Instructor at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

By a strange twist of fate, I was selected to attend the U.S. Naval War College as a student in the Senior Course of study there as an Air Force Lieutenant Colonel. He was the inaugural President of the newly formed AFA Chapter 180 – the Newport Blue & Gold Chapter at the U.S. Naval War College, and I was his inaugural Chapter Secretary. We started the Chapter back in 1998 and it is still in existence with annual members of the Air Force students attending both the Senior and Mid-Grade course of study at the War College. AFA members who were instructors led the Chapter and kept it going after each graduating class departed.

‘Buck’ was an inspiration to both the Air Force students at the War College and especially to me. He took me under his wing and was my mentor. After I graduation from the War College in 1998, I kept up with ‘Buck’ and we exchanged Christmas cards for many years and shared drinks at several AFA National Conventions, bringing each other up to date on our careers. ‘Buck’s’ leadership at the AFA National level saw him executing the first full season of CyberPatriot, a cyber defense competition meant to interest students in STEM. He also helped found StellarXplorers, the AFA sponsored model rocketry education and competition program.

‘Buck’ later went on to be the AFA National Director from 2004-2007. In the course of his varied careers, ‘Buck’ won numerous honors for his leadership over many years. He was truly an inspiration to all of us both in AFA and the U.S. Air Force and also to the young people participating in his CyberPatriot and StellarXplorers programs. I am proud to call him a friend and for him to have called me his friend. He will truly be missed! Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

**Lt Gen (Ret) Winfield Scott, Jr.**

December 10, 1927 – March 20, 2022

Lt Gen (Ret) Winfield Scott, Jr. died on March 20, at the age of 94. He was the former Superintendent of the Air Force Academy.

[Lt Gen Winfield W Scott Jr Biography](#)

VOLUNTEER CORNER

April is Volunteerism Month

Your Lance P. Sijan Chapter relies on dedicated volunteers for our projects and contributions to the Air Force Family. We urge you 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 of work to go around! 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 Angelo Bryant at LancePSijanAFA@gmail.com to learn more. These are great networking opportunities!

As Jimmy Doolittle said, "There's nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer"

2nd Quarter Volunteer activities:

- 16 Feb – (Caty Rozema) Briefed Silver Wings cadets
- 4-5 Mar – (Caty Rozema) Attended AFA BoD meeting
- 16 Mar – (Angelo Bryant, Paul Bailey, Linda Aldrich, Caty Rozema) Colorado State AFA Quarterly Meeting

Military One Source is the Department of Defense website for official Military Community and Family Policy (MC&FP) program information, policy and guidance designed to help troops and their families, leaders, and service providers. Whether you live the military lifestyle or support those who do, you'll find what you need. Visit:
<http://www.militaryonesource.mil/>



HOW TO CONTACT AFA

- 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: 4:30pm

SIJAN CHAPTER COFFEE BREAK

Place: Banning Lewis Academy

Date: 22 April 2022

Time: 10:00 – 11:00am

SIJAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

Place: Virtual

Date: 30 April 2022

Time: N/A

GARCIA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

Place: Virtual

Date: 30 April 2022

Time: N/A

2ND QUARTER STATE AFA MEETING

Place: Grand Junction, CO

Date: 18 June 2022

Time: 9:30am

MILE HIGH AFA GOLF TOURNAMENT

Place: Elizabeth, CO

Date: 24 June 2022

Time: TBD

IMAGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Place: USAFA

Date: August 2022

Time: TBD

CHAPTER AND MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



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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!

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 member's 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:

Air Force Association
Member Services
1501 Langston Blvd
Arlington, VA 22209

NEW AND RENEWED COMMUNITY PARTNERS



AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION SIJAN CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP



2022 Scholarship Application

The Lance P. Sijan Chapter awards scholarships annually 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 seniors/graduates who plan to attend college during the 2022-23 academic year. Scholarships are open to immediate family members (son, daughter, spouse) of active duty and retired Air and Space Force, Air Force Reserve, and Air National Guard members in Colorado Springs; AFJROTC cadets; college freshmen, sophomores, and juniors from the greater Colorado Springs area attending any college or university; Silver Wings members; and Arnold Air Society members. High School students selected for full scholarships that will be awarded in 2022 or have been selected to attend a Military Service Academy are not eligible.

Scholarships are awarded based on the 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 select the scholarship recipients. The scholarship selection process is nondiscriminatory. 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 used in the direct support of academic pursuits.

Complete application packages must include the following (only complete packages will be considered):

- Application form below (completely filled out)
- A high school or college transcript
- A copy of SAT and/or ACT scores (high school seniors only)
- At least one letter of recommendation from a current or past teacher. (Up to three letters of recommendation may be included with the application. This is optional for spouses.)
- An essay of no fewer than 500 words and no more than 1,000 words that answers and justifies the following question:

What do you believe should be the role of the United States military (Active, Reserve, National Guard) in response Russia's invasion of Ukraine?

**Send complete application packets to:
Air Force Association Lance P. Sijan Chapter #125
AFA Scholarship Selection Committee
P.O. Box 15007
Colorado Springs, CO 80935-15007**

Scholarship applications must be postmarked by 30 April 2022. Scholarship recipients will be notified of selection no later than 15 May 2022. Recipients will receive their scholarship checks via mail no later than 15 June 2022.

For additional information, please contact the Sijan Chapter Scholarship Chairman:

Caty Rozema
719-358-0223 (cell)
catyrozema@hotmail.com



2022 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Current Status

High School Applicant:

College Applicant:

If a college applicant, provide year(s) previous AFA Scholarship(s) was/were awarded, if applicable.

As applicable, list source, amount, and type (i.e., restrictions or designations) of other scholarships awarded for the 2021-2022 academic year:

Selected for Service Academy Attendance: No: Yes:

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone Numbers: Daytime: _____ Evening: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Social Security Number: _____

[Applicant's Social Security Number is mandatory for AFA and individual tax reporting.]

Family Information (Spouse Applicants fill in only military affiliation line)

Father's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone Numbers: Daytime: _____ Evening: _____

Military affiliation: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Address: _____

(If different from Father)

City/State/Zip Code: _____

(If different from Father)

Telephone Numbers: Daytime: _____ Evening: _____

(If different from Father)

Military affiliation: _____

Education

Current High School or College Attending: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

Projected Graduation Date: _____

Desired College/University Course of Study: _____

(Provide copy of acceptance letter, if available)

Desired Occupation upon receipt of degree, if known: _____



2022 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Extracurricular Activities

List your most significant activities in the categories listed below (separate attached sheets with the same general format are acceptable):

School Activity(ies)	Participation Dates	Position(s) Held	Awards and Honors
Athletic Activity(ies)	Participation Dates	Position(s) Held	Awards and Honors
Community/School Volunteer Activity(ies)	Participation Dates	Position(s) Held	Awards and Honors

Special Considerations

Any unusual situations or circumstances that you would like to bring to the scholarship selection committee's attention, for example: family employment, medical, housing circumstance.

Please review your application to ensure all questions are complete and mail the application package, plus all other requested information, to Lance Sijan Chapter 125. **Applications postmarked after 30 April 2022 will not be accepted.** Mail complete package to:

Air Force Association Lance P. Sijan Chapter #125
AFA Scholarship Selection Committee
P.O. Box 15007
Colorado Springs, CO 80935-15007

2022 Lance P. Sijan Scholarship Application Form

2022 COLORADO AFA FRANCISCO GARCIA SCHOLARSHIP



Scholarship Process and Selection Criteria

Scholarship Information

The Francisco Garcia Scholarship is a scholarship awarded by the Colorado State Air Force Association (CSAFA). It is a \$1000 scholarship awarded annually to one recipient in the State of Colorado. The scholarship process and selection criteria are outlined below.

Scholarship Process

- Each Colorado AFA chapter is responsible for selecting one applicant from their chapter who will compete at the state-level for final selection of the scholarship
- Chapters must submit their applicant's complete applications to the CSAFA President/Aerospace Education Vice President by April 30 of each calendar year.
- The CSAFA President/Aerospace Education Vice President reserves the right to challenge eligibility should they feel a student does not meet the criteria set forth in this policy.
- Scholarship awards will be made on a nondiscriminatory basis.
- The state-level scholarship selection committee will be made up of equal representation from each Colorado AFA chapter in order to ensure impartial selection.
- Per the original scholarship guidelines, a maximum of \$4000 will be administered by the CSAFA each year. Currently the CSAFA will award a maximum of \$1000 in order to maintain and recoup the principal of the scholarship's endowment.

Scholarship Selection Criteria

1. The applicant must be a graduating senior from a Colorado high school and intend to obtain a college degree in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) related field. Examples of a "STEM related field" include the following degrees:
 - Mathematics
 - Engineering (civil, electrical, mechanical, software, systems)
 - Physics
 - Information Technology
 - Chemistry
 - Astrodynamics
 - Astrophysics
2. Returning college students may apply for subsequent years until they graduate.
3. Applicant's financial need is the first priority, community service and grade point average follow sequentially in priority when selecting a candidate.
4. Scholarship funds are to be used for tuition, room and board, textbooks, gas, computers, or lab fees. They are not to be used for personal expenses such as food and beverages.
5. High school transcripts and proof of acceptance to a college must be supplied with the student's application. The candidate must be accepted to a college or university prior to being considered for the scholarship.

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Applicant

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Applicant Education

High School: _____

Address: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

College/University Attending: _____

Planned Course of Study: _____

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Activities

List the community service or volunteer activities you have been involved in during high school. Include participation dates, any positions held, and any awards or honors received.

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Attachments

- High School transcript indicating expected graduation date and cumulative grade point average
- Letter of acceptance to an accredited college or university
- One-page essay, written by the applicant, describing intended study and goals
- One paragraph, written by the applicant, explaining why he or she is a student in need of financial aid.
- Letter(s) of nomination from someone (not a family member) providing information regarding financial need and community service