**Tuesday, 8 November 2022, 5:00 – 6:00pm (Mountain)**

**Location: Zoom Meeting**

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**Meeting ID: 899 4552 2879**

**Attendees: Paul, Bruce, Linda, Doug, Greg, and Darius DeSpain (new); Jeff W and Bill M were tied up**

**President’s Comments/Update** (Paul Bailey)

**-** *Opening Remarks*—Events coming up

- November 11th: two Wreath Laying events; would like a person to do the presentation at the Veteran’s Cemetery and Springs Memorial Park at 11:00am

- Nov 16, 2022 Space Force Association Falzarano Chapter Networking/Social Night – Wednesday 1730L, 1350 Distilling, 520 E. Pikes Peak Ave, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

- Nov 30, 2022 Chapter Membership Meeting 21C Library, 1175 Chapel Hills Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80920 4:30-6:30pm, Vietnam Era Pins presented, USAFA History Dept Invited to Brief on War, Briefings on Chapter, Chapter officers reports, Space Force and Request for Membership Participation

- Saturday, 3 December, Commander’s Holiday Reception at The Hub; Doug Lamborn may attend, so Bruce Hall will plan to attend

- Monday, 5 December, Pitsenbarger Awards presentation at Schriever SFB; Darius will represent AFA at this presentation at 9:30am; Paul to send him the info

- Need a Chairman for the Air & Space Ball in 2023; please solicit potential candidates

*- Executive Council Member vacancy updates:*open positions:Veteran’s Affairs VP –Need individuals who will engage and stay motivated to keep in contact with local POCs and State/National Reps—we need names of people who would be willing to do these!

*-* Paul will be out of the country 3-28 December

**Vice President’s Comments/Update** (VACANT)

*- N/A*

**State President’s Comments** (Linda Aldrich)

* Reported the success of Arnold Air Society at Silver Wings Area Conclave November 4-6, Doubletree Hotel, Denver; great event—gave appreciation for participation from Chapter members; called out Darius DeSpain for his participation and Doug Kendall for attending the dinner Saturday evening and talking with the Silver Wings cadets and AF Academy cadets

**Treasurer’s Report** (Bill Mills)

- *Monthly Report*:

- Current ball sponsorship - $20k from LM

- Current cash flow situation

- Membership funds

- Fundraising opportunities - need to start engaging our membership to increase funds

**Secretary’s Report** (Doug Kendall)

- Attended Arnold Air Society at Silver Wings Area Conclave Dinner; gave out business cards to Silver Wings and AF Academy Cadets; Linda did a great job as the guest speaker

**Vice Presidents’ Reports:**

**VP, Membership Vacant—need someone to fill**

**VP, Community Partners** (Doug Kendall)

- Hosted CP social event on 25 October; need to complete sign-ups of CPs

- Attended “Smart Power” hosted by US Global Leadership Coalition as the AFA Rep; Lt Gen (Ret) Timothy Fay spoke on world events with China & Russia; about 20 reps from different veterans orgs there

- Process for new CP members: Doug will fill out application and get check from new CP; check will go to Sijan Chapter; then Treasurer (Bill Mills) will send half of the amount to National while Doug submits the application; the CP will send us a logo for the newsletter and other media

- Doug will try to obtain a more current list of CPs for the Sijan Chapter

- Need decision on Air & Space Force Ball—much discussion; Paul said Ball is canceled in February at least; he will call major sponsors to inform them. He will put a note on the Sijan Website. We hope to still have one in 2023 but most likely in October if at all. We need to find a Chairman ASAP.

**VP, Aerospace Education & Scholarships**- Jeff Womelsdorf (couldn’t make it)

- Couldn’t attend but sent Doug the info below:

-- I have is that I have gotten some great contacts within D49 to begin exploring how the Sijan chapter can work with the various high schools in the area. I have a solid contact list and am getting meetings on the books to talk with people about the scholarship programs available. I've also received some material regarding StellarXplorers and CyberPatriot so I am much more comfortable talking to those programs as well when I get meetings set with the local schools and businesses in the area.

**VP, Communications Report** (VACANT—need someone to fill)

* Jennifer Miller is working on the website updates. Our cadet doesn't have the skillset to make the changes, so Jennifer is pitching in.

**VP, Veteran’s Affairs** (VACANT)

*- Upcoming events:*

**VP, Government Relations** (Bruce Hall)

- Update on Rep Lamborn’s office? He was very busy with elections; so Bruce will contact afterwards

- Updated on City Council? – two members will attend State Convention (they have AF backgrounds); the entire city council will be invited

**VP, Programs** (Gayle/Brandi) ABSENT

*- TBD*

**VP, Community Relations** (Phillip Taylor) ABSENT

- *Update on Space Force:*

**Other Business**:

**2023 AF Ball:** WE WILL NEED TO PUSH THIS OUT—OCTOBER 2023 TIME FRAME, IF EVEN THEN

-- Still need a POC for this event; haven’t received any volunteers yet. We will cancel the February date but could host in October if we can recruit a POC soon.

**Upcoming AFA events 2022-2023**

**November 2022**

5 – Silver Wings event in Denver

8 – Board Meeting

11 – Veterans Day Wreathlaying

24 – Thanksgiving Day

**December 2022**

13 – Board Meeting: CANCELED

15 – Holiday Party –invites coming out

25 – Christmas Day

31 – New Year’s Eve

**January 2023**

1 – Happy New Year!

10 – Board Meeting

16 – Dr. Martin Luther King Day

**February 2023**

14 – Board Meeting & Valentine’s Day

20 – President’s Day

24 – Air & Space Force Ball—probably postpone

**March 2023**

14 – Board Meeting

20 – First Day of Spring

**April 2023**

9 – Easter

11 – Board Meeting

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