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WELCOME TO
SIJAN CHAPTER #125!

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MESSAGE FROM THE SIJAN CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Sijan Chapter Members, Friends, and Family~

Now that we have enjoyed the many holidays associated with Fall and the beginning of Winter, I would like to solicit membership consideration of volunteering for a leadership position running the Chapter or member participation in Chapter events. The Chapter is in dire need of your help!

The Air and Space Force Association's three strategic mission pillars are to educate, advocate, and support. I know there are Chapter members who are willing and determined to execute those mission pillars through helping and participating in the many Chapter events. Should you be interested in volunteering in the Chapter, please contact us today!

We continue to outreach to the community in many different ways in order to work and support efforts that forge new relationships while maintaining existing relationships. Your efforts will help us to bring us to a new and heightened level.

The Air Force Ball scheduled for February 24, 2023 at the Broadmoor Hotel has been cancelled. We will not have an Air Force Ball for some time unless we can find a member who has the time and energy to lead the planning, setup and execution of such a large event. If you are interested in leading this planning and preparation effort, please contact either me or any of the Chapter staff listed in this newsletter.

We are looking forward to and planning several community events for the first half of the year. There are several opportunities posted in articles in this newsletter to help you decide how you may want to participate in these activities.

One item that may be of interest to you is that we recently received an order of AFA Sijan Chapter ball caps you might be interested in. Please look inside for the information article on the hats that has a Sijan Chapter ball cap picture and how to purchase one of them.

Thank you once again for your support of the Sijan chapter. We are proud to serve with you to educate, advocate, and support our Airmen, Guardians, Air and Space Force Civilians, Veterans, and their families. I am enjoying continuing my service to the nation as the leader of your local Professional Organization. We can't wait to see you at our next event.

Very respectfully and with best personal regards,

Paul L Bailey
President, Lance P. Sijan Chapter #125



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AFA Sijan Chapter to Support Mitchell High School USAF Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) Drill Meet February 4, 2023

Paul Bailey, Colonel, USAF (Ret), Sijan Chapter President



Part of AFA’s mission has always been to support our warriors-to-be and programs leading to military service for the nation. On February 4, 2023, the Chapter will support the Mitchell HS USAF JROTC Drill Meet. It will be held at the Mitchell HS gymnasium from 0800-1130 and will have JROTC drill teams and Color Guards from the local area and from as far away as Denver and Kansas. The Sijan Chapter of the AFA has demonstrated their support to this program that Mitchell HS calls the “AFA JROTC Drill Meet.” The Chapter has supported this program in the past and will continue to do so. Perhaps you may want to join the many parents who come to watch their sons and daughters in this extra-curricular activity! The Chapter will help present some of the trophies and has provided financial support for this worthy event. More will be reported on the results of the gathering in the next newsletter.

AFA Sijan Chapter Continues Participation with Local Veterans Council

Paul Bailey, Colonel, USAF (Ret), Sijan Chapter President

For some time, I have been the Chapter Representative to the local Pikes Peak Veterans Council that meets every month to discuss and plan activities of the Council and local Veteran and Patriotic Organizations. The Pikes Peak Veterans Council has been the segway for us into participation in two of the local Veteran events in Colorado Springs – the Memorial Wreath Laying and the Veterans Day Wreath Laying at the various Service and Military Organization monuments at Memorial Park, downtown Colorado Springs. Planning has already begun for our participation in the Memorial Day Wreath Laying where we lay a wreath at the Air Force monument at Memorial Park. Should you wish to support the Chapter through participating in this once-a-month planning effort with the Veterans Council, please contact the Chapter. You may also want to put on your calendar a reminder for attendance at the Memorial Day Wreath Laying at 11:00AM on Memorial Day, May 29, 2023.

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Arnold Air Regional Convention

Linda Aldrich, Colonel, USAF (Ret), Past AFA State President



The Arnold Air Society Cadets recently conducted a Regional Conclave (RCON) for the Regional Cadet leadership and members of this Region on Nov 5, 2022 at the Doubletree Hotel in Denver, CO. Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings are professional, honorary, service organizations advocating the support of aerospace power while also working to develop future leaders through community service, professional development, and education about our national defense. Col Linda Aldrich, USAF (Ret) and Past AFA Colorado President, attended and spoke at the event. Multiple AFA representatives were also present – AFA Midwest Regional President (Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska) Mr. Chris Canada also attended. We also had other Colorado Chapter members Mr. Jerry White (Sijan Chapter), Mr. Cliff Klein (Mile High Chapter/CO State President), Emily Sawicki (Mile High Chapter-Emerging Leader) and her husband, Darius DeSpain (New AD and new Sijan Chapter member and VP for Aerospace Education) and his wife, Doug Kendall (Sijan Chapter Secretary). We had the right mix to cover lots of areas—Mr. Doug Kendall (Sijan Chapter) talked to Silver Wings about jobs in the Defense community; Ms. Emily Sawicki (Mile High Chapter) talked about the Emerging Leader program; Mr. Darius DeSpain (Sijan Chapter) talked about New to Active Duty (AD) after involvement with Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings (AAS/Silver Wings) and staying involved in AFA; Mr. Jerry White (Sijan Chapter) talked about history and long term interaction w/AFA; Mr. Cliff Klein (Mile High Chapter/CO State President) talked about Colorado AFA; and Mr. Chris Canada (AFA Midwest Regional President) talked about Midwest AFA and National AFA. We all were at different tables so we had the chance to spread out and really spend some time talking to them individually. At one of the business sessions during the

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day, another Sijan Chapter member, Ms. Caty Rozema, came to talk to them about education, contact with the contractor/defense community and all the great opportunities to be involved. Col Aldrich geared her speech at dinner about why to stay in AFA for the long term, what AFA does for the US Air Force/Space Force (USAF/USSF) and families and a little bit of history about Angel Flight and opportunities for women. Col Aldrich likes to think that this will help maintain membership for a lifetime.



Col Linda Aldrich, USAF (Ret) speaks at the Event



Col Linda Aldrich, USAF (Ret) and Mr. Chris Canada, AFA Regional President at the event



Col Aldrich talks with participants at the event following her presentation.

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Lance P Sijan Chapter Membership Meeting, November 30, 2022

Paul Bailey, Colonel, USAF (Ret), Sijan Chapter President

The Sijan Chapter hosted a Chapter Membership meeting on Nov 30, 2022 at the Colorado Springs 21C Library Venue Center. Dr. Scott D Bailey of the USAF Space Operations Command History Office made a presentation on the “Use of the Delta in US Military Organizations” in order to allow members to better understand why the new US Space Force heavily uses the Delta in naming their units and on their unit symbols. Mr. Paul Bailey, Chapter President, gave a presentation on “Who Was Lance P. Sijan?” Additionally, Mr. Stephen Gourley, HQ AFA Aerospace Education Board, advised participants on current AFA Education programs. Chapter hats were presented to attendees and officers at the meeting. A main focus of the meeting was to present Vietnam Era Service Pins to eligible members who were on Active Duty November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975. Dr. Douglas P Kennedy of the USAFA History Department presented an historical synopsis of the United States involvement in the Vietnam War in order to set the context for the presentation of the Vietnam Era Service pins.



Air Academy HS Color Guard Presents the Colors to Open the Meeting



Dr. Scott D Bailey, USAF/SPOC Gives “Delta” Briefing



Dr. Douglas P Kennedy, USAFA Presents On Vietnam Background



Mr. Bruce Hall, Sijan VP Government Affairs Receives His Pin

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Scholarship Presentation

1st Lt Darius DeSpain, USSF, Sijan Chapter VP, Aerospace Education

The Lance P. Sijan Chapter presented scholarship checks at Schriever SFB recently. On December 5, 2022, Space Base Delta 1 (SBD 1) held a graduation ceremony for Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) graduates from Guardians and Airmen from SBD 1 at the Schriever SFB Fitness Center. During the ceremony, the AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter presented the Pitsenbarger Award to two graduates who will be going on to pursue a Bachelor degree. The awardees were presented with two checks by 1st Lt Darius DeSpain, a chapter member and also Chapter Vice President for Aerospace Education, who is an Active Duty Guardian and stationed at Schriever SFB. The first check was presented to SSgt Cindy Delgado from the 50th Contracting Squadron (50 CONS). Lt Col Gerald Allen (Below Right), Commander of 50 CONS, accepted the award on her behalf. The second check was presented to TSgt Stephen Armstrong from the 821st Security Forces Squadron. CMSgt Sevin Balkuvvar, (Below Left) the Command Chief for SBD 1, accepted the award on his behalf.



AFA Sijan Chapter Announcement – AF Ball Cancelled

Paul Bailey, Colonel, USAF (Ret), Sijan Chapter President

The previously scheduled and announced Air Force Ball is cancelled for Feb 24, 2023. Please contact the Chapter if you have any questions.

AFA Sijan Chapter Participates in HQ AFA Space Committee

Paul Bailey, Colonel, USAF (Ret), Sijan Chapter President

The Chapter has been invited to participate in the HQ AFA Space Committee that conducts a monthly virtual meeting. Current discussions are on how best to support the USSF. Should you wish to participate in this Committee, contact me in order to get you into an upcoming virtual meeting.

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Follow-up on One of Our Scholarship Recipients

Michael Bryant, SMSgt, USSF, Past Sijan Chapter President

The Sijan Chapter received a follow-up report on the recent studies of Ms. Nina Florek, a recipient of the Kim Wright Scholarship. Ms. Florek proudly let the Chapter know that she has used the scholarship well as she has received a 3.325 GPA in her Undergraduate studies for last semester. Ms. Florek graduated from Rampart High School and due to the generosity of Jim and Karen Wright, who established two scholarships in their daughter Kim's name, received her first scholarship in 2020. These scholarships are a \$3,000 annual award which goes to a deserving high school student with at least a "B" average, who plans to attend a 4-year college or university, and who plans to pursue an education degree. As long as the recipient maintains a "B" average in college, the scholarship will be renewed each year for four years. Ms. Florek continues to maintain a "B" average. A continued thank you to the Wright family for their generosity.

New AFA Sijan Chapter Ball Caps

Paul Bailey, Colonel, USAF (Ret), Sijan Chapter President

We recently received an order of AFA Lance P Sijan Chapter ball caps that are for sale to the membership for \$20.00. Should you be interested in purchasing one of the hats, please contact me at 719 548-5016 or baileypaul0@gmail.com.



USNORTHCOM/NORAD Holiday Reception

Bruce Hall, CMSgt, USAF (Ret), Sijan Chapter Vice President for Government Affairs

On Saturday afternoon, December 3, 2022, AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter members Bruce Hall and Jennifer Miller attended the NORAD/USNORTHCOM Commander's Holiday Reception at The Hub (formerly The Club) on Peterson Space Force Base, on behalf of Chapter President Paul Bailey. In addition to N/NC Commander Gen. Glen D. VanHerck, USAF, and his wife Marilyn, Gen. James H. Dickinson, USA, Commander of U.S. Space Command, and his wife Angie joined the VanHercks in receiving guests. Bruce and Jennifer exchanged greetings, chatted, and passed AFA business cards to other guests, including El Paso County Commissioner Longinos Gonzalez Jr., motivational speaker and former AFA Sijan Chapter President Kristen Christy, aide for Constituent

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Affairs in the office of Sen. Hickenlooper Jacks Pastuer, Senior Enlisted Leader of the Operations Directorate of U.S. Space Command CMSgt Jacob C. Simmons, and immediate past President of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA-RMC) Philip Kwong. Phil stressed the current NDIA-RMC initiative to collaborate with other defense and space support organizations, including our chapter, wherever our goals coincide. Other notables recognized were former Deputy Commander of US NORTHCOM and NORAD U.S. Element Vice Commander Lt. Gen. Edward G. Anderson, USA (Ret.). The Hub arranged a sumptuous hors d'oeuvres buffet and beverages. A live ensemble provided a musical background.

New AFA JROTC Ribbon

Paul Bailey, Colonel, USAF (Ret), Sijan Chapter President

CYBER PATRIOT RIBBON



The Cyber Patriot program was created and developed by the Air Force Association (AFA). It encourages and inspires students toward careers in cybersecurity and other STEM subject areas that are critical to our nation's security. The Cyber Patriot program includes a variety of challenging initiatives including the National Youth Cyber Defense Competition, the nation's largest cyber defense competition, and AFA Cyber Camps.

The Cyber Patriot program is sponsored and assisted by industry leaders, government agencies, and contractors including the Department of Homeland Security, AT&T, Northrop Grumman, and Boeing, among many others. Participation in this program can launch participants on a trajectory of life-long learning and lead to a variety of rewarding opportunities in the cyber security industry.

The Cyber Patriot Ribbon may be awarded to members of the Cyber Patriot program who have demonstrated outstanding achievement while participating in the Cyber Patriot STEM program in any capacity. For each additional award earned, an additional bronze oak leaf cluster is authorized. A single silver oak leaf cluster will indicate the award of the fifth bronze oak leaf cluster. This ribbon replaces the Cyber Patriot pin which is no longer authorized for wear on cadets' uniforms.

Chapter Has a New Mailing Address

Paul Bailey, Colonel, USAF (Ret), Sijan Chapter President

Just as a reminder, should you have anything you wish to mail to the Chapter, please be advised that our new mailing address is:

**Air & Space Forces Association
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PO Box 244
USAFA, CO 80840-0244**

AFA NATIONAL

HQ AFA Announcement

The HQ AFA Development Team has announced that due to a variety of factors, they made the difficult decision to not offer an AFA 2023 Calendar. They ask members who have purchased AFA Calendars in the past to please be assured that they are planning to have a vibrant 2024 AFA Calendar available for purchase through *ShopAFA.org* later in the year. Please be advised.

COMMUNITY PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

Community Partners make the Air and Space Force Association and Sijan Chapter projects possible.

How Can Your Company Become a Community Partner?

Want to know more about how to become a Community Partner? Check out <https://www.afa.org/membership/community-partners> From the website:

“Becoming a Community Partner is a great way to get your business involved with your local Air Force and Space Force community! For more than 40 years, businesses have been joining the Air & Space Forces Association to support both AFA National and local AFA chapters.

By forming a partnership with your local AFA chapter, your business will help AFA fulfill its mission to promote dominant United States Air and Space Forces and a strong national defense. There are two options for membership:

Category One (CP I) \$90.00 annually - Business can designate one person to receive AFA Membership and enjoy all benefits thereof.

Category Two (CP II) \$180.00 annually - Business can designate two people to receive AFA Membership and enjoy all benefits thereof.

Not only does a Community Partner receive all the benefits of an AFA membership, such as a variety of product and service discounts, insurance programs, and much more, but the partner will also receive a wooden plaque with a date medallion and a window decal. These will show customers and clients that your business supports our troops!”

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Volunteers Make a Difference!

Your Lance P. Sijan Chapter relies on dedicated volunteers for our projects and contributions to the Air and Space Force Family. We urge you to consider volunteering with your AFA.

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 and Space 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 Paul Bailey at Baileypaul0@googlemail.com to learn more. These are great networking opportunities!

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



- 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](#)

Online – Every 2nd Tuesday of Month 5:00PM

[Mitchell HS AFA Drill Meet](#)

February 4th, 0800-1130 AM, 205 Potter Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

[American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics \(AIAA\) Space Operations Forum](#)

Feb 16-17. 0830-1600, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) 15013 W Parkway, Golden, CO 80401

[K9 Veterans Day](#)

March 13, Check Newspaper or online for ceremonies

[AFA Colorado 1st Quarter State Meeting](#)

AFA State Meeting is 25 March, 0930, at the Weisbrod Aircraft Museum in Pueblo

[National Vietnam War Veterans Day](#)

March 29, Check Newspaper or online for ceremonies

[National Former POW Recognition Day](#) April 9, Check Newspaper or online for ceremonies

[Space Foundation Space Symposium](#) April 17-20
Broadmoor

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The AFA is an independent, nonprofit, civilian education organization promoting public understanding of aerospace power and the pivotal role it plays in the security of the nation. AFA publishes Air Force Magazine, conducts national symposia and disseminates information through outreach programs. It sponsors professional development seminars and recognizes excellence in the education and aerospace fields through national awards programs. AFA presents scholarships and grants to Air Force active duty, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members and their dependents, and AFA awards educator grants to promote science and math education at the elementary, secondary, and high school level. Nationally, AFA has more than 100,000 active members. The AFA National Website is WWW.AFA.ORG

The Lance P. Sijan Chapter is one of the largest, most active chapters in AFA, with more than 1800 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:

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NEW AND RENEWED COMMUNITY PARTNERS

