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WELCOME TO
SIJAN CHAPTER #125!

President: Paul Bailey
Vice President: Bruce Hall
Secretary: Doug Kendall
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MESSAGE FROM THE SIJAN CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Sijan Chapter Members, Friends, and Family~

Now that we have finished the first quarter of 2023 and Federal Income Taxes are nearly due, 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 Forces 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 participation in the many Chapter events.

We continue outreach to the community in many different ways in order to work and support efforts that forge new relationships while maintaining existing relationships. One upcoming event is the Memorial Day wreath laying at the USAF Monument in the Colorado Springs Memorial Park. Check the article on this event in this newsletter for details.

We are beginning our 2023 Award Presentation cycle of events. There have already been presentations on behalf of both the HQ AFA and Air Staff of National-level awards to individuals and one unit in the local area. Other upcoming award events are JROTC Cadet medal presentations and US Air Force Academy award events. If you are interested in participating in these planning and presentation efforts, please contact me or any of the Chapter staff listed in this newsletter.

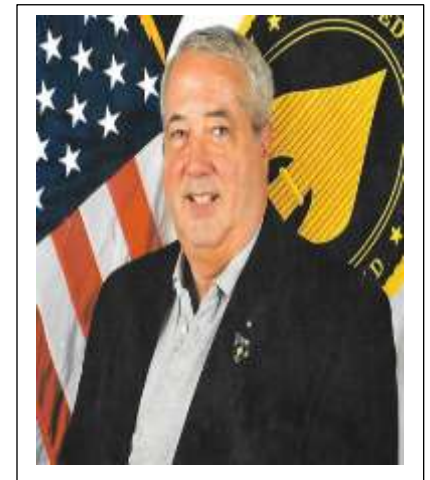
We are looking forward to and planning several community events for the first half of the year. This month is the first of several planned Chapter social events for members that I hope you will participate in by attending. Please check for event announcements in this newsletter, on our website and on your Constant Contact email notifications to help you decide how you may want to be involved.

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



AROUND YOUR SIJAN COMMUNITY

AFA Sijan Chapter Presents National Award to Local Individual on March 31, 2023

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

AFA Larry D. Welch Award Presentation

The Larry D. Welch Award was presented on March 31st, 2023 to Major Zachary Ziegler for his work while assigned at Whiteman AFB, MO as a B-2 Pilot and Wing Planning Chief at the 509th Bomb Wing. Major Ziegler recently transferred to the Colorado Springs area where he received this prestigious award named in honor of the twelfth Chief of Staff of the Air Force, General Larry D. Welch. The award was presented to Major Ziegler by Colonel Paul L Bailey, USAF (Ret), President of the Lance P Sijan Chapter #125 in Colorado Springs, CO.



Larry D. Welch Award presented for the “Most significant impact by an individual on the overall operations, safety, security, and effectiveness of the Air Force nuclear mission.”

Col Bailey presents the award to Major Ziegler on March 31, 2023.

AROUND YOUR SIJAN COMMUNITY

Sijan Chapter Presents National Award to Local US Air Force Reserve Unit on April 1, 2023

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

731st Airlift Squadron Receives AFA Air Force Reserve Best Unit Award

The 731st Airlift Squadron, of the Air Force Reserve's 302nd Airlift Wing at Peterson Space Force Base, CO, received the Air & Space Forces Association's Outstanding Unit Award for the "Most outstanding Air Force Reserve Command Unit of the Year for 2022." The award was presented at the 302nd Operations Group Commander's Call as part of their Drill Weekend on April 1, 2023 at Peterson Space Force Base, Colorado Springs, CO. Presenting the award was the AFA Lance P Sijan Chapter #125's President, Colonel Paul L Bailey, USAF (Ret). Receiving the award was Lieutenant Colonel Kip D. Blackwell, Commander of the 731st Airlift Squadron.



Most Outstanding Air Force Reserve Command 2022 Unit of the Year presented on April 1st, 2023.

Col Bailey is introduced for the award presentation by Col Deanna K. Franks, Commander, 302nd Operations Group.

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731st Airlift Squadron Receives AFA Air Force Reserve Best Unit Award (Con't)



Col Bailey presents the award to 731st AS Commander, Lt Col Kip Blackwell; 731st AS Chief Flight Engineer, CMSgt Janette Rummel; and 731st AS Chief Loadmaster, CMSgt Jeff Flight

AFA Sijan Chapter Continues Plans For Memorial Day Wreath Laying Through Local Pikes Peak Veterans Council

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

For some time, I have been the Sijan 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 our participation in two of the local Veteran events in Colorado Springs – the Memorial Wreath Laying and the Veteran’s Day Wreath Laying at the Service and Military Organization monuments at Memorial Park in downtown Colorado Springs. Planning has already begun for our participation in this year’s wreath laying at the Air Force monument at Memorial Park. Should you wish to support the Chapter by participating in this once-a-month planning effort with the Veterans Council, please email LancePSijanAFA@gmail.com.

You may also want to mark your calendar to join the Chapter for the Memorial Day Wreath Laying at 11:00AM on Memorial Day, May 29, 2023.

AROUND YOUR SIJAN COMMUNITY**Colorado State AFA Meeting**

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

The Air & Space Forces Association Colorado State First Quarter Business Meeting was held at the Weisbrod Aircraft Museum, Pueblo, CO 9:00 AM - 12:48 PM, March 25, 2023. The Sijan Chapter was represented by Chapter Vice President, CMSgt (Ret) Bruce Hall, and Past Colorado State President, Col (Ret) Linda Aldrich.

CMSgt Hall reported the following regarding the Sijan Chapter 125 activities:

- Supported Mitchell High School USAF JROTC Drill Meet Feb 4th, 2023
- Continued participation with local Veterans Council
- Presented Pitsenbarger Award to two CCAF graduates at Schriever SFB
- Participates in HQ AFA Space Committee
- Attended the NORAD/USNORTHCOM Commander's Holiday Reception at Peterson SFB
- New Mailing Address
- Making visits to US Senators and Representatives in Colorado Springs office
- Making visits to Colorado Springs area active-duty units to encourage participation from active members
- Sijan Chapter to host the October State Business meeting

As our new Chapter Vice President, Bruce Hall was commended by Past AFA Colorado State President, Linda Aldrich for his thorough and well-articulated report. A job well done! Should you want more information on particulars of the AFA State or other Chapter reports, please email CO125.Sijan.ExecVP@afa.org.

AFA Sijan Chapter Participates in HQ AFA Space Working Group

Scott Gilson, Sijan Chapter Representative to the Space Working Group

Scott "Scooter" Gilson represents our Sijan Chapter on AFA's Space Working Group (SWG). The SWG is comprised of members from several of the AFA Chapters where USSF Guardians are located, as well as members from AFA's National Board of Directors. The SWG has provided support to AFA regarding Guardian Advocacy and engagement, as well as organizational changes to AFA to ensure Guardian representation (name change, logo).

The SWG has produced a Charter that guides their activities, currently waiting for approval at AFA National level. Additionally, the SWG has been directed to take action on three tasks:

Task 1 – Develop an outline for collaboration between AFA, Space Force Association (SFA), and the National Security Space Association (NSSA). The SWG authored a White Paper shared with leaders across all three organizations. Presently, a Memorandum has been developed expressing the overall intent of cross-organization collaboration including actionable items for each organization moving forward. The memo is with leaders of the three organizations for final approval. Once approved, it will be shared with AFA Chapters to provide support and engagement as outlined.

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AFA Sijan Chapter Participates in HQ AFA Space Working Group (Con't)

Task 2 – To ensure AFA members not co-located with USSF units, or who otherwise are unaware of the USSF organization and mission, the SWG worked with the Chief of Space Operations' staff to develop a "Space 101" briefing that will provide details on the USSF in hopes of establishing a common baseline of understanding across the AFA. It is presently at the USSF Commander's Action Group for final review before being sent to USSF Public Affairs for final release. Once approved for release, it will be shared with AFA Chapters via Webinar.

Task 3 – AFA annually prepares Advocacy Papers for submission to Congressional leaders/Committees to promote USAF's most important needs. The SWG developed Advocacy Papers to provide support for the USSF and their needs. These papers are in review with AFA leadership for potential inclusion in this year's Department of the Air Force Advocacy efforts.

Another Follow-up on One of Our Scholarship Recipients

Paul Bailey, Colonel, USAF (Ret) 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, currently a college senior, proudly let the Chapter know that she has used the scholarship well as she received a 3.25 GPA in her Undergraduate studies for the Winter semester and has achieved an overall GPA of 3.264 for all of her studies. Ms. Florek first received her scholarship in 2020 when she graduated from Rampart High School, due to the generosity of Jim and Karen Wright, who established two scholarships in their daughter Kim's name. These scholarships are \$3,000 annual scholarships which each go to a deserving high school student who has at least a "B" average, plans to attend a 4-year college or university, and who plans to pursue an education degree. A continued thank you to the Wright family for their generosity.

Reminder - 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
Lance P Sijan Chapter #125
PO Box 244
Colorado Springs, CO 80840-0244

AROUND YOUR SIJAN COMMUNITY

Stellar Explorer Youth Program Update

The latest Stellar Explorer Update may be found at <https://www.stellarxplorers.org/stellarxpress-newsletter.html>. This program is run by our AFA Colorado State Vice President for Education, Ms. Catherine Rozema, and supported by the Sijan Chapter. Contact Ms. Rozema at cr020a@att.com should you have any questions on this Youth program.

2023 IMAGE Golf Tournament Announced

The initial announcement for the upcoming **2023 Industry-Military Annual Golf Event (IMAGE) on Aug 16, 2023** was recently published. The event will be held at the USAFA golf course with a **Registration Deadline of Aug 12, 2023**. AD Military & Res/Gov't Civilian - \$70; Retired Military & Industry - \$130. Fees include green fees, golf cart, range balls, beverages, and goodie bag. Interested in participating? Contact Joe Kahoe at joseph.Kahoe@bowheadsupport.com or 719-210-5568. Chapter volunteers will be needed to help at the event. Please consider emailing LancePSijanAFA@gmail.com to sign up as a volunteer. The Sijan Chapter will receive some of the proceeds from this event!

Support Your Local AFA, Become a Community Partner!

Interested in how to become a Community Partner? Check out <https://www.afa.org/membership/community-partners>

“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!”

Contact us at LancePSijanAFA@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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Upcoming Chapter Social Event – You won't want to miss it!

AFA AIR & SPACE FORCES ASSOCIATION

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Lance P Sijan Chapter
PRESENTS

SOCIAL BREAK

Be one of the first 20 to show us the Lance P Sijan website on your phone and get a free drink ticket!

THURSDAY
April 27, 2023
4:30pm - 6:30pm

NETWORKING EVENT

At
DUECES WILD BREWERY

660 Peterson Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80915-4002

AFA AEROSPACE EDUCATION

Reminder on Scholarship Applications

Jeff Womelsdorf, USSF, Sijan Chapter VP Aerospace Education

AFA Chapter and State Scholarships

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 a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) related field.

Applications for both scholarships are due by 30 April 2023.

Complete details and applications may be obtained by contacting Jeff Womelsdorf, our Chapter VP of Aerospace Education at jeff@novaspace.com.

AFA National Scholarship

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 2023. Apply today!**

Don't wait. Apply today!

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 us 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."

- 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>

Upcoming Chapter Activities

Lance P Sijan Chapter Monthly Meetings

Every 2nd Tuesday of Month: Online, 1700L
(email us for link and dial-in)

Space Foundation Space Symposium

April 17-20, 2023: The Broadmoor

Chapter Social & Networking Event

Apr 27, 2023: Dueces Wild Brewery – 1630-1830L

JROTC Award Presentations

Apr 20, 2023: Sand Creek HS – 1830L
Apr 24, 2023: Air Academy HS – 1730L
May 1, 2023: Vista Ridge HS – 1800L
May 4, 2023: Falcon HS – 1800L
May 5, 2023: Mitchell HS – 1000L

Memorial Day Wreath Laying

May 29, 2023: Colorado Springs Memorial Park
Military Monuments, 1100L

USAFA Cadet Award Presentations

May 30, 2023: Field House, 0900L

CHAPTER AND MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION



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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 1600 members. The Sijan Chapter, one of four AFA Chapters in Colorado, primarily focuses on support to the Colorado Springs area, including Peterson SFB, Schriever SFB, 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!

Member Information Updates

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 with your updated information, or mail changes to AFA National address at:

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1501 Langston Blvd
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