

AFA Lance P Sijan Chapter #125 Leadership Minutes – 11 Apr 2023

The Chapter President made the following announcements:

AFA HQ contacted me in order to make presentations of 2022 National awards for our local area (and for Chapters across the nation). AFA HQ is turning the program over to Air Staff and they somehow got missed in presentations to award recipients. They asked for help in making the presentations, so I provided that help by making the following presentations.

Presentation of AFA 2022 National Awards

- **Larry D Welch Award** – 3/31/2023 at AFTENCAP to Maj Zachary Ziegler, Colorado Springs area, picture and article on presentation in 1st Quarter 2023 Chapter *Sijan Sentinel* Newsletter
- **AFA AF Reserve Outstanding Unit Award** – 4/1/2023 to 731st Airlift Squadron at 302nd Ops Grp, Peterson SFB, picture and article on presentation in 1st Quarter 2023 Chapter *Sijan Sentinel* Newsletter
- **AFA Outstanding AF Civilian Employee of the Year Award** – 4/11/2023 to Space Operations Command (SpOC) S8 to Ms. Teresa Wheeler

Got to say a few words about AFA and our Chapter and invited those attending to contact us for information and participation with the Chapter.

Authored Award Input thru AFA Colorado State - 4 Star Award and also an Education Award input for the Chapter to AFA Colorado State. AFA Colorado is reviewing them.

Chapter presenting AFA JROTC Cadet medals to four AFROTC and one SF JROTC Cadet Medals

Apr 18, 2023 – Harrison HS – does not want Chapter presenters per JROTC instructor Col Miller – Principal. Phillip volunteered to make this presentation – called him and talked and advised that he does not need to go.

Apr 24, 2023 – Air Academy HS 1730L

Apr 27, 2023 – Sand Creek HS 1830L

May 1, 2023 – Vista Ridge HS 1800L

May 4, 2023 – Falcon HS 1800L

May 5, 2023 – Mitchell HS 1000L

Other ceremonies and presentations:

May 29, 2023 – 1100L AFA Chapter Wreath Laying at Colorado Springs Memorial Park AF Monument on Memorial Day. This is through the Veterans Council and in coordination with the local Special Forces Association Chapter.

May 30, 2023 – AFA Presentation of USAFA Best Sq Award 0915L at Field House

We have several Chapter volunteers to present the AFA JROTC Cadet Medal which is the highest in order of precedence for Veteran and Patriotic organizations for USAF and SF JROTC. I will also be there at the HS presentations and other ceremonies listed and will make presentations as needed.

Finally, stated that I would provide the Chapter 1st Quarter “Sijan Sentinel” Chapter newsletter and solicited for any articles for inclusion. (Now completed and sent out for distribution and posting to website.)

Other information providers:

Vice President's Report: Sijan Chapter VP Bruce Hall and Past Colorado State President Linda Aldrich represented the Chapter at the recent March 25, 2023 AFA Colorado State 1st Quarter Business Meeting held at the Weisbrod Aircraft Museum, Pueblo, CO. VP Bruce Hall reported on the following Chapter activities:

- Supported Mitchell HS USAF JROTC Drill Meet – 2/4/2023
- Continued participation with local Veterans Council
- Pitsenbarger scholarship awards to two CCAF graduates at Schriever SFB
- Participating in HQ AFA Space Working Group
- Attended the NORAD/USNORTHCOM Commander's Holiday reception at Peterson SFB
- Chapter has new mailing address
- Making visits to US Senators and Representatives offices in Colorado Springs
- Making visits to the active duty units in attempts to gain greater chapter participation
- Sijan to host the October State Business meeting

Treasurer: Absent, no report.

Space Working Group (SWG): Mr. 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 that was shared with leaders across all three organizations. Presently, a Memorandum has been developed expressing the overall intent of the cross-organization collaboration and includes actionable items for each organization moving forward. The memo/tasks are 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.

Task 2 – To ensure AFA member 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 Operation's 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 presently is at the USSF Commander's Action Group for final review before it will be 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 help push USAF's most important needs. The SWG developed Advocacy Papers to show support of 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. "

Other Chapter activities: Jennifer Miller and Philip Taylor have worked up an upcoming Chapter Social/Networking Event to be held on April 27, 2023, 4:30PM to 6:30PM at Dueces Wild Brewery at 660 Peterson Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80915-4002, just outside Peterson SFB. The first 20

people to show for the event and show the Lance P Sijan website on their phone will get a free drink ticket. Please note that there are two Dueces Wild Breweries listed for Colorado Springs and to go to the above addressed Brewery. All Chapter members are invited and all Chapter leadership are strongly encouraged to attend.

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SOCIAL BREAK

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

NETWORKING EVENT

At
DUECES WILD BREWERY

660 PETERSON RD
COLORADO SPRINGS

Next Chapter Virtual Leadership Conference will be on **May 9, 2023, 5 PM (1700L)**. The link for virtual attendance or call in will be sent in advance.