



Air & Space Forces Association Leadership Meeting
Tuesday, 6 February 2024, 5:00 – 6:00pm (Mountain)
Location: Ivy Wild School 1775 East Cheyenne Mountain Blvd, CS, CO
Second Location: Teams

Attendees: Caty Rozema, Andy Grantham, Alli Darling, Gayle Divine, Linda Aldrich (Virtual)

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting agenda presented by Caty with the focus on the Chapter's Mission Statement

Our mission is to promote dominant U.S. Air & 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.

Previous Meeting Action Items status and New Action items.

- Action Item – Caty: Track down old gift cards to distribute to outreach programs. Complete. We have 12, \$25 gift cards for distribution.
- Action Item – Caty: Call Mitchell HS regarding requested sponsorship for the drill meet and judges needed. Complete. Sponsored \$300 and attended event.
- Action Item – All: VP of Veterans Affairs needed. Complete. Allie recruited Andy Grantham.
- New Action Item – Caty: Contact the Denver Chapter to review their volunteer description list to use as a basis for our chapters list.
- New Action Item – Caty will get the Membership Roster from National to help with possible new community partner contacts.
- New Action Item – Coen: confirm whether his friend is interested in working on the website.
- New Action Item – Andy: Contact Col Bob McLaughlin at Mt Carmel regarding a military resource list.
- New Action Item – Caty: Put Andy in contact with Stephen Gourley for VA info.

Officer Updates/Activity Recap

President: Caty reported on her meeting at the UCCS Office of Veteran and Military Affairs. She also had a conversation with Gerry Creager of CAP. She met with SEL, Space Base Delta with Doc Apodaca who connected her with the top three at Peterson SFB.

On January 27th she and Gayle supported the Mitchell JROTC Drill Meet and presented awards to winning cadets and groups.

Caty also had a discussion with Janelle Stafford, AFA BoD Field leader, regarding chapter rebuilds. She is now part of a small group tasked with working on a sustainable plan to assist chapters who may need a bit of a boost or support.



The February 1st phone call with Lance Sijan's sister, Janine Sijan-Rozina, was a positive meeting. Janine was excited to hear from the chapter. She spoke about the movie about her brother and future possibilities for collaboration. She offered to show the movie and speak in May when she will be in town for the Air Force Academy graduation.

Aaron and Caty attended the NORAD/USNORTHCOM Change of Command from Gen VanHerck to General Guillot on February 5th.

Caty is planning to meet with the Space Enlisted Council on Wednesday, 7 Feb.

We discussed the August Awards Banquet, where it should be held and ideas for speakers. Caty, Linda, and Doc will meet in March about the awards.

The 2025 Ball in February was discussed. Linda reported the ball has not been a money maker in the past, it has been in the negative the last few years. Caty suggested it could be more of a family event, allowing young children of active duty, civilian, and industry members to participate in the formal program. The Space Force Ball will be an ongoing event as well. Caty will get more details when she meets with the Space Enlisted Council tomorrow.

Secretary

Gayle reported she met the two astronauts- Gens Chilton and Helms- and listened as the kid's asked questions at the **Visit With The Astronaut's** event held at two schools on January 29th.

Veterans'/Government Affairs

Welcome Andy Grantham to the team! Andy, who is well connected with local organizations like the Military Affairs Council, will be a huge asset.

Communications

Jennifer was unable to attend in person, and due to technical difficulties with the meeting link, could not join on Teams. She did provide notes prior to the meeting.

- We received our official Comm email address: CO125.Sijan.Communications@afa.org
- IT helped set up self-authentication for the AFA domain with Constant Contact. CC emails will appear to be sent from our official Comm email address. This will hopefully keep them from being blocked by the .mil accounts. Every spaceforce.mil email blocked our last 2 constant contact communications and most, although not all the af.mil accounts blocked them.
- Social Media: Coen has a lead on someone to help with our website

VP of Community Partners

Allie reported she signed up two new Community Partners, Infinity and Zivaro. She is working on the current CP list to see who is active and not active within the chapter. Caty suggested acquiring a QR code for the new partners to register.

CRITICAL NEEDS

- Schedule first quarterly event for March!
 - The board decided on a \$1 ice cream sundaes event. Location to be determined. Andy suggested the YMCA on Powers. Peterson may be another option (a free spot is ideal!)
 - We will include corn hole or other games, and perhaps activities for the kiddos



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- We need to include information in the mid-month check in, so the sooner the better to allow us time to get the data to Jennifer.
 - We need to identify VP of Aerospace Education
 - Please help/encourage teachers to submit Chapter TOY applications: Caty has advertised on LinkedIn, Facebook, with school district POCs, with DIB contacts, etc. She encouraged Sijan board members to reach out to their contacts as well.

MONTHLY EVENTS:

- Send monthly check-in message to membership (Draft sent to board for approval)
 - Articles: Welcome, JROTC event (Caty) Astronaut event (Gayle), Van Herck change of command (Caty/Aaron)

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 2/12 – 2/14: AFA Warfare Symposium (Gaylord, Denver)
- 2/19 – 2/21: Rocky Mountain Cyberspace Symposium (Broadmoor)
- 2/21 – 2/23: ISS Event at Stratton Meadows Elementary
- 5/3: 0945am – 1100am, Mitchell HS AFJROTC Annual Awards Ceremony