



Air & Space Forces Association Leadership Meeting
Tuesday, 08 July 2025, 5:00 – 6:00pm (Mountain)
Location: Virtual via TEAMS

Attendees: Caty Rozema, Aaron Prupas, Dave Geuting, Linda Aldrich, Bruce Hall, and Jennifer Hall

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Caty reviewed our 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.

OFFICER UPDATES/ACTIVITY RECAP

President – Caty Rozema

- Annual Awards Banquet, 23 Aug
 - Col Hauser, Delta 7 CC, is the featured speaker. The theme is “Celebrating Warriors of Air and Space.” Aaron will reach out to reconfirm and let her know the theme.
 - Entertainment is The Vindicators. We need sponsors to offset banquet costs. Jennifer brought up the possibility of using unused sponsorships from the Wounded Warrior Caregiver luncheon. The event had 15 instead of the anticipated 25. Linda read the sponsorship levels (vary from \$140 for a nominee and guest up to \$2500 for the Title sponsorship).
 - The state business meeting is at 1:00 pm
- Holiday Party, 18 Dec at the Doubletree
 - The theme is “Naughty and Nice”
 - Caty has asked to keep cost at \$25 per person; sponsors to help lower cost
 - Would like to add raffle prizes is possible
 - See how the band is for the awards banquet; We have a Santa but still need someone to be the Grinch for photos
- Quarterly Birthday Party, 14 Aug 4:30-6pm at The Hub
- IMAGE tournament on Aug 26 conflicts with another event Caty must attend. She’ll prepare a script for Gayle unless another volunteer is willing to speak at the golf tournament.
- We need better support for CyberPatriot. Discussed possibly having a kickoff event at the start of the school year to support the teams. Mike Sunita and Margaret from Pueblo have done a similar event previously as an example.
- Academy Tours
 - Successful 3-hour tour in May. Caty recommends we continue hosting these tours

Vice President – Aaron Prupas

- Military Affairs Council is withdrawing from the Chamber; will become their own organization and expressed interested in participating in the Holiday Party



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- Aaron is attending National in fall and volunteers as delegate, if needed. Caty affirmed he is needed

Treasurer – Bruce Hall

- Account Balances as of January 30 statement (checking: \$48,291.93; savings: \$153,489.49)
- Bruce wants to switch banks statements to paperless and post where they can be viewed by Board; still getting hard copy from bank
 - Aaron suggested using the SharePoint/OneDrive AFA provides for us. Jennifer agreed and deferred detail to the Communications section of the meeting.

Secretary – Gayle Divine (no updates)

VP of Aerospace Education – Dave Geuting

- Our Teacher of the Year will be at the awards banquet. Dave will follow up with her about a guest and if her principal will also attend.
- Dave will also reach out to the Garcia scholarship winner to confirm banquet attendance.

Veterans'/Government Affairs

- No report.

Communications – Jennifer Hall

- Jennifer sent personalized thank you notes to all donors for the Wounded Warrior Caregivers Luncheon.
- Newsletter for July. Jennifer needs intro from Caty and anything else that needs to go in by 14 Jul. She intends to publish by 18 Jul. This newsletter will have a lot of content.
 - Content requests for upcoming newsletter: feature on Mariah, deployed Sijan member; Hello Girls article
- Officer elections are this year. Jennifer will check the 2023 process/schedule for reuse as it seemed to work well.

VP of Community Partners

- No report

Other Business

- More on Awards Banquet
 - Most nominations for the Awards Banquet have been received. Although not a great response this year, there are enough to make the event presentable. Aaron volunteered to be the judge from Sijan to rack and stack. Linda has the nominations scanned and ready to send.
 - Nominations for Cadet of the Year have been received from Det 90 and Det 105. A third nomination is needed from the Air Force Academy (10th Air Base Wing) to ensure a competitive selection process. The previous point of contact, Chief Master Sergeant Jeremy C. Schoenboom, and the 10th Air Base Wing commander have both rotated out. Aaron will be at the Academy on Friday and will leverage contacts to secure a nomination.
 - The planning team needs sponsor names to include in the program an any other individuals or groups that need to be recognized in the script.



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- An update on the O'Malley Award was recently discussed at the National Awards Board meeting; Linda will share this information offline. A commitment was made to contact National to clarify the award's status and determine how to resolve the outstanding matter with Lockheed Martin.
 - The chapter could have submitted ourselves for more awards but was hindered by the submission process. Caty had trouble locating additional award categories appropriate for awards other than what was submitted. Potential missed opportunities for submission include the chapter's quarterly birthday parties and educational tours with cadets. Linda offered assistance to navigate the submission process next year to ensure the chapter is considered for more awards, with the comment, "we would have been on the awards board for two years."
 - Jennifer gave the second PO box key to Caty while she and Bruce are in Montana for the summer.
 - Caty's term as Sijan President ends in September. She indicated although she is willing to help with anything, she may not be available to continue as Sijan president.
 - National AFA Conference
 - Our in-person roster for the National conference in September is full, with alternates lined up. A virtual attendance option is available for \$20 that includes the ability to vote and listen to all sessions. An existing alternate, Henry Eichmann, is willing to step aside to allow another member to participate virtually.
 - The primary benefit of attending is to put faces to names of people involved in various programs, such as Gary Copsey (education) and Janelle (outreach and advocacy). Attending helps members get acquainted with the appropriate contacts for future needs.
 - The meeting is scheduled for the 21st and 22nd of September, a Saturday and Sunday. Linda will send a link to Bruce for the virtual registration.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **6 Aug, 5:00-8:00 pm:** INSA Panel (Pre-event Career Fair is 3:00- 5:00 pm)
- **14 Aug, 4:30-6:00 pm:** Q3 Birthday Party/New Member Mixer
- **23 Aug, 5:00-8:30 pm:** AFA Colorado Annual Awards Banquet
- **26 Aug, 6:30 am registration, 8:00 am shotgun start:** IMAGE – Golf Tournament
- **21-22 Sep,** National AFA Conference