

# AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2014

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## **Welcome**

President Dave Shiller opened the meeting at 7:30. The meeting was held at the Lockheed Martin Corporate Business Development facility located at 985 Space Center Dr., Suite 225. A list of attendees is included at the bottom of these minutes.

## **President's Comments (Dave Shiller)**

### 2014 Air Force Ball

The annual Air Force Ball was held February 14, 2014 at the Broadmoor Hotel. The Ball was a huge success with over 900 people attending, topping last year's attendance. The Air Force Academy band Blue Steel provided the after dinner entertainment. The Chapter presented its O'Malley award to BGen David Buck, AFSPC Director of Air, Space and Cyberspace Operations. The award was presented by Ms. Sharon O'Malley, daughter of General O'Malley. In attendance were the Air Force Space Command (AFSPC) Commander, General Shelton and the USAFA Superintendent, Lt General Johnson.

### USAFA Wing Open

The annual Air Force Academy Wing Open boxing Championship took place February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Cadet Field House. As in years past, our Chapter in concert with the local chapter of the Air Force Academy Association of Graduates (AOG) hosted a pre-Wing Open pizza party. Collectively, the two organizations raised over \$900.00 in donations with our Chapter donating another \$1200.00. The cadet senior class selected The Home Front Cares as this year's charity to receive the donation. A special thank you goes to AFA Sijan Chapter member Bob (Coop) Cooper and his wife Cathy for organizing this year's pizza party. Both Bob and Kevin Estrem obtained a number of donated gifts from local companies to hand out as door prizes. A big thank you goes to: Domino's Pizza, Coca-Cola, H&R Block, ATK, The Radisson Hotel, USAA, Everything for Offices and Sky Sox Baseball. Please solicit these companies when possible.

### General Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest

The Sijan Chapter is sponsoring the first annual General Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay contest. AFA Sijan Chapter member Roy Griggs has been leading the effort to initiate the essay contest in coordination with HQ AFSPC. The purpose of the contest is to stimulate thought, discussion and debate on matters relating to how the Air Force and AFSPC provide space and cyberspace capabilities for the Joint Force and the Nation. The *Air and Space Power Journal* will publish the top three essays and our Chapter will award over \$2,000 in prizes. Essays are being received.

### Cyber Patriot

The national finals of the AFA sponsored Cyber Patriot competition is being held the end of March in Washington D.C. The Peterson AFB Civil Air Patrol (CAP) team once again qualified for the national competition. Two other teams, the Falcon H.S. CAP and the Falcon H.S. open division cyber teams won awards at the state cyber competition. The Vista Ridge Cyber team also placed in the top three of state competitors. Congratulations to all teams who participated in this year's competition.

### AFA eMembership

AFA National has started accepting eMemberships. These memberships are less expensive than regular memberships. AFA eMembers do not receive a paper copy of the AFA magazine. Instead, an electronic version of the magazine is made available.

## **Secretary's Report (Tom Ocvirk)**

February meeting minutes were published and posted to the Chapter web site.

## **Treasurer's Report (Barbara Binn)**

Income and expenses for the previous month were reviewed and discussed. Income our Chapter received in February included savings account interest, Air Force Ball sponsorships, Community Partner registrations and Wing Open donations. Expenses for the month included Air Force Ball invoices; Quarterly Award gift cards; Community Partner payment to AFA National; and a donation to The Home Front Cares charity in connection with the Wing Open.

## **Vice President Reports**

### **VP, Community Partners (Jeri Andrews)**

The number of Chapter Community Partners stands at 60 partners. Fourteen new partners registered in conjunction with A.F. Ball sponsorship.

### **VP, Aerospace Education & Scholarships (Lt Col Kimberly Fox)**

#### Teachers of the Year

Selection for Teachers of the Year (TOY) is commencing. This year, two TOYs will be selected: an Elementary and a Junior/High School TOY. TOY nominations can be sent to Linda Aldrich at [lsaletters@comcast.net](mailto:lsaletters@comcast.net) or 719-694-8719.

#### Scholarships

Scholarship announcement letters were sent to all area high schools. The Chapter web site was also updated with this year's application question. Applications are due April 21, 2014. An awards ceremony is being planned for May.

### **VP, Communications Report (Bill Houth)**

The next quarterly newsletter (1Q2014) is being drafted and will be published next month.

## **VP, Veteran's Affairs (Kevin Estrem)**

No update was provided because Kevin was attending the Team Peterson AFB Quarterly Awards breakfast.

## **Chapter Events & Activities**

### **Events**

Events attended by Chapter Officials in February included:

- AFSPC Essay Contest Launch (February 1)
- HQ AFSPC Quarterly Awards (February 3)
- HQ AFSPC Annual Awards Dinner (February 5)
- 50<sup>th</sup> SW Annual Awards Banquet (February 7)
- Eagleview Middle School Forensics Competition (February 8)
- Team Peterson Quarterly Awards Breakfast (February 11)
- Air Force Ball (February 14)
- Wing Open Boxing Championship & Pizza Party (February 20)
- AFA State Quarterly Meeting (February 22)

### **Upcoming Events & Activities**

- USAFA Annual Awards (March 5)
- Team Peterson AFB Annual Awards Breakfast (March 11)
- AF Wounded Warriors Family Adventures, Breckenridge, CO (April 6 – 12)
- AFA State Meeting @ Estes Park, CO (May 3)
- Harrison H.S. JROTC and CAP Awards Ceremony (May 7)
- USAFA Outstanding Squadron Banquet (May 22)
- AFA Sijan Chapter Scholarship & Teacher of the Year event (TBD)

### **Other Business**

None

**Next Meeting: April 8, 2014 at the Lockheed Martin office on Space Center Drive (Suite 225) at 7:30 am**

*Attendees*

Dave Shiller	Linda Aldrich	Tom Ocvirk
William (Bill) Houth	Barbara Binn (phone)	Gayle White
Roy Griggs	Chuck Zimkas (Phone)	Jerry Andrews (Phone)