



Air & Space Forces Association Leadership Meeting
Tuesday, 11 June 2024, 5:00 – 6:00pm (Mountain)
Location: Starbucks 5710 Palmer Park Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80915
Second Location: Zoom

Attendees: Caty Rozema, Aaron Prupas, Linda Aldrich, Andy Grantham, Alli Darling, Sharla Click and Gayle Divine

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 met with the Point of Contacts at the Doolittle Hall to discuss the Awards Banquet to be held on 24 Aug. **Action Item:** Send out save the date as soon as possible. Prepare banquet spreadsheet with duties timeline. More to come.
- Caty scheduled AFA to man a table during the USAFA Class of 2028 In-Processing Day Parent Information Fair on 26 Jun from 7:30 am to 2:30 pm. Alli suggested purchasing a polaroid camera to give the new cadets memorable moments during the special day.
- Caty attended the promotion of Col William C. Arnold to the incoming US Army Chief of Transportation Corps.

- **Vice President**

- Aaron attended the Cadet Squadron 14 graduation ceremony at the USAFA with over 400 in attendance.
- Aaron exchanged emails with Air Force Special Operations Command Boss Lt. Gen. Tony Bauernfeind referencing his nomination as superintendent of the USAFA.
- Aaron attended Brigadier General Chandler Atwood's promotion to Vice Commander and Deputy Commanding General, Operations, Headquarters Space Operations Command at Peterson AFB.
- Aaron had an engagement with Randy Helms who would like to get involved with the Sijan chapter again.
- Aaron suggested scheduling regular Sijan Chapter member meetings to promote more participation within the chapter. Possibly two or more per year.

- **VP of Finance**

- Coen was successful in paying the ice cream social invoice through a new software test.



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- **Secretary**
 - No new report
 - **Veterans'/Government Affairs:**
 - Andy will submit a report with 110 different veteran outreach organizations to include the POC's and each organization's purpose identified.
 - **Communications**
 - No new report
 - **VP of Community Partners**
 - Allie received new membership plaques to present to new members including Nothing Bunt Cakes, Safari and Infinity.
 - Allie would like to see the new member process sped up. It's taking too long from point A to point B.
 - **Sharla Click**
 - Sharla suggested placing a report on Sijan website with "What does it mean to be a Sijan delegate?"

CITICAL NEEDS

- Notify scholarship recipients.
- Need help planning and implementing phases for the 24 August Awards Banquet.
- Soon to meet our new VP of Aerospace Education who was identified by Andy.
- Membership meetings and continued outreach
 - ROTC, base organizations, etc.
- AFA "Family" Ball: Feb '25 – in discussions

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ 22 June: State AFA Meeting, Grand Junction (Linda)
- ★ 26 Jun: 7:30 am – 2:30 pm USAFA Class of 2028 (Freshman) In-Processing Day Parent Information Fair - Table with AFA info – **Action Item:** Andy, Allie and Gayle to man AFA table
 - Arnold Hall cadet activities center
- ★ 09 Jul: Leadership Meeting
- ★ XX July: Member Event
 - Bad Hair Day 2K for bald for bucks – Collaborate with Mr. Anderson
 - Fundraiser walk event, to be held at the Air Force Academy. Goal set for



July.

- Walk in GoG
- Josh N John's Ice Cream fundraiser event
- Service project?
- Sporting event (Switchbacks, baseball, other)

✪ 24 Aug: Awards Banquet - 5:30 pm tentatively. Caty to send out a spreadsheet with deadlines/responsibilities.

- Theme needed – suggestions?
- USAFA request approved/details in work (Aaron)
- Parking is limited due to construction: Transportation needed to/from cars (Gayle)
- Caterer: Picnic Basket (Caty to get quote)
- Sponsorships (All) - \$100 award wins a sash sponsored by the local chapter.
- Printing sponsor needed for programs – Fed Ex suggested.
- Speaker Jamie Teachenor confirmed (Caty) Also, sings National Anthem at event.
- JROTC for color guard (Caty)
- Military and AFA Volunteer Awards (Linda)
- Emcee/Script (Caty/Linda)

✪ 9 Nov: Screening of Sijan movie in collaboration with UCCS and other organizations.