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**Air & Space Forces Association Leadership Meeting**  
**Tuesday, 10 September 2024, 5:00 – 6:00pm (Mountain)**  
**Location: Panara Bread, 7344 N. Academy Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO**  
**Second Location: Zoom**

**Attendees:** Caty Rozema, Aaron Prupas, Allie Darling, Jennifer Miller, 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.

### **AWARDS BANQUET and STATE BUSINESS MEETING**

**Recap:** The State Business Meeting was conducted prior to the banquet. The banquet was a success and with excellent award recipient turnout. The beautiful awards were presented without a hitch and the food from the Picnic Basket was great. Parking was nearby even though construction was in progress at Dolittle Hall and the parking lot. Everyone seemed to have a good time!

**Lessons Learned:** In 2026 we will want to make sure the caterer knows where to park and that they have water on the table along with linens. In addition, we need to make sure the Air Force & Space Force song lyrics are in the program to sing along with.

### **OFFICER UPDATES/ACTIVITY RECAP**

#### **• President**

- Caty noted the quarterly AFA National Convention is coming up on September 14-15 and she plans to attend.
- A new low-level request by Caty in search of a finance person to commit to financial duties. She is a bit overwhelmed with AFA paperwork and would appreciate assistance.
- She attended the Pikes Peak Round Table recently.
- The O'Mally Award Luncheon to take place next year. Planning for the event will begin soon.
- The quarterly birthday party begins on October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Academy AFB followed by Peterson AFB in the springtime and then Schriever AFB.



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- A reminder that the screening of Sijan movie, in collaboration with UCCS and other organizations, will take place on **November 9<sup>th</sup>**. Veteran outreach needed to attend the event.
  
  - **Vice President**
    - Aaron is planning to attend the AFA National Convention on September 14-15.
    - Working to find volunteers to help with the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Rocket Project.
  
  - **VP of Finance** – no updates
  
  - **Secretary** – no updates
  
  - **Veterans's/Government Affairs** – no updates
  
  - **Communications**
    - Jennifer completed and distributed the July newsletter.
    - Requested banquet photos for the September newsletter and scholarship recipient's photos.
    - She asked for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Rocket Project contact information for the newsletter and will place a Save the Date for the Quarterly Birthday Party Event.
  
  - **VP of Community Partners**
    - Allie will submit community partner spotlight information to Jennifer for the newsletter.
    - She volunteered to help with finance paperwork.
  
  - **Social Media**
    - Sharla is planning to update the Lance Sijan Facebook page as soon as she receives admin rights. Aaron is contacting Kristen Christy to see if she is the current admin.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**15 Sept – 15 Oct:** 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Rocket Project (Volunteers Needed 2 – 4 hours.)

**17 Oct:** Quarterly Birthday Party - USAFA

**09 Nov:** Screening of Sijan movie in collaboration with UCCS and other orgs.