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**Air & Space Forces Association Leadership Meeting**  
**Tuesday, 12 November 2024, 5:00 – 6:00pm (Mountain)**  
**Location: Panara Bread, 7344 N. Academy Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO**  
**Second Location: Zoom**

**Attendees:** Andy Grantham (Virtual), Allie Darling, Jennifer Miller, and Gayle Divine

## **OFFICER UPDATES/ACTIVITY RECAP**

### **• Meeting Host – Allie Darling**

- The birthday party at Peterson was a success. Quite a few military personnel turned out for the event. Caty, Aaron, Jennifer, and Allie were in attendance. Allie commented on how the large birthday cake was well received and mostly consumed. Community Partner Nothing Bundt Cakes donated a cake for the event, as well. Everyone had a wonderful time, including those who received door prizes. Allie also noted next time to bring a newsletter signup sheet for future events. Three attendees asked to be added to our mailing list!
- The first AFA/USAFA cadet tour was held on 19 Oct. Caty, Aaron and Gayle were in attendance. Gayle reported the cadets began the walking tour from the visitor's center which led down the walkway past the chapel. It is currently under renovation and covered by a gigantic box. The chapel is projected to be completed in late 2027. The large group walked down to view their personal spaces including Mitchell Hall where 4,000 cadets eat their meals. The attendees viewed cadet sleeping spaces, many current and historic features including The War Memorial which contains the names of USAFA graduates who have fallen in battle.
- Two positions needed! Still in need of a cyber mentor for the JROTC Cyber Patriot team. Jennifer asked for more information about what the cyber mentor commitment requires. Actively searching for a replacement for Coen as VP of Finance, as well.
- Caty will reach out to Sharon White regarding future planning of The O'Mally Award Luncheon to take place in 2025.
- Instead of the December leadership meeting we will get together for a dinner social. Gayle will help secure a location for the dinner. Jennifer will send a message to engage everyone's availability on December 10<sup>th</sup>.



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## CRITICAL NEEDS

- Andy will ask his source again if he is interested in the VP of Aerospace Education position.
- Jennifer suggested to begin searching for the Teacher of the Year nominee earlier in the year. She also suggested we use a platform like Slack to communicate with each other. Gayle sent Andy a link to join the Sijan team on Slack.
- O'Malley awards luncheon to be held in 2025. Caty to contact Sharon and Gayle White regarding the award and details.
- Jennifer needs information and pictures for the next newsletter by next Monday, 18 November. She would also like a paragraph from each of the Community Partners. She also mentioned KBR as a potential new CP.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**05 Dec: Joint Industry Holiday Party** – The Pinery at the Hill – 775 W. Bijou St – Time: 6 – 10 pm

**07 Dec: Quarterly Business Meeting** – Wings Over the Rockies – Exploration of Flight 13005 Wings Way, Englewood, CO 80112 Time: 10 am - Zoom also available

**10 Dec: (Tentative date) AFA Sijan Dinner Social** - in lieu of Monthly Meeting. Time: 5 pm - Location TBD