



Air & Space Forces Association Leadership Meeting
Tuesday, 4 February 2025, 5:00 – 6:00pm (Mountain)
Location: Panara Bread, 7344 N. Academy Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO
Second Location: Zoom

Attendees:

Caty Rozema, Bruce Hall, Dave Geuting, Jennifer Miller, Linda Aldrich (zoom) 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 Rozema**

- The first quarter birthday party will be held at Peterson Space Force Base at The HUB on February 6th from 4-6pm. Cake is ordered, and we are ready to go.
- Rocky Mountain Cyberspace Symposium is coming up on Feb 10-13 at the Broadmoor.
- The AFA Warfare Symposium will be held 3-5 March at the Gaylord in Denver.
 - Caty would still like to host a joint AFA gathering with Mile High during this event. She'll check to find a good date/location and provide details to Jennifer to send out.
 - There is an Engage event, focused on military spouses on 5 March. Caty will send notice of this to Chief Simmons. Jennifer will combine this and the AFA gathering into one email blast.
- It is Sijan's turn to host this year's Joint Christmas Party. Our goal is to bring in young military members to the Sijan chapter.
 - Need to get the location booked now. Possible options discussed are Hotel Polaris, the DoubleTree (one of our CPs), and Doolittle Hall
 - Look to bring in Sr Leaders as table hosts; mix with younger airmen



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- Forces and Families (F2) Grants are available. Caty will talk with Chief Simmons about ideas.
 - Read Across America is February 28th – could we use a grant to purchase books in support of this? Would need to determine where to donate them.
 - Advocacy is another area we can support
 - Mariah Hayden is graduating Ann Leadership School on 13 Feb @ PSFB. She is one of our 12 Outstanding Airmen. Bruce will see if he can attend.

 - **Vice President – Aaron Prupas**
No new reporting

 - **VP Finance – Bruce Hall**
 - Caty welcomed Bruce Hall back to the chapter. Bruce was appointed to the position at our last meeting.
 - The \$17K check from IMAGE golf tournament was deposited by Bruce in November.
 - Caty asked for the two payments made by her to be allowed for reimbursement. 1) \$123 - Storage unit (to NDIA via PayPal). 2) \$25 - Periodic Report (Secretary of State via personal credit card). They were approved for reimbursement by the board.
 - Jennifer will email AFA IT to transfer the Treasurer email and Bruce will work with 5-Star bank to get access to the account.
 - Bruce requested new bank checks be ordered with the chapter's new address on them.

 - **Secretary – Gayle Divine**
No new reporting

 - **VP of Aerospace Education – Dave Geuting**
 - Caty welcomed Dave Geuting back to the chapter.
 - Dave has already hit the road running! He sent scholarship applications to twenty-one high schools and sent Teacher of the Year forms and guidelines to thirteen K-12 districts, as well as the Space Foundation.
 - The Pikes Peak Regional Science and Engineering Fair (PPRSEF) could be a good connection for TOY as well as consideration for a future Sijan sponsored award.



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- **VP of Veterans and Government Affairs – Andy Grantham**
 - Andy let Caty know he is unable to continue so we are in need of someone to fill this role.

 - **Communications – Jennifer Miller**
 - Jennifer reported she attended a webinar about using Constant Contact’s ability to send text messages. The cost is \$10 per month for up to 500 messages. Recipients must opt-in.
 - She also reported we have over 1200 members and the task of keeping the distribution lists of around 5000 contacts updated and current is manual and is a continuous effort.
 - Jennifer will update the website with our recent board/volunteer additions. She needs Dave’s bio and picture.
 - Jennifer requested we get write-ups from all of our Community Partners about their companies for newsletters. Caty noted that Allie is working on this.

 - **VP of Community Partners – Allie Darling**

No new reporting

 - **Past AFA State President, Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings Coordinator – Linda Aldrich**
 - Linda emphasized the need for us to submit our Sijan chapter for AFA awards.
 - ELP nominations are due in April; this is a near-term need to decide who will be honored.
 - The Colorado State AFA meeting is 15 March in Pueblo. It’s important Sijan be represented as changes are coming for the banquet. Dave said he will attend.
 - Linda reminded us to begin the pursuit for applicants for the Garcia Scholarship.
 - The National President is in Colorado often and should be invited to Sijan events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10-13 Feb: Rocky Mtn Cyberspace Symposium (Broadmoor)
- 13 Feb: Airman Leadership School graduation (PSFB)
- 22 Feb: Pikes Peak Regional Science and Engineering Fair, 3-4pm (UCCS)
- 28 Feb: Read Across America Day
- 3-5 Mar: AFA Warfare Symposium (Gaylord, Denver)
- 15 Mar: Colorado State AFA meeting (Pueblo)
- 30 Apr: Mitchell and Sand Creek JROTC awards ceremonies