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President's Message

Kevin Estrem—President, AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter

As your new President, I'd like to take a quick moment to "Thank You" for your vote of confidence of voting me in to the office of President of such a great AFA Chapter. One that I believe is the best in the Air Force Association. We had a great year in 2009 and I will do my best to continue the outstanding legacy that you all have set throughout the years. My executive team is: Vice President, Jim Hale; Secretary, Hank Scarangella; Treasurer, David Shiller. All of these individuals have been super supporters of the Chapter in the past and I'm sure will bring the Chapter to new heights.

We also have an excellent group of Vice Presidents that we are looking forward to working with. They are: VP of Community Partners, Debbie Estrem (6 time winner of the Gold Award); VP of Communications, Jeanin Damery (exceptional newsletter editor and web site/on-line registration manager and designer); VP of Membership, James Wood (two time winner of the Jack Gross Award); VP of Aerospace Education (Scholarships), Liz Anderson; VP of Awards, Ray Powell; VP for Government Relations, Brian Binn; VP of Leadership Development, Roy Griggs; VP of Programs, Tim Lemons; VP of Sponsorships, Gayle Divine; and VP of Veterans Affairs, Dan Beatty Jr.. With this team we can't go wrong. I'd be very remiss if I did not mention our everlasting dedicated volunteers like Sharon White, Judee & Bob Albert, Judy Arnold, Henry Baird, Kathy Giesecke, Jim Child, Bob Cooper, Joe Kahoe, Brad Butler

and Lt's Leanne Babcock and Cassie Devolites. In addition, so far this year we have a few new faces like Mike Pierson, Mark Owen, Tom Ocvirk and Charlie Bryant that want to get involved and we are happy and grateful to have them joining our team.

We have a lot going on and would truly like to have more of our 2600 members getting involved. I was told at the National Convention that if we can get members to commit to just one activity per year it would help tremendously. We all know time is a very precious commodity so we are only asking for your help on just one project and we have many to choose from. If you're interested in doing some volunteer work, we can send you the list of activities we support for your review.

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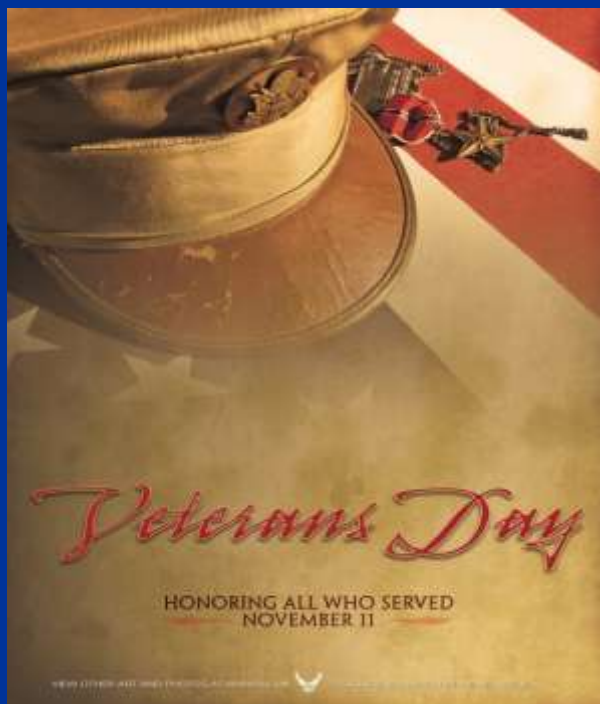
SUPPORT OUR AF PEOPLE: SUPPORT, PROMOTE AND RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AIR FORCE MEN AND WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

EDUCATE OUR COMMUNITY: EDUCATE THE GREATER COLORADO SPRINGS COMMUNITY ON THE BENEFITS OF A STRONG AIR FORCE.

MAINTAIN STRONG RELATIONSHIPS: MAINTAIN A STRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO PROMOTE COOPERATION WITHIN THE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL TEAM.

I'm looking forward to working with and for you to continue to make the AFA Sijan Chapter even better in the future. I'm confident we will have a very productive and supportive 2010.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President in 2010 & 2011...I will do my best to keep the Chapter strong and vibrant. Hope to see many of you at the Air Force Ball 19 February 2010 at the Broadmoor.



A Janitor's Ten Lessons in Leadership

By Col. James Moschgat, 12th Operations Group Commander

IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY THIS STORY IS BEING REPRINTED TO HONOR ALL THE VETERANS WHO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY. HONOR THEM... RESPECT THEM.



Who are the heroes that walk in your midst?

William "Bill" Crawford certainly was an unimpressive figure, one you could easily overlook during a hectic day at the U.S. Air Force Academy. Mr. Crawford, as most of us referred to him back in the late 1970s, was our squadron janitor.

While we cadets busied ourselves preparing for academic exams, athletic events, Saturday morning parades and room inspections, or never-ending leadership classes, Bill quietly moved about the squadron mopping and buffing floors, emptying trash cans, cleaning toilets, or just tidying up the mess 100 college-age kids can leave in a dormitory.

Sadly, and for many years, few of us gave him much notice, rendering little more than a passing nod or throwing a curt, "G'morning!" in his direction as we hurried off to our daily duties.

Why? Perhaps it was because of the way he did his job—he always kept the squadron area spotlessly clean, even the toilets and showers gleamed. Frankly, he did his job so well, none of us had to notice or get involved. After all, cleaning toilets was his job, not ours.

Maybe it was his physical appearance that made him disappear into the background. Bill didn't move very quickly and, in fact, you could say he even shuffled a bit, as if he suffered from some sort of injury. His

gray hair and wrinkled face made him appear ancient to a group of young cadets. And his crooked smile, well, it looked a little funny. Face it, Bill was an old man working in a young person's world. What did he have to offer us on a personal level?

Finally, maybe it was Mr. Crawford's personality that rendered him almost invisible to the young people around him. Bill was shy, almost painfully so. He seldom spoke to a cadet unless they addressed him first, and that didn't happen very often. Our janitor always buried himself in his work, moving about with stooped shoulders, a quiet gait, and an averted gaze. If he noticed the hustle and bustle of cadet life around him, it was hard to tell. So, for whatever reason, Bill blended into the woodwork and became just another fixture around the squadron. The Academy, one of our nation's premier leadership laboratories, kept us busy from dawn till dusk. And Mr. Crawford...well, he was just a janitor.

That changed one fall Saturday afternoon in 1976. I was reading a book about World War II and the tough Allied ground campaign in Italy, when I stumbled across an incredible story. On Sept. 13, 1943, a Private William Crawford from Colorado, assigned to the 36th Infantry Division, had been involved in some bloody fighting on Hill 424 near Altavilla, Italy.

The words on the page leapt out at me: "in the face of intense and overwhelming hostile fire ... with no regard for personal safety ... on his own initiative, Private Crawford single-handedly attacked fortified enemy positions." It continued, "for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life above and beyond the call of duty, the President of the United States ..."

"Holy cow," I said to my roommate, "you're not going to believe this, but I think our janitor is a Medal of Honor winner." We all knew Mr. Crawford was a WWII Army vet, but that didn't keep my friend from looking at me as if I was some sort of alien being. Nonetheless, we couldn't wait to ask Bill about the story on Monday.

We met Mr. Crawford bright and early Monday and showed him the page in question from the book, anticipation and doubt on our faces. He stared at it for a few silent moments and then quietly uttered something like, "Yep, that's me." Mouths agape, my roommate and I looked at one another, then at the book, and quickly back at our janitor. Almost at once we both stuttered, "Why didn't you ever tell us about it?" He slowly replied after some thought, "That was one day in my life and it happened a long time ago." I guess we were all at a loss for words after that. We had to hurry off to class and Bill, well, he had chores to attend to.

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However, after that brief exchange, things were never again the same around our squadron.

Word spread like wildfire among the cadets that we had a hero in our midst. Mr. Crawford, our janitor, had won the Medal! Cadets who had once passed by Bill with hardly a glance, now greeted him with a smile and a respectful, "Good morning, Mr. Crawford."

Those who had before left a mess for the "janitor" to clean up started taking it upon themselves to put things in order. Most cadets routinely stopped to talk to Bill throughout the day and we even began inviting him to our formal squadron functions. He'd show up dressed in a conservative dark suit and quietly talk to those who approached him, the only sign of his heroics being a simple blue, star-spangled lapel pin. Almost overnight, Bill went from being a simple fixture in our squadron to one of our teammates.

Mr. Crawford changed too, but you had to look closely to notice the difference. After that fall day in 1976, he seemed to move with more purpose, his shoulders didn't seem to be as stooped, he met our greetings with a direct gaze and a stronger "good morning" in return, and he flashed his crooked smile more often.

The squadron gleamed as always, but everyone now seemed to notice it more. Bill even got to know most of us by our first names, something that didn't happen often at the Academy. While no one ever formally acknowledged the change, I think we became Bill's cadets and his squadron.

As often happens in life, events sweep us away from those in our past. The last time I saw Bill was on graduation day in June 1977. As I walked out of the squadron for the last time, he shook my hand and simply said, "Good luck, young man."

With that, I embarked on a career that has been truly lucky and blessed. Mr. Crawford continued to work at the Academy and eventually retired in his native Colorado where he resides today,

one of four Medal of Honor winners living in a small town.

A wise person once said, "It's not life that's important, but those you meet along the way that make the difference." Bill was one who made a difference for me. While I haven't seen Mr. Crawford in over twenty years, he'd probably be surprised to know I think of him often. Bill Crawford, our janitor, taught me many valuable, unforgettable leadership lessons. Here are ten I'd like to share with you.

- Be Cautious of Labels. Labels you place on people may define your relationship to them and bound their potential. Sadly, and for a long time, we labeled Bill as just a janitor, but he was so much more. Therefore, be cautious of a leader who **calously says, "Hey, he's just an Airman."** Likewise, **don't tolerate the O-1, who says, "I can't do that, I'm just a lieutenant."**
- Everyone Deserves Respect. Because we **hung the "janitor" label on Mr. Crawford,** we often wrongly treated him with less respect than others around us. He deserved much more, and not just because he was a Medal of Honor winner. Bill deserved respect because he was a janitor, walked among us, and was a part of our team.
- Courtesy Makes a Difference. Be courteous to all around you, regardless of rank or position. Military customs, as well as common courtesies, help bond a team. When our daily words to Mr. Crawford turned from perfunctory **"hellos" to heartfelt greetings,** his demeanor and personality outwardly changed. It made a difference for all of us.
- Take Time to Know Your People. Life in **the military is hectic, but that's no excuse** for not knowing the people you work for and with. For years a hero walked among us at the Academy and we never knew it. Who are the heroes that walk in your midst?
- Anyone Can Be a Hero. Mr. Crawford **certainly didn't fit anyone's standard** definition of a hero. Moreover, he was just a private on the day he won his **Medal. Don't sell your people short,** for any one of them may be the hero who rises to the occasion when duty calls. **On the other hand, it's easy to turn to your** proven performers when the chips are down, **but don't ignore the rest of the**

team. Today's rookie could and should be tomorrow's superstar.

- Leaders Should Be Humble. Most modern day heroes and some leaders are anything but humble, especially if you **calibrate your "hero meter" on today's** athletic fields. End zone celebrations and self-aggrandizement are what we've come to expect from sports greats. Not Mr. Crawford—he was too busy working to celebrate his past heroics. Leaders would be well-served to do the same.
- Life Won't Always Hand You What You Think You Deserve. We in the military work hard and, dang it, we deserve recognition, right? However, sometimes you just have to persevere, even when **accolades don't come your way. Perhaps you weren't nominated for junior officer** or airman of the quarter as you thought you should—**don't let that stop you. Don't** pursue glory; pursue excellence. Private **Bill Crawford didn't pursue glory; he did** his duty and then swept floors for a living.
- No Job is Beneath a Leader. If Bill Crawford, a Medal of Honor winner, could clean latrines and smile, is there a job beneath your dignity? Think about it.
- Pursue Excellence. No matter what task life hands you, do it well. Dr. Martin Luther King said, **"If life makes you a** street sweeper, be the best street **sweeper you can be."** Mr. Crawford modeled that philosophy and helped make our dormitory area a home.
- Life is a Leadership Laboratory. All too often we look to some school or PME class to teach us about leadership when, in fact, life is a leadership laboratory. Those you meet everyday will teach you enduring lessons if you just take time to stop, look and listen. I spent four years at the Air Force Academy, took dozens of classes, read hundreds of books, and met thousands of great people. I gleaned leadership skills from all of them, but one of the people I remember most is Mr. Bill Crawford and the lessons he **unknowingly taught. Don't miss your** opportunity to learn.

Bill Crawford was a janitor. However, he was also a teacher, friend, role model and one great American hero. Thanks, Mr. Crawford, for some valuable leadership lessons.

Space Pioneers Selected for Honor

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Dr. Benjamin P. Blasingame was inducted in the Air Force Space and Missile Pioneers Hall of Fame Class of 2009

The Air Force Space Pioneers Award was first given under the sponsorship of the National Space Club in Washington D.C., which in 1989 honored 10 key military and civilian leaders in the Air Force space program..

8/11/2009-PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo.--Gen. C. Robert Kehler, Air Force Space Command commander, inducted the command's 2009 Space and Missile Pioneers during an official ceremony today at 10 a.m., at the AFSPC Headquarters Building here.

This year's inductees are retired Dr. Benjamin P. Blasingame, retired Col. Vernon L. Hastings, Dr. F. Robert Naka, retired Col. Bradford W. Parkinson, and Mr. Roger L. Easton (who will not be in attendance).

Dr. Blasingame was a pioneer in the development of the Air Force's early Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Systems. He won approval for using inertial guidance as a backup for radio guidance on the Atlas ICBM and as the primary guidance system on the THOR Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile. He left the Air Force ballistic missile division for an assignment at the newly constructed U. S. Air Force Academy, where he created the department of aeronautics and astronautics.

Colonel Hastings was a pioneer in the development and deployment of America's early Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Systems. He directed the design of all United States operational base facilities for the Atlas Intercontinental Ballistic Missile. He also led the site selection team for Camp Cooke, subsequently renamed Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., as the location for construction of the first Atlas ICBM operational launch complex. Under his leadership, contractors constructed the first Atlas F sites that featured a hardened design--underground "silo" basing.

Dr. Naka was a pioneer in the development of a wide range of ground- and space-based systems including missile warning and space surveillance radars as well as reconnaissance systems. He invented the concept of "cumulative probability of detection," which he applied to the beam scan sequence of the large, fixed detection antenna for the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System to warn of a possible attack from Soviet Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles. He was instrumental in designing the millstone hill radar that tracked Sputnik, the world's first artificial satellite, in October 1957.

Colonel Parkinson was a pioneer in the development of space-based positioning, navigation, and timing systems. He served as chief engineer on the advanced ballistic re-entry systems program. Shortly after being reassigned to the 621B navigation satellite program, in November 1972, he became its manager and oversaw the program's evolution over the next year into the NAVSTAR Global Positioning System.

Mr. Easton collaborated with Milton Rosen in 1955 to write the NRL Project Vanguard proposal for a U.S. scientific satellite as part of the International Geophysical Year. After President Dwight Eisenhower announced selection of Vanguard as the nation's IGY contribution, Mr. Easton supervised construction of the satellite and design of the Minitrack System to determine the satellite's orbit. The Naval Space Surveillance Center honored him in 1991 by establishing the Roger L. Easton Science and Engineering Award, and the NRL followed suit in 1995 with

creation of the Roger L. Easton Award for Engineering Excellence. On 13 February 2006, President George W. Bush presented Mr. Easton with the nation's highest honor for technological achievement--the National Medal of Technology.

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Alumni Spotlight: Terry Miller

By: Leanne Babcock, National Development Officer, 2nd Lt., USAF

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In 1959 Terry Miller embarked on his college career at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. During this time, land grant schools required all young, able-bodied men complete a mandatory 2-year ROTC obligation. As he approached his junior year, Miller was invited to enter advanced Air Force ROTC. Advanced AFROTC students earned a large stipend of \$27.50 per month which he used to help pay his tuition. However, Miller soon discovered there was more to AFROTC than fulfilling a commitment and receiving a stipend.

Arnold Air Society

Miller was asked by his fraternity brothers to join the Joyce-Johnson AAS Squadron, which also meant becoming a cadet member of the Air Force Association. This began **Miller's** life-long membership in the AFA. Through membership in both organizations, Miller gained knowledge of military history, learned how to network and make professional connections. All of these skills culminated with what Miller was learning in AFROTC, through his studies at UNL, and his job at a local bakery. Miller was taking information from all sources and employing them into valuable life experiences.

During his service in Arnold Air Society, Miller was the AAS Administration Officer, Squadron Vice Commander, and Squadron Commander. Outside of his leadership roles, Miller and the Joyce-Johnson Squadron paired with their Angel Flight to host fundraisers and social activities on campus. One of the largest events was the Spring Last Day of Class/Study for Finals Tomorrow Dance held at the UNL Student Union. This dance was a tradition and nearly all students attended to blow off steam before finals.

Angel Flight

A new organization that started at the University of Nebraska-Omaha sparked the interest of the Joyce-Johnson AAS Squadron. Angel Flight was comprised of female members in the student body from the campus and their main objective was to support the local AAS Squadron. UNL wanted to start an Angel Flight to support their squadron; this is where Miller and Angel Flight founder Mary Anne Thompson first met. They worked together to find women on campus who would be part of their Angel Flight. Once the flight was picked, the Joyce-Johnson Angel Flight at UNL became the second chartered Angel Flight. A lifelong friendship between Miller



and Thompson continues to this day through their work with the AFA. Thompson was a great source of help at **Miller's** commissioning and wedding.

Support of the UNL Angel Flight also included traveling to two NATCONs in support of their Angel Flight members who were being nominated for major titles. The 1964 NATON in Denver featured UNL Angel Flight member Marilyn Masters who **was the current "Little Colonel" going up**

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Around Your AFA Community

NEW COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The Sijan Chapter would like to welcome several new Community Partners. Welcome to our CP Team!

Becoming a Community Partner in the Sijan Chapter helps give back to your Air Force Community!



Mr. Bob Cunningham accepts his new Community Partner plaque for Segovia presented by Debbie and Kevin Estrem.



Mr. Tracy Rouse, new Community Partner for Harris Corporation IT Services

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SATURDAY, NOV. 7TH, 2009 10 A.M.

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ENDS AT TEJON STREET AND VERMILIO



News Release for TARC

750 Student Teams Wanted for World's Largest Rocket Competition Team America Rocketry Challenge Registration Opens

Arlington, Va. -- Registration for the world's largest rocket competition, the Team America Rocketry Challenge, is open to 750 student teams in grades 7-12 from any U.S. school, home school or non-profit youth organization. Registration for the 2010 spring contest is open now through November 30.

The annual rocket contest, sponsored by AIA, challenges teams of three to 10 students to design and build a rocket that will climb to 825 feet with a raw egg payload and stay aloft for 40 to 45 seconds. The payload must then return to earth unbroken. The 2010 contest rules and registration information are available at www.rocketcontest.org.

"The Team America Rocketry Challenge is fostering the next generation of engineers by sparking an interest in math and physics in a fun, team-based environment," said Marion Blakey, AIA president and CEO. "The students are often mentored by real-world engineers and scientists and many teams are sponsored by AIA member companies. TARC is truly an invaluable educational experience."

AIA sponsors TARC with the National Association of Rocketry, NASA, the Defense Department, the American Association of Physics Teachers and AIA member companies. The contest is in its eighth year and is proving to be the needed catalyst to generate interest in students with the sciences. According to a survey of TARC alumni.

The top 100 TARC team finalists are notified on April 9 that they have earned a trip to the competition May 15, just outside of Washington, DC.

Student participants compete for \$60,000 in prizes, scholarships and a trip to the 2010 international air show in London for an international "Fly-Off" with student teams from France and the UK.

The aerospace industry is actively looking for young people to join its ranks. The industry is facing a future workforce shortage as many employees will reach retirement age in the next decade. A recent Aviation Week and Space Technology survey found that almost 40 percent of the workforce is over the age of 50. For more information on careers in aerospace, visit www.launchintoaerospace.org.

- 83 percent became more interested in science and math as a result of TARC.
- 81 percent gained a better understanding of how math, science, and technology are used to solve problems in the real world.
- 70 percent became more interested in a STEM career as a result of TARC.
- 67 percent intend to choose a STEM major in college.

The competition is open to all middle school and high school students. Additionally, nationally recognized youth organizations such as AFJROTC, Civil Air Patrol, Boys and Girl Scouts are encouraged to compete. We Encourage teachers and leaders of youth groups in our area to participate.

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Note from AFA National President

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Afghan, Education, Holiday Cards/Ornament

It is important to note that the Air Force has 5800 Airmen on the ground in Afghanistan - more than any other country except for the UK. Plus the Air Force has thousands supporting the effort at AF Space Command, flying RPAs from Nevada, flying missions from Diego Garcia, flying tanker missions from the Gulf, and supporting the operation with lift on an hourly basis.

AFA Members, Congressional Staffers, Civic leaders, DOCA Members, we hear a lot about Afghanistan ... and GEN McChrystal developing a new strategy and might ask for more troops. I thought it might be useful to point out how many are there now ... and from which countries. According to the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), there are presently 64,500 allied troops in Afghanistan ... with the US providing 29,950 -- less than half of the total. There are 42 nations which are providing troops. The nations with the largest number of troops are:

UK -- 9,000
Germany -- 4,050
France -- 3,160
Canada -- 2,800
Italy -- 2,795
Poland -- 2,000
Netherlands -- 1,770
Australia -- 1,090
Romania -- 1,025

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the operation with lift on an hourly basis.

Additionally, a significant task is to train the Afghan National Army. Presently, there are 91,000 trained out of an authorized strength of 134,000. You can find more details about this data at: http://www.nato.int/isaf/docu/epub/pdf/isaf_placemat.pdf

Secondly, we had an Executive Committee meeting this past weekend and among the discussion topics was the state of STEM Education [Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math] in the US today. One expert on the subject opined that US citizens received less than 50% of all STEM PhDs in this country. That prompted me to do a bit of research ... and the "opiner" is not too far off. The seminal study in this area is done by University of Chicago ... and is based on data from 2005-2006 year. The entire document is over 19 Megs ... so I cut it and put the one page executive summary ... plus all the tables and graphs mentioned in the Executive Summary ... into one document on our website (http://www.afa.org/ProfessionalDevelopment/AerospaceEducation/ReportsandStudies/RS_PDFs/06SRFinalVersion_Short.pdf). A few observations:

- 56% of all science and engineering doctorates were awarded to US citizens -- however, only 32 % of engineering doctorates went to US citizens
- Of those non-US citizens who earned doctorates, China (4,774) had the most; India second (1,742); then S. Korea (1,648); Taiwan (718); Canada (561)
- 51% of all research doctorates awarded to US citizens went to women
- 54% of those who graduated with employment ... planned to teach in universities

The point of above is we are approaching the time when we will be short of STEM graduates in this country. The aerospace industry is especially affected ... as one -- repeat one -- single aerospace company told me they hire over 5% of all undergraduate engineers the nation produces. It is also important to notice where the bulk of the non-citizen doctorates will reside in the future ... Nuff said.

Finally, I mentioned last week that AF Memorial Foundation had produced a limited edition holiday ornament -- that was selling fast. The Foundation also has a range of holiday cards. We plan to have a different ornament and card -- both featuring the Air Force Memorial -- every year. We will offer past years' ornaments until we run out and every year we plan to add to the holiday card selection that features the Air Force Memorial. You can find information on our website at: <http://www.afa.org/pdfs/Ornament-CCard.pdf>

For your consideration,

Mike



Volunteers Needed

The Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum and Pueblo Historical Aircraft Society has a need for motivated volunteers with an interest in aviation and military history. The museum has expanded into a new 30,000 square foot hangar. The Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum is one of the largest military aircraft museums in the Rocky Mountain West. Persons are needed in the areas of tour guides, display creation, aircraft restoration, event planning, and educational programs.

Call or e-mail the museum at service@pwam.org to obtain information on becoming a museum volunteer.

The museum is located 6 miles east of Pueblo Colorado on the grounds of the Pueblo Memorial Airport. Take US Highway 50 East/Colorado 96 East to reach the museum.

Persons are needed in the areas of:

- Tour guides
- Display creation
- Aircraft restoration
- Event planning
- Educational programs



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for the AFROTC Area's "Little General". Although she came in second, the AAS Squadron supported her and her duties in representing UNL and the Area through public appearances on campus and the city. Today, the Joyce-Johnson Silver Wings Chapter is strong just as it was when it was Angel Flight and represents some of the finest women and men on the UNL campus and supports the AFROTC detachment and AAS Squadron.

After the Sword

Miller received his orders the day he graduated and eventually served a 26 year military career in the space operations career field. His assignments included Ent AFB, CO (now Peterson AFB) Eglin AFB, FL; Clear AFS, AK; Peterson AFB, CO; Maxwell AFB, AL; Shemya Island, AK; WSMR, NM; Headquarters USAF; Philippines, Australia, Naval War College and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He retired as the Assistant DCS Operations at Space Command Headquarters.

His career in the space operations field involved satellite surveillance, missile warning, and satellite control. Miller was involved with several large operational test and evaluation programs most notably the FPS-85 radar at Eglin AFB, FL and the Cobra Dane on Shemya Island, AK. While at the JCS, Miller was involved with Arm Control negotiations with the USSR in Geneva, Switzerland.

Alumni & Air Force Association

Miller took on the role of an active AAS Alumni member through the AAS Alumni which at the time was a Division of the AFA. AAS Alumni did not pay separate alumni dues as they do today; they instead paid regular AFA dues. As an AAS Alumni Division, they received a quarterly check from their share of dues, as did AFA chapters for their operating expenses.

JOINT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER FALL 2009

Miller volunteered to become the Alumni Secretary and spent considerable time finding AAS Alumni members in the hard copy rolls of AFA records and asking them to transfer their AFA affiliation to the AAS Alumni

Division. He became the Alumni President in 1966 and suggested to AFA they start a Junior Officer advisory Council and subsequently served on the initial council. As the Alumni Division grew, it was necessary for AFA to provide more of the administrative support and the Division (and AFA Squadron/State Wing) organizational concept was replaced by the current Chapter, State and Region organizations that are still used today

Today

Miller continues active participation within the AFA having been former Vice President of the Sijan Chapter in Colorado Springs, President of the Mile High Chapter, and Colorado State President. He is also currently active as a chapter officer in AFCEA, ITEA, and is a member of numerous other professional organizations. Miller continues to work parttime in business development and program manager for Westech International of Albuquerque, NM. Miller is a great source of history for AAS and AnF and a resource for JAA. He was inducted into the UNL AFROTC Hall of Fame in 1999.

AFA/VBA Benefit Highlights

AFA: DON'T CHANGE TRICARE COMMITMENT

The Air Force Association urged that TRICARE be fully preserved, and kept separate from any national public option health care plan.

"TRICARE is an important earned benefit for members of the Armed Forces and retirees, not just another health care insurance plan," said Joe Sutter, Chairman of the Board for AFA. "TRICARE coverage should not be diminished in any way by

changes to Medicare or a national health care program."

"Under no circumstances should TRICARE benefits be taxed," said Mike Dunn, President of AFA. "TRICARE is part of the special national commitment we make to those that are serving and have served. It is an earned benefit, and should not be folded into any national public option plan."

AFA strongly believes that TRICARE should not be in any way taxed, as it is part of a national commitment to health care for those who serve. Regardless of any public national plan, veterans should be able to count on the unique health care plan that they have earned as a result of their sacrifices to our country. Any changes to Medicare should not impact TRICARE for Life - originally designed to supplement Medicare coverage.

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AFA Urges TRICARE Protection

In a letter to Congress, AFA urged protection of TRICARE programs for veterans regardless of the outcome of the health care debate on Capitol Hill. Writing on behalf of our 125,000 Members, AFA President Mike Dunn welcomed a re-

cent commitment from the chairs of three House committees to protect veterans in any major health legislation. Dunn urged that Congress provide the same commitment to recipients of TRICARE for Life. [Click here](#) to view the letter.

TRICARE and the H1N1 Vaccine

TRICARE is suspending referral and authorization requirements for TRICARE Prime beneficiaries allowing them to receive the H1N1 flu vaccine from any TRICARE-authorized provider without a referral from their primary care manager. The requirement is suspended from October 1, 2009 - April 30, 2010.

• For more information about preparing for flu season, visit the [TRICARE Flu Resources Web site](#); • For the latest information about the H1N1 flu virus, visit the [DoD Pandemic Influenza Watchboard](#).



TRICARE Inpatient Costs Increase for Fiscal 2010

Every year the costs for Tricare-covered inpatient services are reviewed and are subject to change. For the coming fiscal 2010 (Oct. 1-Sept. 30, 2010) there is an increase for some out-of-pocket costs paid by Tricare Standard beneficiaries at civilian hospitals for inpatient care and inpatient behavioral health services. The daily cost share for retirees, their families and other eligible beneficiaries using Tricare Standard for inpatient admissions

at civilian hospitals has increased from \$535 to \$645 per day or 25 percent of the total charge, whichever is less. Additionally, these beneficiaries pay 25 percent of the Tricare-allowable charge for separately billed professional services. The out-of-pocket costs for retirees, their families and other eligible beneficiaries for inpatient behavioral health services at low-volume civilian hospitals has increased from \$193 to \$197 per day or 25 percent of the billed charge, whichever is less. For additional information about copayments and cost-shares for Tricare-covered services, [click here](#).

Calendar of Events



LANCE P. SIJAN CHAPTER MONTHLY MEETINGS

PLACE: ARMED FORCES YMCA-SOUTHEAST LOCATION ON JETWING DRIVE

DATE: EVERY 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

WEBSITE: [HTTP://WWW.AFASIJAN.COM](http://www.afasijan.com)

COLORADO SPRINGS VETERANS DAY PARADE

PLACE: DOWNTOWN COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

DATE: NOVEMBER 7TH, 2009

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

WEBSITE: [HTTP://WWW.CSVETSPARADE.ORG/](http://www.csvetsparade.org/)

AIR FORCE BALL 2010

PLACE: BROADMOOR HOTEL, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

DATE: FEBRUARY 19, 2010

TIME: 6:00 P.M.—MIDNIGHT

WEBSITE: COMING SOON!

SPACE AND CYBERSPACE WARFARE SYMPOSIUM 2010

PLACE: KEYSTONE RESORT, CO

DATE: JUNE 8-10, 2010

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Your membership in the Air Force Association enables us to continue our strong advocacy of the rightful priority of air superiority. Shoulder to shoulder, your AFA membership brings solidarity and weight to our noble cause.

AFA helps you make the most of your Air Force affiliation, throughout your career and the rest of your life. Your membership automatically makes you an integral part of a powerful network of committed men and women in the military, in public service, and in private industry.

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