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President's Message

Kevin Estrem—President, AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter

As your president, I would like to wish all of our members, Community Partners, and our active duty, Reserve, National Guard, and civil Air Patrol airman and cadets, and their families a blessed and joyous Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year!

The Sijan Chapter is concluding an award-winning year of supporting the Air Force Family and our wonderful Colorado Springs Community. We are very proud and appreciative of those who have answered the call to serve and defend our nation. Too often we Americans take our freedoms for granted. The AFA Sijan Chapter members want all of you that serve...active duty, guard and reserves and your families to know how much we appreciate your sacrifices and honor your service – we salute you!

2011 will be another busy year for the Sijan Chapter. Our planning committees are already meeting and preparing for the events we will support and host throughout the year. We have dedicated volunteers and are always looking for others to help us support the active duty military activities. The first big event for the year is the **Air Force Ball** that will be held at the Broadmoor Hall on Friday, 18 February 2011 and will once again showcase the Air Force's best..."**Tops-in-Blue**" show.

In March we will host a pizza party at the USAFA Cadet Field house supporting the **Wing Open Boxing Tourney** as we raise money for the Cadet Wing chosen Charity.

In June, we host the **Space and Cyberspace Warfare Symposium** at Keystone Resort Conference Center, Keystone CO. from 14-16 June 2011. The Symposium draws government and industry leaders together from all over the country to talk and

learn about space and cyberspace related issues and concerns. So please mark your calendars and get registered early for any or all of these events.

As I said before, we are always in need of volunteers to assist in making these events successful.

I'd also like to give **special Thanks to our Sponsors and Community Partners** that support and attend our events as they are key to helping us keep the costs affordable for our active duty members to attend these wonderful events.

Again, Thank You for your support and I look forward to another fantastic year for the AFA "**Sijan**" Chapter as we continue to do great things for our Air Force Community.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Safe New Year.

CHAPTER GOALS

- 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.



CyberPatriot

Provided by Rick Regaller



Four local area CyberPatriot teams are advancing to the next rounds of AFA's CyberPatriot Competition. Civil Air Patrol Cadet Teams from the Air Academy Composite Squadron and the Colorado Springs Cadet Squadron successfully competed on-line against 475 other JROTC and CAP cadet teams and will join ten other teams from around the country in person in the All Service Division semi-finals competition in Orlando, Florida, 17-18 February 2011. In the Open Division, **Cheyenne Mountain** and **Rampart High Schools** started on-line competition against 186 other teams and now advance to compete against 48 other teams from across the nation. The top teams of both of these competitions will advance to the CyberPatriot final competition that will take place at AFA's CyberFutures Conference at the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center, National Harbor, Md. April 1-2, 2011. CyberPatriot is the premier national high school cyber defense competition created to inspire high school students toward careers in cybersecurity or other science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to our nation's future. The competition was conceived by the Air Force Association, and national outreach was made possible by Northrop Grumman, the program's presenting sponsor. SAIC and the Center for Infrastructure Assurance and Security at the University of Texas-San Antonio are founding partners of the program. For additional information about this exciting event, please visit <http://www.uscyberpatriot.org>.

NEW AND RENEWED COMMUNITY PARTNERS



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THE SIJAN SENTINEL

Around Your AFA Community



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Chapter President



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Kevin Estrem welcoming Mr.
Kloenne to the Sijan Community
Partners Program

*Air Force Association Sijan Chapter 125
would like to wish you and your loved ones
a very joyous holiday season!*

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Activities & Accomplishments — 2010

- Won the AFA National **Jack Gross Membership Award** winner – **5th year in a row!**
- Won the AFA National **Gold Award for Community Partners Program** – **7th year in a row!**
- Hosted the Annual **Colorado Springs Air Force Ball** at the Broadmoor Hotel – 700 guests with **reduced-cost tickets to airmen**, Tops in Blue entertainment, and fabulous dinner celebrating Air Force Heritage
- Supported three Wing level & two HQ Command level **Quarterly and Annual Award programs**
- Co-sponsored the **IMAGE Golf Tournament**, raising over \$30K for local college scholarships
- Awarded 8 AFA **college scholarships** to Chapter member dependents, with emphasis on science and technology
- Awarded over 100 **free 1-year AFA memberships** for all military and civilian Quarterly and Annual Award winners from AFSPC, Peterson AFB, Schriever AFB, USAFA, and for all CCAF Pitsenbarger Award Winners
- Hosted the annual **Space and Cyber Warfare Symposium** supporting HQ AFSPC and global warfighters
- Sponsored the **Gen Jerome O'Malley Award** recognizing outstanding contributions to space warfare
- Helped sponsor **SNOFEST winter festival** in support of **military families**
- Supported the local area **Chief Master Sergeants Orientation/Recognition Program**
- Sponsored the **Air Force Academy Outstanding Squadron Banquet**
- Donated funds for the **Chamber of Commerce's Armed Forces Day Luncheon**
- Sponsored the **AFSPC Operational Excellence Award** recognizing the top space operators in AFSPC
- Donated **300 Sky Sox baseball tickets and Ad in Program** to deserving local airmen
- Contributed to and supported the **Rocky Mountain Company Grade Officers Council**
- Awarded scholarships to Community College of the Air Force 8 **Pitsenbarger Award** winners
- Sponsored **Space and Missile Pioneer Hall of Fame** portraits displayed in HQ AFSPC
- Donated funds and manpower for the **USAFA Wing Open Boxing cadet-selected Charity**
- Donated support funding to the **Armed Forces YMCA**
- Sponsored refreshments for Peterson AFB **Community College of the Air Force graduation** ceremony
- Honored Air Force Veterans at **Veteran's Day and Memorial Day** wreath laying ceremonies
- Contributed to **Veteran's Day Parade** activities
- Contributed funds to the Cheyenne Mountain **Team America Rocketry**



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AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Activities & Accomplishments – Con't

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Challenge team

- Supported USA Today **Visions of Exploration** program, advancing education in the classroom
- Sponsored and supported the **Home Front Cares** fund-raising dinner for deployed military families
- Financially supported the **Challenger Learning Center**, advancing space education
- Supported and participated in the **Navy League's Pearl Harbor Dedication Ceremony**
- Donated funds and participated in the **Veteran's Day Celebration Luncheon**
- Donated funds to the **Crawford House**, supporting Colorado Springs area Veterans
- Hosted the **AFA National President/CEO** for dinner on two occasions
- Donated funds to each competition of three local teams for **Guardian Challenge 2010**
- Contributed to all 5 local Air Force JrROTC programs, promoting Air Force and citizenship
- Hosted Community Partner Reception, recognizing our appreciation for xxx outstanding CPs
- Donated to the Pike Peak Veteran's Council, supporting local veterans
- Financially supported the Peterson AFB Air and Space Museum, promoting air education
- Supported and participated in the National Space Symposium held at the Broadmoor
- Supported Regional Convention for Arnold Air Society, in support of USAFA and ROTC cadets
- Sponsored 400 military members and dependents to attend the Colorado Springs Air Show
- Supported and participated in the Armed Forces Day Luncheon

Save the Date!

Air Force Ball

2011

FEBRUARY 18, 2011

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this gala Black Tie / Mess Dress event.

FEATURING:

tops IN blue

The Air Force Association, Lance P. Sijan Chapter will host the annual Air Force Ball at the prestigious Broadmoor resort.

More information coming soon www.afasijan.com

Hosted By: AFA LANCE P. SIJAN CHAPTER

Twas the Night Before Christmas in All Sijan Land



Twas the night before
Christmas, when all through
the Chapter
Not an Officer was stirring,
not even a member.
The newsletter was written and
emailed with care,
Announcing Events; hoping that
you will be there!



Out in the city there arose
such a clatter,
To everyone's glee the
Sijan Chapter was the matter!
And chosen as "Outstanding Extra

Large Chapter of the Year"

Once again, this award is always held dear!



The Community Partners were
nestled snug in their beds,
While visions of profits danced in their head!
From defense contractors, to salons
to hotels to construction,
They give much for our troops,
and deserve recognition!

Let's ring the bells and welcome Troops home with
deserving affection!



Please check out our website
and see who CPs are,
We appreciate their support,
feel they are the best by far!
So many companies are with us,
through thick and through thin,
Please support them, they support us,
the situation is WIN-WIN!



Chapter goals are to support, promote,
and make opportunities,
To recognize Air Force Men,
Women and their families.
Always ready to help and
educate the community,
Contributing to aide Airmen
at every opportunity,
Also maintaining strong relationships
in the Community
The Sijan Chapter is always

ready for duty!



Planning the Air Force Ball is high on the list,
And making the Space and Cyberspace Warfare
Symposium the best!!
Scheduling volunteers and speakers
part of the plan,
Our Chapter invites all in
Government-Contractor land.



With a retired Chief Master Sergeant,
so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment he wasn't Saint Nick!
More rapid than UAVs his Chapter VPs
they came,

And he whistled and shouted and
called them by name;

"Now Hank! Now, Tim! Now David and Jim!"

On Debbie! On, Elizabeth!
On Jeanin and Brian Binn!

To the top of the Headquarters,
to the top of the Nation!
We must unite and prove
our Chapters a sensation!



With a Chapter membership that's great --
and our Leadership too,

Our chapter needs volunteers to help
spread the news!

Then what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a chance to give a
membership gift to someone so dear!



In a matter of minutes posted on the website,
For all members to enjoy; to share;
and shed our Chapters light,
Our Chapter President sprang on his horse,
to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like
the down of a thistle!



As they left quickly,
Chapter Officers exclaimed,
with all of their might:

Merry Christmas to all,
and to all a good
night!





As your President, I'd like to take a quick moment to "Thank You" for your confidence and dedicated support of such a great AFA Chapter. The chapter I believe is the best in the Air Force Association. We had a great year in 2010 and I pledge my continued support for another successful year into 2011. Our executive team is: Vice President-Jim Hale; Secretary-Hank Scarangella; Treasurer-Dave Shiller, all of these guys have been super supporters of the Chapter in the past and I'm sure will continue their outstanding support for a highly successful 2011 as well.

We also have an excellent group of Vice Presidents that we are looking forward to working with, they are: VP of Community Partners and Sponsorships-Debbie Estrem (7 time winner of the Gold Award and 2010 State "MEMBER OF THE YEAR"); VP of Communications-Jeanin Damery (our Chapter's 2010 NATIONAL "EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE" Member, outstanding newsletter editor-designer and web site/on-line registration manager and designer); VP of Membership-James Wood (three time winner of the Jack Gross Award); VP of Aerospace Education (TOY & Scholarships)-Roy Griggs; VP of Awards-Ray Powell; VP for Government Relations-Brian Binn; VP of Leadership Development-Charlie Bryant; VP of Programs-Tim Lemons; and our newest position VP of Cyber Patriot-Rick Ragaller. 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, Bob Cooper, Joe Kahoe, Brad Butler, Linda Aldrich 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, Fred Bell and Mike McCoy that want to get involved and we are happy and grateful to have them join 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 in which we have many to choose from. If you're interested in doing some volunteer work, contact me at 719-238-4366 and I can send you the list of activities for your review.

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 2011.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to serve as your President...I will do my best to keep the Chapter strong and vibrant. Looking forward to seeing you at the Air Force Ball 18 February 2011.

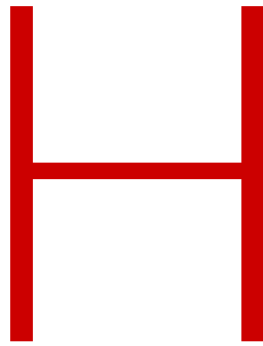
Kevin Estrem—President, Lance P. Sijan Chapter



I would like to personally thank all of our Happy Holidays to all our AFA Community Partners! I want to thank you for your support of AFA and for your Sponsorships throughout the 2010 year! I am looking forward to working with all of you during 2011!

*Debbie Estrem,
VP Community Partners*

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all our Sijan Chapter Community Partners, Members and their families. Our chapter appreciates your support and dedication to all we do to support our AFA Community
J. Damery
Editor, *The Sijan Sentinel*
VP Communications



Happy Holidays to all our AFA Sijan Members and our Community Partners

We thank you for your support and appreciate and enjoy your friendship.

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

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Note from AFA National President

“But institutions can have short memories too. And in the early 60s we entered another Asian war, this time in Vietnam, without a capable air-to-air fighter -- without pilots schooled in the fine art of air-to-air combat -- and without weapons to neutralize the emerging threat of surface-to-air missiles -- and we paid a terrible price against a third-rate power.”

EXTRACTED FROM THE PRESIDENTS CORNER—DECEMBER 18, 2010—MICHAEL M. DUNN PRESIDENT/CEO

A/C Losses in Viet Nam

AFA Members, Congressional Staff members, Civic Leaders, DOCA members, Dr Richard P. Hallion, former AF historian, sent me the information below. In it, he describes – by aircraft type – US Air Force losses in Viet Nam. A few quick observations.

1. Low and slow is dangerous. We lost 150 Skyraiders, 34 C-130s, 22 A-37s, 21 C-123s, 47 OV-10s, 82 O-2s and 122 O-1s. That's a lot of CSAR support, political risk via POWs, and general projection of vulnerability. Are we planning for this sort of attrition with our buy of C-130Js, C-27s, and even the C-17?

2. We need to plan for attrition on high-end systems. We lost 382 F-4s, 198 F-100s, 283 F-105Ds, 37 F-105Gs, 76 RF-4s, and 33 RF-101s. What sort of fleet do we have today with mostly 4th gen aircraft and other legacy systems? Are we in a position to execute effective combat ops

against a near peer? Do we have the industrial base capacity to replace combat losses in a timely fashion (we lost 15 B-52s in 12 days during Linebacker II—today, that would be over 20% of the fleet)?

3. Numerous aircraft were lost for other non-combat reasons—including 2 SR-71s. While there are few

guarantees in combat operations ... **we do know we will suffer** unexpected accidents. We need to plan for an inventory that accounts for this basic reality. These losses will be increasingly hard to sustain as we stretch small fleets over increasingly longer service lives.

It is easy to point out that many of the losses in Vietnam were due to the ROE, etc. While that is true, I think it is also important to anticipate that war is generally muddled, and ROE is often constrained by numerous factors that are hard to predict (note the two current conflicts). This further highlights the need to plan for redundancy and a flexible range of options.

This list reminds me of a quote from General (Ret) Richard E. Hawley:

“But institutions can have short memories too. And in the early 60s we entered another Asian war, this time in Vietnam, without a capable air-to-air fighter -- without pilots schooled in the fine art of air-to-air combat -- and without weapons to neutralize the emerging threat of surface-to-air missiles -- and we paid a terrible price against a third-rate power.”

In the six months from 23 August 1967 to 5 February 1968, Vietnamese MiG-21 pilots racked up a 16 to 1 kill advantage. In all, we lost 2,448 fixed wing aircraft to a third world military whose Air Force deployed fewer than 200 aircraft.

How easily we forget."

For your consideration.

The complete story can be found at: http://www.afa.org/PresidentsCorner/Notes/Notes_12-18-10.pdf

How To Contact AFA

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- For details on your AFA member benefits, go to: <http://www.afavba.org/AboutUs/memben/>

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION
LANCE P. SIJAN CHAPTER





IMAGE 2010 golf tournament, held on 13 Aug 2010 at Ft Carson, was a resounding success. We raised over \$30,000 for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) scholarships to be divided among AFA,

thank Mike Varner and McNeill Technologies for stepping up to take the Title Sponsorship.

We could not have had such great success without all of our outstanding volunteers, many of whom worked for an entire year on this tournament. Our volunteers throughout the year included: Barry Patterson, Eric LaPorte, Doug Karczewski, Fred Bell, Mark Crews

Sharon White, Judy Arnold, TI Weintraub, Andy Heo, and over 20 more folks who showed up the day of the tournament to assist.

NDIA, and AFCEA local Colorado Springs Chapters. Please take note of our many generous sponsors and the 139 golfers who played. We especially want to

Next year's IMAGE is on 12 Aug at Carson and will be chaired by Barry Patterson

Contributed by: Joe Kahoe—IMAGE 2010 Chairman

Major Sponsors

Title	 McNeil Technologies
Awards	
Putting Contest	
Breakfast	
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Mulligans	
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Tote Bag	
Brochure Printing	
Web Site Sponsor	

IMAGE 2010 Hole Sponsors

AFA/VBA Benefit Highlights

TRICARE Retired Reserve Launches

"This new program offers a health coverage opportunity for "gray area" Guardsmen and Reservists who served America honorably, setting a proud example for today's forces,".

For the first time, members of the Retired Reserve who are not yet age 60, the so-called "gray area" retirees, can purchase TRICARE health coverage for themselves and their eligible family members with the Sept. 1, 2010, launch of TRICARE Retired Reserve (TRR).

"This new program offers a health coverage opportunity for "gray area" Guardsmen and Reservists who served America honorably, setting a proud example for today's forces," said Rear Adm. Christine Hunter, Deputy Director of the TRICARE Management Activity "TRICARE Retired Reserve will provide an outstanding health benefit."

Retired Reservists may qualify to purchase TRR coverage if they are under the age of 60 and are not eligible for, or enrolled in, the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) program. They must also be members of the Retired Reserve of a Reserve component and

qualified for non-regular retirement. For instructions on how to qualify for and purchase TRR go to www.tricaremilitr.

For calendar year 2010, the TRR member-only monthly premium is \$388.31 (\$4,659.72 yearly), and the member and family monthly premium is \$976.41 (\$11,716.92 yearly). Premiums will be adjusted annually.

The comprehensive health care coverage provided by the premiumbased TRR is similar to TRICARE Standard. After purchasing TRR, members will receive the TRICARE Retired Reserve Handbook, which includes details about covered services, how to get care and who to contact for assistance. For more information, visit www.tricare.mil/trr.



Congress Faces Medicare Doctor Reimbursement Cuts Again

All year long we have been reporting on the on-again, off-again scheduled cuts in Medicare payments to doctors. This is a problem that has been going on for a long time because several years ago, in an attempt to keep Medicare solvent, Congress passed legislation to cut those payments.

However every year since they passed the legislation they have blocked the cuts from taking place for the very reason that doctors have said they would stop taking new Medicare patients if their payments were cut. This is of concern to military retirees because TRICARE payments to doctors are tied to Medicare, and if doctors stop taking new Medicare patients they will also stop seeing new TRICARE patients.

AFA has long favored a permanent fix to this issue because it creates constant uncertainty among doctors and patients as to whether or not doctors will continue to take new Medicare and TRICARE patients. In addition, the more Congress puts off a permanent solution, the more expensive it gets for them to fix. However, this year Congress has once again been kicking the can down the road by passing legislation to stop the cuts, but only for a month or two or three at a time. As we go to press the current law stops the payment cuts until December 1. That means Congress has to pass new legislation to stop the cuts before that date — or at least within 10 days to 2 weeks after that date - in order to prevent chaos within the Medicare and TRICARE systems.





2011 Industry Military Annual Golf Event (IMAGE)

Attire: Collared shirts, no jeans or tee shirts, regulation golf shoes.

Team Composition: Each team will ideally consist of a mix of low and high handicapped players and will include a mix of military, government civilians and industry contractors, thus the name IMAGE! There will be NO sponsored corporate or government teams.

Format and Scoring: This is a modified scramble tournament. There will be first, second, third and last place prizes for gross team scores. Additional rules to be briefed on tournament day.

Mulligans: A Mulligan Package will be available for purchase.

Tote Bag Donations

All donations appreciated for 144 golfers.

Prizes

Donations in multiples of four to accommodate four player teams are appreciated.

For Sponsorship Details, please contact:

Mark Crews at 719.339.1718 (markcre@cdwg.com)

August 2010

Times: Breakfast & Registration: 0630

Shotgun Start: 0800

Lunch and Awards: 1300 -1430

Cheyenne Shadows Golf Club
7800 Titus Blvd, Ft. Carson, CO
719.526.4122

Awards	\$4000
Hang banner at event, preferred golf pairing. Registration for 2 golfers.	
Lunch	\$3000
Hang banner at event, preferred golf pairing. Registration for 2 golfers.	
Putting Contest	\$2500
Hang banner at event. Logo signs on putting green. Sponsor provides manning.	
Beverage	\$2000
Hang banner at event.	
Mulligans	\$1000
Multiple Mulligan sponsors are welcome. Place company logo on golfers. Hang banner at event.	
Closest to Hole	\$750
Logo at tee box and on Contest Sign.	
Hole	\$500
Company sign at tee box.	

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August 12, 2011



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)

AIR FORCE BALL 2011

PLACE: BROADMOOR HOTEL, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2011

TIME: 6:00 P.M.—MIDNIGHT

WEBSITE: COMING SOON!

SPACE AND CYBERSPACE WARFARE SYMPOSIUM 2010

PLACE: KEYSTONE RESORT, CO

DATE: JUNE 14-16, 2011

WEBSITE: : [HTTP://WWW.SPACEWARFARE.ORG](http://www.spacewarfare.org)

WING OPEN BOXING PIZZA PARTY

PLACE: USAFA FIELD HOUSE, USAFA, CO

DATE: 7 MAR 2011

More Information coming Soon!





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Membership Changes

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