

The Sijan Sentinel

VOLUME I, ISSUE I

APRIL 2011



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.

March 2011

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ [Around Your AFA Community](#)
- ◆ [Note from AFA National President](#)
- ◆ [Calendar of Events](#)

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

- [USAF Academy Boxing Program Pizza Party](#) 2
- [CyberPatriot Team Recruitment](#) 4
- [Military Discounts-- places and faces](#) 10
- [Why Did My Tax Withholding Go Up?](#) 16

President's Message

Kevin Estrem—President, AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter

Here we are already into the 2nd Quarter of 2011 and the Sijan Chapter is going stronger than ever...this has been a very busy 1st quarter and we are very grateful for our members that volunteer their time to accomplish the events and activities we support.

The Air Force Ball on 18 Feb 11 at the Broadmoor International Center was a great success with a committee that is so experienced and possesses the expertise required to host such a wonderful event. Tops-in-Blue continues to provide a wonderful show that is enjoyed by all in attendance. This year Tim Lemons was again the Ball Chairman and did his best to provide another great example of how the Sijan Chapter starts off the year supporting Air Force members at all levels.

We were grateful to host General William Shelton, Commander of Air Force Space Command as the Senior Air Force Officer present. He graciously accepted and attended his first Air Force Ball as the AFSPC Commander. His attendance, cutting his TDY to the Air Warfare Symposium in Florida and his participation in the caking cutting ceremony was greatly appreciated.

A great time was had by all as the Air Force Tops-in-Blue put on an incredible show for the 650 attendees. I have seen many of their previous shows and cannot remember a better performance.

We hope to have them back again next year for another outstanding performance at the 2012 Air Force Ball.

Then last but definitely not least a big Thank You to MSgt (ret) Steve Austin for his exceptional master of ceremonies performance. It was a pleasure working with Steve once again as he continually supports our community with his amazing talent and skill as he flawlessly provides a great show.

The Sijan Chapter did not slow down with the success of the AF Ball. AFA member CMSgt (ret) Mike McCoy took on the leadership of the Wing Open Boxing Tournament. The Sijan Chapter annually hosts a pizza party to raise funds for the charity that the cadet wing selects to support. The evening was another success as the Chapters from AFA and their Association of Graduates partner raised money for the cadet charity. At the end of the night we presented a check to the cadet wing for over \$2400. Thanks for a great job Mike!

Still the Sijan Chapter does not rest as we immediately stepped up to the planning and organizing of the Sixth Annual Space and Cyberspace Warfare Symposium (SCWS) scheduled for 14-16 June 11 at the Keystone Conference Center in Keystone Colorado. An experienced, Cracker Jack committee chaired by Hank Scarangella, from AT&T and Tom Ocvirk from CSC is in the process of working with Air

Force Space Command liaison officer Lt Col Patrick Reagan in providing a first class symposium. The committee is made up of 16 Sijan chapter members from 13 different companies that are all experienced and expert volunteers that plan organize and execute the symposium in support of Air Force Space Command. The Sijan Chapter provides a great venue, free labor, and takes on the financial risk while also supporting the **Rocky Mountain Blue** program at a beautiful setting in the Mountains of Colorado. Our sponsors absolutely love the intimacy and networking opportunities of having AFSPC senior leaders in attendance and supporting the symposium specifically tailored for Space and Cyberspace support to the Warfighter. We look forward to another successful Space and Cyberspace Warfare Symposium this summer.

With over 2700 members in the Sijan Chapter, we have so much talent to support activities and events that we are willing and able to take on risks and support AFSPC in whatever they may

(Continued on page 3)

USAF ACADEMY BOXING PROGRAM PIZZA PARTY

Our Pizza Party donations totaled \$1,200 and the Sijan chapter matched that amount for a \$2,400 total contribution. Cadet Wing donations during the boxing tournament added another \$2,375 for a total amount of \$4,775 for the Air Force Assistance Fund.

Celebrating the our **twentieth year** of support USAF Academy Boxing Program, the Lance P. Sijan chapter of the Air Force Association (AFA) has once again partnered with the local Academy Rampart chapter of the Association of Graduates (AOG) hosting a *fund-raiser pizza party* prior to the start of the USAF Academy Wing Open Boxing Championship. As in years past, Coca Cola donated all of the soft drinks and Domino's Pizza donated all the pizza for this event. AFA Community Partners donated door prizes and the Sijan AFA and Rampart AOG chapter members volunteered their time to set up the pizza buffet and collect donations. Members from both organizations attend the event and donate to the cadet cause. It was a great showing of both AFA and AOG members supporting a great cause!

Each spring since 1978, Boxing Coach Eddie Weichers has led the Academy's team of cadet boxers to the NCBA boxing tournament. Over that time, the Academy team has garnered 18 national team titles, and is looking to add to that record again this year. In preparation for the national tourney each year, Coach Weichers invites the public to witness the Cadet Wing Open final championship event held the first week of March. This year's wing open tournament was held in Clune Arena March 3, 2011, and featured matches in 12 weight divisions. For the second year, the event was scheduled on an evening during the week which attracted several thousand cadets and fans creating an exciting venue, cheering their favorite boxers. And although the championship is a culmination of a year of hard work and dedication for the winning boxers, it is also the start of a second season of competition. The 12 Wing Open victors, or "**The Dirty Dozen**", form the nucleus of the Academy team that will compete at the regional qualifier in Reno and the national championship at West Point later this spring.

Since 1970 this exciting event also entails a fund-raising effort for local military charities which the cadets title "**Fighting for a Cause**" this year the cadets selected the *Air Force Assistance Fund*. Our Pizza Party donations totaled \$1,200 and the Sijan chapter matched that amount for a \$2,400 total contribution. The Cadet Wing donations during the boxing tournament added another \$2,375 for a total amount of \$4,775 for the Air Force Assistance Fund. Coach Weichers addressed the approximately 100 attendees of the Pizza Party, expressing his gratitude for our



Kevin Estrem, Lance P. Sijan Chapter President presenting a check for \$1200.00 from Pizza Party Donations to Lt General Mike Gould, Superintendent USAFA and Larry Bagley, AOG President - Rampart Chapter. The Sijan chapter matched that amount for a \$2,400.00 total contribution to the Cadet Charity (the Air Force Assistance Fund).

support of the boxing program and the charity family. Thank you to all the volunteers and congratulations to all the boxers for a great evening of entertainment and competition!

A special "**Thank You**" to our Volunteers and Sponsors to include:

VOLUNTEERS:

- Mike McCoy – AFA (Event Chair)
- Kevin Estrem – AFA, Sijan President
- Larry Bagley – AOG, Rampart President
- Brig Gen (ret) Brad Butler - AFA
- Dan Beatty – AFA & AOG
- Debbie Estrem - AFA
- Ralph Femrite - AFA
- Jeanin Damery - AFA
- Gayle White - AFA
- Sharon White - AFA
- Gayle Divine - AFA

S P O N S O R S:

- American Printing
- Braxton
- BraxTech
- Coca Cola
- Cookies by Design
- Domino's Pizza

(Continued on page 3)



(Continued from page 2)

- Everything for Offices
- Goodwill Industries
- Hilton Garden Inn (COS Airport)
- Hilton Garden - Homewood Suites
- Hyatt Summerfield Suites
- Red Noland Cadillac
- Sky Sox
- USAA

The AFA Sijan Chapter 125 is honored and proud to assist with the fund rising at such a fun, important and prestigious event.



Supporters of the Pizza Party Fund Raiser enjoying **Dominos Pizza** and **Coca-Cola**.



Banner show-casing Sponsors of the Pizza Party Fund Raiser

(Continued from page 1)

need. To those members that might be looking for an opportunity to get involved in something greater than yourselves, we would totally welcome your participation. The pleasure of being a member of a great professional organization like AFA and getting involved provides a sense of pride and accomplishment. That's where participation comes into play. ..To make a professional organization great, especially a local chapter it takes a commitment to become involved in something you believe in and want to participate in to keep it a successful organization. The AFA mission is to support our great Air Force and to play a small part in keeping it not only successful, but keeping it the most powerful and respected Air Force in the

world. Why wouldn't you want to be a part of that kind of success?

There are many programs and activities that you can become a part of in the Sijan Chapter. I would suggest that you can become involved at any level you like. My hope is that you would pick one thing to support and become a participant in that activity to the best of your ability. The same 40 people cannot sustain a chapter the size of the Sijan Chapter forever. Over the last 6-8 years I've been excited and proud to have worked with outstanding volunteers like we have in the Sijan Chapter. We work as "a team" and have been very successful. Every year we gain a couple members that also want to be a part of our success and enjoy that "feel good feeling" when we accomplish a goal. Those volunteers are

very welcome and it's exciting, powerful, and most of all gratifying that we together have made a difference! I ask you to be a part of something special and join our Award Winning Sijan Chapter. We meet the second Tuesday of every month at the YMCA on Jet Wing at 0730...or check us out on our web site at www.afasijan.com.

Thank you to all our outstanding volunteers that make our chapter so successful. The more successful we are, the more we can afford to support the Active Duty members and programs we all are so proud of and loyal to. I look forward to working with you and having a wonderful time supporting our Airman stationed within the Colorado Springs and front range area. You're all fantastic and should be very proud of yourselves!

CyberPatriot Team Recruitment

Bernie Skoch CyberPatriot Commissioner

703-247-5836 | Air Force Association | 1501 Lee Highway - Arlington, VA 22209-1198

AFA's first-ever full nationwide deployment of our leading aerospace education program—CyberPatriot—came to a close last Friday with a superb National Finals Competition. I offer my personal thanks to all the AFA leaders, chapters, and members who made CP-III such a great success, as well as to our presenting sponsor Northrop Grumman, our founding partners SAIC and the University of Texas at San Antonio, and to our other strategic partners for making the competition possible. Seventeen teams from a national pool of nearly 700 original registrants competed in two divisions: The All Service Division (with one team from each of the Service JROTC programs and a Civil Air Patrol team), and twelve finalist teams in the Open Division. After a grueling day-long competition, the following teams were crowned winners.

Open Division:

- 1st Place: Red Bank Regional High School, Little Silver, NJ
- 2nd Place: Westview High School, San Diego, CA
- 3rd Place: Information Technology and Security Academy, San Antonio, TX

All Service Division:

- 1st Place: Orlando Cadet Squadron (CAP), Orlando, FL
- 2nd Place: Buena High School (Army JROTC), Sierra Vista, AZ
- 3rd Place: Clearfield High School (AFJROTC), Clearfield, UT

I wish all of you could have been there as Hon. Robert Butler, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Cyber Policy and AFA friend, addressed attendees at the CyberFutures banquet where CyberPatriot trophies, medals, and scholarships were presented to winners. And I wish you could have heard the effusive praise given your organization from leaders in industry, government, and the military for delivering on a visionary program to promote cyber and STEM education. The praise continued the next night as CyberPatriot (and our winning teams) were recognized at the formal University of Maryland University College Cybersecurity gala in the presence of the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and numerous other flag officers and even more leaders in academe and industry.

And now—riding the enormous boost we have received from a great success—is the time to press with making CyberPatriot IV even bigger and better.

Today our CyberPatriot program office mailed each AFA chapter a hard copy recruiting packet. It contains the information we think will best help you be successful in recruiting high school teams to CyberPatriot IV. (If you need more materials, please let us know. The complete packet of information is also available on line here: <http://www.uscyberpatriot.org/2010/Pages/Documents.aspx>)

I encourage you to read the information and to broadcast it as widely as you can. And most importantly, I am seeking your direct personal attention, energy, and effort in reaching every high school in America and advocating why CyberPatriot is good for their school, for their students, for their communities, and for their states. We need you promoting CyberPatriot!

Please take a close look at the AFA CyberPatriot Volunteer Outreach Checklist in the packet of information. It will tell you exactly how to reach out to a school, a JROTC unit, or a CAP squadron. It even tells you where to find out what JROTC units and CAP squadrons are in your area.

We most need your help in finding and reaching public, private, parochial and magnet high schools in your area. Only you—AFA members in your community and state—know what high schools are where. Please find a list of high schools in your city, make an appointment with an administrator or teacher, and reach out now. If “Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires,” then truly “Only You Can Recruit Your Local High School to CyberPatriot!” And it is vital we do this now, before teachers and administrators get caught up in end-of-school-year business. Today is the day we need your help!

You don't need to know a thing about cyber security, you don't need to know a thing about computers, and you don't need to know a thing about high schools. The information packet your chapter was mailed (and the one at the link above) gives you everything you need to be successful.

(Continued on page 13)

This is not solely about our great Association. This is truly about the future of our nation. America must be the world leader in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

CyberPatriot can have a huge impact in assuring that...But AFA needs your help now!



Around Your AFA Community



Kevin Estrem (r) presenting Colorado Technical University, Mr. Peter Heinz (l) his CP plaque after joining the Community Partners program with the Sijan Chapter.



Kevin Estrem (r) presenting a CP plaque to Mr. Bill Houth (l) of Webster University, after joining the Community Partners program with the Sijan Chapter.



Kevin Estrem (l) presenting a check to CMSgt Todd Salzman, Command Chief Master Sergeant of the United States Air Force Academy. The check was presented as a donation from the Sijan Chapter to assist with the cost associated with the USAFA Annual Awards Banquet.



Kevin Estrem (m) presenting a check to 50th Space Wing donation for their Annual Awards Program, Commander 50th SW, Col Wayne Monteith (l) - 50th SW Command Chief Randy LaCombe (r)



Kevin Estrem (l) and Christine Tharaldson of the "Hyatt Summerfield Suites" attended our March AFA meeting and provided our refreshments. Thanks Christine!



Kevin Estrem (r) presenting a CP plaque to Ms. Nancy Casey (l) of Hewlett Packard, at the March Chapter meeting.

How To Contact AFA

- To be added to the AFA Update distribution list, please e-mail us at: service@afa.org
- To change the e-mail address to which you receive the AFA Update service@afa.org Please provide the old and new e-mail addresses.
- For questions or comments about the AFA Update, e-mail (srubel@afa.org).
- To change the mailing address or other information for your AFA membership record, visit <https://www.afa.org/AboutUs/memben/address.asp>
- To join AFA or renew your membership, visit https://www.afa.org/forms/joinapp.asp?pm=show_form&cn=
- For details on your AFA member benefits, go to: <http://www.afavba.org/AboutUs/memben/>

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION
LANCE P. SIJAN
CHAPTER

NEW AND RENEWED COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Goodness! We have been BUSY!

I would like to THANK all our new and renewed Community Partners for their support of the Lance P Sijan Chapter!

We are able to do great things for our local military because of your generosity and continued support.

If there is anything you feel I can do for you, please don't hesitate to contact me at destrem@braxtontech.com.

Academy Title Company



An association of Certified Public Accountants & Consultants



delivering results that endure



THE original COOKIE BOUQUET COMPANY



THE PLACE TO MEET.



EMBASSY SUITES*

Colorado Springs
7200 Commerce Center Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80919
719-599-9100



INTECON Engineered for life



ITT





communications
Communication Systems-West
Engineering & Technical Services



a Salon and Day Spa



Customer Success Is Our Mission



SPACE FOUNDATION



TRINA'S BREWED AWAKENINGS



We know what it means to serve.
INSURANCE • BANKING • INVESTMENTS • RETIREMENT • ADVICE



EG&G Division

Wini's Reality Zimkas Heating and Air Conditioning



SPACE AND CYBERSPACE WARFARE SYMPOSIUM

Space and Cyberspace Innovation...

Leveraging the Enterprise to Win the
Joint Fight

Promoting discussions on key space and cyberspace topics between military services, policy-makers, industry and academia.

- ◆ Technology Driven Integration
- ◆ Junior Warfighter Panel
- ◆ International Perspective
- Policy Issues



14—16 June 2011

Keystone, Colorado

Hosted By: Lance P. Sijan Chapter

Air Force Association
Lance P. Sijan Chapter #125
P.O. Box 15007
Colorado Springs, CO 80935-15007

Registration Now Open!

www.spacewarfare.org



SPEAKERS

Space

- ◆ JFCC-SPACE/14th AF
- ◆ SMDC/ARSTRAT
- ◆ NAVSPACE
- ◆ SMC

Cyberspace

- ◆ US Cyber/DISA
- ◆ 24th AF
- ◆ AR CYBER
- ◆ 10th FLEET
- ◆ INDUSTRY

This would be a great day to take a day of leave and join us on the golf course!



SPACE AND CYBERSPACE WARFARE SYMPOSIUM

6th Annual SCWS - Keystone "The River Course" Golf Tournament

- ◆ Where: The River Golf Course - 155 River Course Dr, Keystone, CO 80435
- ◆ FEES: Active Duty Military (E1-O4): \$50; Active Duty Military / DoD Civilians (O5 & Up): \$75 / Industry - \$90
- ◆ Fees Include: Green fees, golf cart, range balls, breakfast burrito, prizes and coupon for extra round of golf.
- ◆ Prizes awarded immediately following the tournament at the course!

Proceeds help support: Military Charities (Operation Warm Heart; Holiday Food Basket program; Share & Care; Wounded Warrior; Home Front Cares; Crawford House; CCAF Scholarships and Armed Forces YMCA) and the dependant scholarship program that Awards 12 scholarships to children in the Colorado Springs Area.

Additional Information:

- ◆ No military or corporate teams will be formed-this is an Industry and Military Mixer!
- ◆ Attire: Collared shirts, NO jeans or tee shirts, soft spike golf shoes.
- ◆ Cancellation Policy: Cancel at no cost before 01 June 2011.
- ◆ Cancellations after 01 June 2011 will cost \$25.
- ◆ Substitutions can be made at no cost.

GOLF SPONSORED BY:



To Register go to: www.spacewarfare.org

Questions Contact: Kevin Estrem @ 719.238.4366 or 719.380.8488 or email at kevin.estrem@braxtontech.com

TIME: BREAKFAST/REGISTRATION 0730 SHOTGUN START @ 0900

DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2011 **Golf Prizes and Donations from Companies would be greatly appreciated.**



Military Discounts--places and faces

This applies to those of us who are retired. I know I have used it at Lowes several times. So for those of you who are retired make a note of the places that you frequent and ask them when you visit their business. Also thank them for doing this too. The businesses don't have to, but because of the resurgence of Patriotism in this nation more and more of them are doing it. Doesn't hurt to ask and if they don't then thank them anyway. Nothing gained nothing lost. But if you don't ask the question, then you'll never get the answer.

Hope this can help some out there. Please pass to your relatives & friends who have military so that they too can enjoy the discounts.

Have a great day folks and if you can't then make it a great day for somebody else!

195 Stores with Military Discounts

There is no way we can ever properly thank members of the US Military for all that they have done. They are certainly not paid enough for their work and their great sacrifice. Iraq and Afghanistan have been particularly tough and stressful for members of the military, their families and loved ones. We have found 199 stores and services doing their part to make life easier by offering discounts to active, reserve, and retired members of the US Military and their immediate family members. Please help spread the word via Facebook, Twitter and Email to those you know in the military about this resource. If you have additional suggestions please

comment below and they'll be added on an ongoing basis. For veterans of Iraq or Afghanistan, please check out IAVA. Members there are offered vouchers to many retail stores, such as JC Penney.

- A&W - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Advance Auto - 10% off with military ID
- Agentsource.com - Up to 40% off standard real estate closing costs for Active duty men and women moving in the United States or Canada
- American Airlines - Discount varies, requires military ID
- American Video Productions -10% off to active duty, retired, families of military and dependents. Call and ask for the discount <http://www.americanvideoproductions.net/>
- Amtrak - 10% off
- Anheuser - Busch Amusement Parks - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Anna's Linens - 10% off any purchase with Valid Military ID in store only
- Apple Computers - The discount varies, you need to sign up here - <http://www.apple.com/r/store/government/>
- Applebee's - Discount varies per location, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you
- Arby's - Discount varies per location, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Ashford University - Discounted tuition at \$250 a credit, books are covered for all required courses, waived application fee, waived technology fee and more!
- Benefits apply to all Active Duty, National Guard, Reservists and spouses, dependents eligible for survivor benefits, plus civilian DOD employees & separated vets/retirees still using their GI Bill.
- ASMBA - Armed Services Mutual Benefit Association - Membership in the non-profit association is free, and, when you join, you'll get \$3,000 of free AD&D coverage.
- AT&T - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Auto Zone - Varies Per Store - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Avis - 25% off, online you should use this coupon AWD # A555084
- Azamara Cruises - Discounts vary, 800-338-4962
- Back Yard Burgers - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Banana Republic - 10% military discount 1st of every month (may vary by location; in-store only).
- Barnes and Noble - 6% off regular price plus free shipping, check out www.bn.com/militarycity
- Barnhill's - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Bass Pro Shops - 10% off from the 15th to 22nd of each month
- Bed & Breakfast Inns - On November 10th, over 500 Bed and Breakfasts are offering a free night stay to veterans. Click here for the list of participating B&B's.
- Best Inns and Suites - Varies, must present Military ID with check-in
- Best Western - Rates within allowable per diem, must present military ID with check in
- Big 10 Tires - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Blockbuster - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.

(Continued on page 11)



(Continued from page 10)


- Bob Evan's - 20% off with military ID
- Boscov's- 15% off in-store purchases with military ID everyday.
- Boston Bill Sunglasses - 10% off
- Boston Market - 20% with military ID.
- Buckle - 10% off, Free Shipping on all military orders
- Budget - Varies, up to 25% off time and mileage Store, requires military ID to redeem
- Budget Truck Rental - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Burger King - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Camino Real Apartments - 5% military discount
- Captain D's - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Carl's Jr. - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Century 21 - FREE Century 21 AON Home Protection Plan when they buy or sell a home through Molly Kucharski ONLY paid for at settlement. Value = \$399.00, call 1(800) 952-2516
- Champs Sports - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Checker Auto Parts - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Chevy's Fresh Mex - 20%, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Chick Fil-A - Varies, Discount with ID card (location dependent), discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Chipotle - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Choice Hotels - Rates at or below per diem depending on location. Discounts may vary and depend on availability. Must present military ID.
- Ci-Ci's Pizza - Discount varies, dependent on location, must present military ID
- Cingular - 17 to 18% Discount off your bill and 25% off accessories
- Clarion Inn - Rates within allowable per diem while on travel orders. Must present valid military ID with check-in
- Coldstone - Discount varies, must present military ID
- Comfort Inn - Rates within allowable per diem while on travel orders. Must Present valid military ID with check-in
- Copeland's Sports - Discount varies per location
- D.S.W. Shoe Warehouse - 10% military discount
- Dairy Queen - 10% off, location dependent
- Days Inn - Rates within allowable per diem. Must present valid military ID with check-in
- Dell Computers - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Denny's - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Dick's Sporting Goods - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Discovery Channel Store - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Disney Resorts - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Disneyland - Military discounts are available only for tickets purchased at installation MWRs. Prices vary per date and length of visit
- Dollar Car Rental - Allowable per diem rates
- Dunkin' Donuts - Veterans advantage members save 10% on all online orders. They also send free coffee to the troops overseas.
- El Molino Coffee Shop - Free shipping, online
- Express Clothing Store- 10% off on top of other coupons as well with military ID
- Extreme Outfitters -10-20% on military Gear, online and in Store Eyewear - Discount varies get the discount online at <http://www.afeyewear.com/> - This site offers military discounts for a wide range of eyeglass companies
- Foot Action - 20% off with military ID
- Foot Locker - 20% off with military ID
- Ford - Discount varies, <http://www.encs.com/ford/>
- Friendly's Ice Cream Stores - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Gander Mountain - 5% off
- Gap - 10% military discount 1st of every month (may vary by location; in-store only).
- Geico - 2% to 15% in all states except Georgia, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Mexico, Tennessee and Texas
- GM - Varies, always well below MSRP. You can sign in online at <https://www.exclusivegmooffer.com/ip-gmpop/initPop.do?program=mpp>
- GNC - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Golden Corral - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Great Wolf Lodge - Up to 33% off, discount varies however. Must book room over the phone rather than the internet.
- GuideToMilitaryTravel.com - Another great site for military families to go to when looking for travel discounts.
- Haber Vision - 50% discount on all sunglasses. Online at <http://www.habervision.com/CodeResult.aspx?code=JB10222Q>
- Hanes Outlet Store - 10% off with Military ID
- Hard Rock Cafe - 10% - 15% off. Varies for each location.
- Hertz - Allowable per diem rates. Show valid military ID
- Hewlett-Packard - Log on to website and click on New User Registration: Enter first and last name, user name, password and email address. Use company code: 2727. Discounts vary. Online only.
- [HickoryFarms.com](http://www.hickoryfarms.com) - 10% Military discount - Enter 892848 in code box on online order form
- Home Depot - 10% off Year Round, to active duty, active reserve, retired military, and immediate family. In-Store, just bring valid military ID.
- Hooters - 10% off with military ID
- Hot Topic - 10-20% off with military ID
- IAVA - IAVA, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, is a veterans organization that looks to help take care of the newest generation of American veterans. They also are working with companies, such as JC Penney, to provide up to \$200 in vouchers to certain retail stores.
- IHOP - 20% with Military ID at owners discretion
- Imax - \$1 off movie tickets with Military ID

(Continued from page 11)

- Java Cafe - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Jeep - \$500 for active military, reserves and retired reserves or active after 20 years of service. Requires military ID
- Jiffylube - 10% off with valid Military ID
- Jockey - 10% off with valid Military ID
- Jones New York Outlet Store - 10% off with valid Military ID
- KB Toys - 15% off during advertised Military Days
- KFC - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Kragen Auto Parts - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Lady Foot Locker - 20% off with military ID
- Leslie Pool Supplies- 10% off with military ID
- Lerner - 15% off
- Long John Silver's - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Longhorn Steakhouse - 10% military discount
- Lowes - 10% off year round to active duty, active reserve, retired military, and immediate family. Just bring in a valid military ID. The military discount, however, cannot be combined with other coupons they may be offering.
- Macy's - 10% off on the first Tuesday of every month, 15% with a Macy's card.
- Maurices - 10% off with valid military I.D.
- Marriott Hotels - It's the Per Diem amount the government picks up, whatever that amount is. Just call and place the reservation over the phone and ask for that discount. Online at <http://www.marriott.com/reservation/worldnum.mil>
- Mary Kay Cosmetics - Military personnel and dependents receive 10% on online orders. Reference your service affiliation and status, and ask for additional free gift and bigger discounts by contacting website.
- McDonald's - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Meineke - 10% off parts. In store only. Simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Michaels - 10% off every Wednesday.
- Midas - 10% off
- MLB Hall of Fame - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Movie Theaters - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Mrs. Fields- 10% off with military ID, coupon link
- NAPA Auto Parts - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Nautica - 10% off with military ID
- National - No fee for additional drivers, and special off duty rates per location. Service members receive full loss damage waivers
- National Credit Solutions - 25% discount, call toll free at 866-485-2540 x109, and for a direct line please call 972-746-4209
- New York and Company - 15% off military discount
- Nextel - 18% Discount, call 1-800-639-6111
- Nickelodeon Hotels - Reduced rates and perks, online and in store, www.nickhotel.com/military, 877-NICK-111 and ask for the Military Family Package.
- Nike - 10% off, In-Store. For official company policy please check out http://www.nikebiz.com/customer_service/discounts.html
- Nuvo - \$30 off Ritmo Pregnancy Sound System. You can call 1-888-688-6462, or use coupon code MILITARY99 online at <http://www.nuvo-group.com>. Valid military ID required for in-store purchase.
- O'Reilly Auto Parts - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Oakley - There is a website you register with that offers Oakleys at a discounted price. It doesn't say how much that price is though. Check it out online at <https://secure.usstandardissue.com/>
- Old Navy - 10% military discount 1st of every month (may vary by location; in-store only).
- Pac Sun - Discount varies per location, just bring in a valid military ID and ask
- Panchero's Mexican Grill - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Pancho's Mexican Buffet - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Panda Express - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Paradise Bakery- 40% off meals for military members with military ID. Does not extend to family.
- Paradise Limousine - \$25 Off Limousine Service Coupon Code: 1369 for service members
- Pep Boys - 10% off with valid military ID
- Pizza Hut - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Play It Again Sports - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Professional Sports teams - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Pure Beauty - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Quizno's - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Race-Depot - 10% off, use code 10MILCITY
- Rack Room Shoes - 15% discount. Bring in valid military ID

(Continued on page 15)





Your 2011 Air Force benefits may completely pay for your education in 2011. Jump start your new year's resolution now by [Finding Military Friendly Schools that work with your benefits.](#)

2011 Air Force Education Benefits you may be eligible for:

- **Post-9/11 or Montgomery GI Bill – Both worth over \$51,300**
- **Credit for Service – Eliminate up to 2 years of classroom time**
- **State Veteran Education Benefits**

Next Steps:
[Find VA Approved Schools](#) who offer credit for military service

Get the [2011 GI Bill Guide](#) to learn how to use your benefits

▶ [Find Military Friendly Schools](#)

Military.com

(Continued from page 4)

Our CyberPatriot program office stands ready to answer your questions, get you more materials, and to help you with this important effort. Please contact them by email at info@uscyberpatriot.org or by telephone at 800-727-3337, ext. 5806 (or 703-247-5806).

Please encourage your chapter membership to take on recruiting high schools to CyberPatriot as a critical chapter project. Nothing is more worthy of your chapter's time.

This is not solely about our great Association. This is truly about the future of our nation. America must be the world leader in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. CyberPatriot can have a huge impact in assuring that...But AFA needs your help now!

Note from AFA National President

EXTRACTED FROM THE PRESIDENTS CORNER—APRIL 6, 2011—MICHAEL M. DUNN PRESIDENT/CEO

CyberPatriot, Data Point, Hero

I can't emphasize too much the support role of families to our military. They move all over the world. Continuity of education, friendships ... and even living conditions are often lacking. The success of the military is dependent upon the safety and support of their family members.

AFA Members, Congressional Staff members, Civic Leaders, and DOCA members, if you missed the CyberPatriot National Finals Competition last week (along with AFA's first ever CyberFutures symposium) you missed a great event. The nearly 100 high school students competing in the final rounds of the National High School Cyber Defense Competition were energetic, focused, and on the top of their game as they defended networks from intruders and fixed security "holes" in front of spectators and fans. A big thank you to our Presenting Sponsor, Northrop Grumman and to our Founding Partners, SAIC and University of Texas, San Antonio. We will put transcripts of the presentations on our public website in a few weeks; they will be available to attendees shortly. Here is our press release announcing the winners of CyberPatriot: <http://www.afa.org/media/press/CyberPatriotWnr.asp> Congratulations to the champions: Civil Air Patrol's Orlando Cadet Squadron and Red Bank Regional High School in Little Silver, New Jersey, and thanks to Northrop Grumman for awarding scholarships to the winners. I need your help

in encouraging high schools to participate in next year's competition, CyberPatriot IV. Our sign-up link is already live; coaches can register here: <https://www.uscyberpatriot.org/layouts/cyberpatriot/coachregistration.aspx>

Secondly, In case any of you were wondering ... the Southwest Airlines aircraft that had a hole blown in its top was 15 years old. And ... the average age of their fleet is about 11 years old ... so this one was not far from retirement. In contrast to that, the average age of the Air Force fleet is about 25 years old with some of the Boeing 707 airframes over 50 years old. And ... yes, some of the AF aircraft have higher number of hours and higher cycle times.

Finally, the Portrait in Courage for this week is Master Sergeant Kenneth Gestring. He was the senior medic for the Nangarhar provincial Reconstruction Team in Afghanistan. You can find his profile at: http://www.afa.org/Portraits/2010/Portrait_Gestring.asp.

April, the Month of the Military Child

AFA members, as many of you know, this month is the month of the military child. AFA has recognized this with a press release you can find here: http://www.afa.org/media/press/AFA_Honors_Military_child.asp

But to honor the month, I want to tell you a story ... one that very few people know.

When I was President of the National Defense University (NDU), I frequently bragged about the NDU library, calling it the "best library in the world." I had reason to ... as, before I took over, it had won an award as the best library in government. One night, at a social event at my home, I asserted the above praise, and my dear wife responded: "If your library is so great, ask

them to find the origin of the term 'Military Brat.' I think the term is an acronym."

[Many of you may know that the term Brat is a common reference to children of military members. It is a term of endearment – referring to a group who endure hardships, frequently move, change schools, leave behind friends, put up with frequent deployments, long absences of their parent(s), and (sometimes) inadequate government housing.]

Well – it turns out my wife was right ... and the NDU library came through. A researcher there found a book written in 1921 which described the origins of the term. It came, like many of our military traditions, from the

(Continued on page 15)



(Continued from page 12)

- Raising Cane's Chicken - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Ralph Lauren Outlet Store - 10% off with Military ID
- Ramada - 15% to 30% - depending on availability. Must present military I.D. upon check in.
- Red Robin - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Regal Movie Theaters - Matinee prices for all show times. Requires Military ID
- Ripley's attractions and museums - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory - 10% military discount
- Rocky Mountain Tracking - 5% off any tracking inc. Use code USMILITARY, <http://www.rmtracking.com/>
- S & K Men's Wear - 8% Discount on all items free shipping on orders over \$99 & APO/FPO shipping. To access the military site at S&K you must go through their AAFES Exchange Mail Online service. <http://bdeal.me/aCVq2X>
- Sally Beauty Supply - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Samsonite- 15% off with military ID
- Shedd Aquarium in Chicago- Free general admission with military ID. On the Shedd Aquarium page that is hyper linked here, scroll down to "Other Discounts" to find out more information.
- Shoe Carnival - 10% off with military ID
- Shoe Department - 10% off with military ID
- Sierra Suites - Rates at or below per diem depending on location. Discounts may vary and depend on availability. Must present military I.
- Simone Protective Health - 20% off their nutritional hydration drink.
- Six Flags Mountain Magic - Service members receive special discounts on admission for special events and specific dates. Tickets must be purchased in advance MWR and ITT 143. Recreation offices, not at the park.
- Sizzler - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Sonic - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Southwest Airlines - Varies, it's a dollar amount, not a percentage. Not available on all flights, you'll have to call Southwest and simply just ask.
- Spencer's Gifts - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- SportsMemorabilia.com - 10% off at checkout, use code mili10 online
- Sprint - 10-18% off. Sprint will also put a "hold" on your line when you are deployed, if you provide a copy of your orders, so you still have the same number when you come back and you do not have to pay for the time your gone as well.
- Sprint Business - 15% to 20% Discount, 1-888-788-4727
- Suzuki - \$500 off for you and immediate family. Requires military ID
- Sweet Tomatoes - 10% off with military ID
- Taco Bell - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Texas Road House - 30% military discount
- The Finish Line - 20 percent military discount off select items at special locations
- The Melting Pot - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Timberland Outlets - 15%, bring in valid military ID
- Tommy Hilfiger - 10% with valid military ID
- Toyota - \$500 off + \$500 for first time buyers. Requires military ID
- Travelodge - Rates within allowable per diem. Discounts may vary and depend on availability. Must present military I.D
- Under Armor Outlet Store - 10% off with military ID
- United Artist Movie Theaters - Matinee prices for all show times. Requires Military ID.
- Verizon - 23% discount on monthly bills. Applies only to the military member's primary line.
- Walgreens - 10% with military ID every Tuesday
- Wendy's - Discount varies, simply ask and have a valid military ID with you.
- Wildlife Conservation Society's Bronx Zoo - Free admission ticket for active duty or reserve member of the military, also allows 50% discount in admission for up to 3 family members
- Wildlife Conservation Society's New York Aquarium - Enrolled military get in for free and 50% off for up to 3 family members <http://www.nyaquarium.com/>
- Wing Zone - 10% military discount in Alabama. Ends 12/31/2015
- World of Coca Cola - \$2 off standard admission price for service member with I.D. and up to four guests.
- Wyndham Hotels - Discounts vary by 140 locations. Also depend on availability. Must present military I.D. upon check in.
- Zaxby's - 10% off with military ID

(Continued from page 14)

British Army. It seems that when a member of the British Army was assigned abroad and could take his family (mostly in India), the family went with the member in an Admin status entitled: BRAT status. It stands for: British Regiment Attached Traveler. Over the years, it was altered to refer only to the children of the military member (the wives of the British Army [who were all males] objected to the term referring to them). And the term not only stuck, but in many cases was adopted world-wide.

I can't emphasize too much the support role of families to our military. They move all over the world. Continuity of education, friendships ... and even living conditions are often lacking. The success of the military is dependent upon the safety and support of their family members.

That is why one of the Chief of Staff of the Air Force's top five priorities is: Developing and Caring for Airmen and their families. Family members' motto is exactly the same as that of the Air Force Association: The Force behind the Force. Please share this note with as many others as you can.

Why Did My Tax Withholding Go Up?

Many MOAA members have called to ask why federal income tax withholding on their military retired pay increased this year. It's not that there was some nefarious new tax hike, or that you fell through some crack in the recent tax cut extension. It's because the two-year Making Work Pay (MWP) tax relief program enacted in 2009 expired at the end of 2010. MWP cut tax withholding rates from checks in 2009 and 2010. The program wasn't extended to 2011 so the tax tables reverted back to the old higher levels.

The MWP program was designed to act as a special stimulus payment to help kick-start the country out of recession by putting some extra money in citizens' hands right away. Technically, the MWP provision was intended only to apply to qualifying taxpayers still earning wages. However since DFAS uses the same tax tables and pay systems for retired pay as it does for active duty pay, the system didn't discriminate between retired pay and wages.

This doesn't mean that you owe more or are paying higher taxes - it's just that DFAS has returned to withholding the pre-stimulus amount from each deposit. If this results in too much money being withheld, you will receive any overpaid amount via a tax refund. If the change causes you some problem, you can submit an IRS form W-4 to DFAS or your pay agency to change your withholding amount. Changes can also be made to DFAS using the on-line 'My Pay' system.

Just remember that changing your withholding won't change your actual 2011 tax liability. If you have too little withheld, you'll have to pony up the rest (and any applicable penalty, if you under-withheld too much) when you file your 2011 federal income taxes.

John Jacobson

The Rocky Mountain Chapter of NDIA in partnership with the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo invites you to join Hank's Club!



Join Today

Dear Friends of the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo:

The Board of Directors of the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo would like to invite you and your companion to join an exclusive new club in Colorado Springs - Hank's Club. Hank's Club is a member's only club, limited to 250 memberships. It has been created for couples who enjoy rodeo and the western heritage and believe in the institutional principles of the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo.

A [Hank's Club membership](#) will enable you to directly invest and participate in preserving the legacy of the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo.

NDIA
 P.O. Box 15200
 Colorado Springs,
 Colorado 80935
 (719) 623-5191



HANK'S CLUB

[For more information](#), contact Peter Husak at 719.574.1113, or Amy J. Rodgers at 719.447.5623





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 12, 2011

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.	

Points of Contact:

- Barry Patterson IMAGE Chair (NDIA)
719.591.1011 j.barry.patterson@lmco.com
- Rodny Rodriguez IMAGE Vice Chair (AFCEA);
719.866.6923 rrodridu@teksystems.com
- Joe Kahoe IMAGE Vice Chair (AFA);
719.210.5568 joekahoe@gmail.com

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)

SPACE AND CYBERSPACE WARFARE SYMPOSIUM 2010

PLACE: KEYSTONE RESORT, CO

DATE: JUNE 14-16, 2011

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

IMAGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

PLACE: CHEYENNE SHADOWS GOLF CLUB, 7800 TITUS BLVD., FT. CARSON, CO

DATE: AUGUST 12, 2011





Non-Profit Org.
US Postage Paid
Colo Spgs Co.
Permit No. 434

Primary Business Address
Air Force Association
Lance P. Sijan Chapter #125
P.O. Box 15007
Colorado Springs, CO 80935-5007

Chapter Officers:

President:
KEVIN ESTREM—238-4366
KEVIN.ESTREM@BRAXTONTECH.COM

Executive VP:
JAMES HALE—233-5316
JAMES_HALE_76@MSN.COM

Secretary:
HANK SCARANGELLA—596-5395
SCARANGELLA@ATT.COM

Treasurer:
DAVE SHILLER—964-5611
DSHILLER@COMCAST.NET

Membership Changes

Any changes to members' home / work addresses and email addresses must be sent to AFA National not the Sijan Chapter because we cannot add, delete or change a members mailing address due to privacy laws. [Click here](#) to update your address and email, or mail changes to AFA National address at:

Air Force Association
Member Services
1501 Lee Highway
Arlington, VA 22209

We're on the Web!

www.afasijan.com

The Air Force Association Sijan Chapter 125 covers the Colorado Springs area.

The entire Air Force team has a stake in keeping the Air Force Association strong and vital. The plain fact is that every federal budget must compete with every other federal budget for every dollar it gets.

Not one doubts the need for a strong Air Force. But we still need to keep our message out in front of every decision-maker at all times.

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.

Advisory councils and committees of the AFA work constantly on issues that matter to members of the Air Force, during and after their service. Initiatives of the AFA through these efforts provide significant benefits to members, even when they transition back into civilian life.



SPACE AND CYBERSPACE WARFARE SYMPOSIUM

14-16 June 2011
Keystone, CO

JOIN US TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE FOR MILITARY SPACE AND CYBERSPACE. THIS SYMPOSIUM WILL BE AN EXCITING AND THOUGHT PROVOKING LOOK AT SPACE AND CYBERSPACE SUPPORT TO THE WARFIGHTER'S IN THE 21ST CENTURY. MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO JOIN US AT KEYSTONE, COLORADO.



Hosted by:
Air Force Association
Lance P. Sijan Chapter

Primary Business Address
Air Force Association
Lance P. Sijan Chapter # 125
P.O. Box 15007
Colorado Springs, CO 80935-5007