

**Air Force Association
Lance P. Sijan Chapter**

August 14, 2007

Tom Cavalli, Executive Vice President, opened the meeting (President Brian Binn was out of town) and led the attendees with the Pledge of Allegiance

Aerospace Education: Tom then welcomed everyone to the meeting. In special attendance today were 5 of the students and parents of our recent 11 scholarship winners. Tom Cavalli and **Phil Hamann, VP for Aerospace Education**, presented certificates and checks to each student and Tom commended both the student and their parents for their impressive academic resumes. Phil also collected each student's Social Security Number for IRS tracking purposes. This year the Lance P. Sijan Chapter awarded \$10,000 in scholarships and the Colorado Aerospace Education Foundation provided another \$1000. The students were:

- Rebecca Hand (CAEF Garcia Winner), \$1000
- Brian Kelly, \$1000
- Melissa Peltzer, \$1000
- Phillip Reynolds, \$1000
- Rebekah Reynolds, \$1000

Those winners who were not able to be present but will be sent their checks and certificates are:

- Kelly Bayer, \$1000
- Cassi Estrem, \$1000
- Kathleen Larkin, \$1000
- Jennifer Hamann, \$1000
- Cole Trafton, \$1000
- Erin Vozzola, \$1000

This year's successful scholarship program was led by **Phil Hamann** and **Larry Shafer** - exceptional job by both!

Minutes: The Minutes from the July meeting have been approved and posted to the Chapter website.

Treasurers Report: **Jim Hale, Treasurer**, reported that the Chapter is in good shape financially. He has only a couple of minor things to wrap up from the Space Warfare Symposium in Jun then that event will be closed out.. Jim reported that he has changed banks from US Bank to Wells Fargo who has given him much improved service. Jim also reported that he is working with **Jeanin Damery, VP for Publicity**, on getting a secure website so we can have credit card purchases for registration of events like the AF Ball, SWS, and IMAGE Golf Tournament among others. Tom Cavalli suggested that we provide a Confirmation Number to everyone who goes online to register for events.

AF Ball: **Dan Beatty** is once again leading this event. The date is 15 Feb 08 at the Broadmoor Hotel and the **Tops In Blue** will once again provide the entertainment. Prices for this coming Ball will be the same as last year, as well as corporate table prices (\$1500 each). Dan will re-start holding planning meetings in the next couple of weeks.

AF memorial and Veteran's Affairs: the Veteran's day Parade will be Saturday 10 Nov. The Wreath Laying at Memorial Park at the Air Force memorial will be Sunday 11 Nov at 1100 hrs. **Dan Beatty** has volunteered to represent the Chapter again this year.

Air Force 60th Anniversary Concert: A free concert will be held on 18 Sep at the Pikes Peak Center. The USAFA Band will be the featured musical entertainment. Tickets can be obtained through Ticket Master.

Community Partner/Chapter Award Reception: This year's event will be held at the Peterson AFB Museum in Nov. **We need a volunteer** to lead this event. If interested please contact Tom Cavalli.\

External Awards: Our Quarterly and Annual Awards went well due to the efforts of **CT Trafton and Don Knight**.

Chapter Awards: The Best Single Event for AFA nationwide was our 2006 Space Warfare Symposium. The Chapter won the Jack Gross Membership Award for a second year (great Job **CT Trafton!**), and the Community Partner Gold Award for a fourth consecutive year (again, amazing effort by **Debbie Estrem!**).

IMAGE Golf Tournament: **Joe Kahoe** led the Chapter's effort this year, as it was the Sijan Chapter's turn to run the tourney. Joe estimates roughly \$25,000 was raised this year. He said they raised \$1300 in Mulligans, and \$700 from a prize raffle. AFA, NDIA, and AFCEA use the proceeds to support their scholarship funds. Joe said he oversold the golfing slot, he had 144 golfers this year. They had numerous problems with AFCEA's website registration. He is holding Hot- Wash meeting with AFCEA to get an itemized expense list. AFCEA is charging AFA a percentage to use their online credit card registration, but they will not provide a total accounting of all funds taken in. Joe will work this issue. He said they received outstanding support from Breckinridge Brewing who provided the free beer, Coca Cola, who provided free soda, and Carrabba's, who catered the event at a very low cost of \$5.00 per person. Tom Cavalli asked Jim Hale if we could purchase a CP membership for each of the three for their support and Jim said he would review the budget to do so.

Community Partners: Under **Debbie Estrem's** leadership we are at 140 CPs! Debbie will be stepping down this year as VP for Community Partners and **we need a volunteer** to carry on her impressive work. If you are interested, please contact Tom Cavalli ASAP!

State Awards Banquet/Convention: The 2007 Colorado State Awards Banquet and Convention was held 27 July in Denver. The Mile High Chapter was the lead organization this year. A State Meeting was held on Sat, 28 July also at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Denver. Next year, (2008) the Sijan Chapter is the lead organization and **Dan Beatty** has volunteered to run this event for us. **Joan Sell, Colorado State President** reported that AFA National has decided to allow the Regions to decide if state officers are warranted based upon performance of each. Joan is the Rocky Mountain Region President because Karl McCleary, current Rocky Mountain Region President, has resigned due to health problems. **Gayle White** was recently elected to succeed Joan as State President, and **Brian Binn** was elected to be State Vice President, with **Ron Kriete** the State Secretary and they will all take office in Oct.

National Convention: The AFA National Convention will take place 22-25 Sep in Wash DC. If anyone is planning to attend, please contact Brian Binn ASAP so you can get e Delegate's Package (reduced rate).

2008 Space Warfare Symposium: This event will be held in Keystone again in Jun. Dates to be confirmed later.

Newsletter: **Jeanin Damery, VP for Publicity** is our editor. Chapter leads on projects need to get articles and photos to her NLT 1 Oct for the next edition. **Joe Kahoe and Phil Hamann** will be providing articles for the IMAGE Golf Tourney and Scholarship presentation ceremony respectively.

Quarterly Activity and Financial Reports: Tom Cavalli submitted the Quarterly Activity Report and Jim Hale submitted the Financial Report on time to Joan Sell, State president. Both have consistently made every suspense.

Final Comments:

- Tom Cavalli mentioned a new law voted in by Congress to allow veterans and active duty members out of uniform to render a salute to the flag at outdoor events such as sporting events, parades, and formal events if they wish.
- Tom Cavalli reminded everyone that we will be holding **Chapter elections** in Sep for the 4 positions of the Executive Board (President, Executive VP, Secretary, and Treasurer) for two-year terms. Those interested in running should contact both Tom Cavalli and Ted Kerr ASAP because the ballots are being prepared now.

The next meeting will be: **11 Sep** at the Southeast YMCA (same location) **at 0730 hrs.**

Members Present:

CT Trafton	Dan Beatty	Arnie berry
Gayle White	Joe Kahoe	Jim Hale
Phil Hamann	Eddie Lee	Tom Cavalli

Prepared and Submitted by: Tom Cavalli, Executive Vice President (in lieu of Hank Scarangella who was out of town)