

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

November 13, 2007

President Tom Cavalli opened the meeting and led the attendees with the Pledge of Allegiance

Strategic Plan. Tom plans to finalize the chapter's strategic plan and budget for 2008 at a meeting of the Executive Committee on Friday, November 16.

VP for Civil Air Patrol Liaison. Tom intends to create a new position and seeks candidates to assume the responsibility of interfacing with the Civil Air Patrol. This group could be an important part of the chapter's activities and we need someone who will establish and maintain a productive relationship.

Job Descriptions. The AFA's Field Operating Guide defines responsibilities for the four elected chapter officers (president, executive vice president, secretary and treasurer) but not for any other officials, e.g., VP for Veteran's Affairs. Those holding leadership positions within the chapter are asked to send job descriptions and responsibilities to Tom by the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report. The chapter is solvent. Jim is assessing the chapter's tax situation as we approach the end of the year. He is also resolving the chapter's share of the IMAGE Golf tournament.

Veteran's Affairs.

- Tom set a goal for Dan Beatty, VP for Veterans Affairs, to get the Chapter involved with a Retirees event.
- Dan Beatty represented the chapter at the Veteran's Day wreath laying ceremony. He asked for and received approval to obtain a new wreath. Our existing wreath is quite old and is no longer suitable for public display.
- Dan is assembling a list of community veteran's activities so we can determine how the chapter should participate.

Community Partners.

- Debbie Estrem reported that many renewals are due in the October – December timeframe. This timeframe coincides with Debbie taking over the program four years ago and turning it into an exceptional program, recognized once again by National. When Debbie took on the Community Partner program there were four partners and now there are 140. That number of partners represents about \$5,000 annually to the chapter. Being able to renew by credit card is appreciated by both new and renewing partners.
- The annual Community Partner/Awards event will be on Thursday, November 15 at Security Service Field (home of the Sky Sox). She expects about 25 partners to attend and plans to give plaques to ten new partners.

- Tom set a goal for Debbie and her staff to keep our current CPs and sign up more for the year.

Internal Awards. Rich Lucas was our VP for Internal Awards however his job responsibilities have increased dramatically since his company was bought this past year so he has asked to be relieved. **The Chapter needs a volunteer, who is a good writer and enjoys writing, to develop the Chapter of the Year and Single Event Award submissions to AFA National.** Anyone interested please contact Tom ASAP!

External Awards. Don Knight, VP for External AWARDS, will maintain our presence at all local Quarterly Award functions.

Aerospace Education. Phil Hamann, VP for Aerospace Education, is working to expand the Teacher of the Year program. Local school districts tend not to support this program because it may conflict with their own programs for recognizing teacher performance. Since education is one of the main purposes for AFA, a program that incentivizes and rewards educators will remain a major focus of the chapter's activities.

Communication. Jeanin Damery, VP for Communications, sent out the Chapter newsletter last month. She will need a fresh set of articles for the next edition.

Government Affairs.

- Wes Clark and Brian Binn described the community's efforts to make Colorado Springs the permanent home of Cyber Command. Governor Ritter, Senators Allard and Salazar and seven congressmen signed a letter to the SECAF recommending Colorado Springs. One major obstacle is the requirement to bed down the command in existing facilities, i.e., without any new military construction.
- They have organized an event to raise the community's awareness of cyber warfare and the role Cyber Command will play by inviting Rebecca Grant to speak at the Crowne Plaza on December 4. She is a renowned defense expert and sought after speaker. This event will be jointly sponsored by the Sijan chapter, AFCEA, NDIA and the Chapter's Military Affairs Committee.

Membership. CT, VP for Membership, reported that the chapter is on track to meet its monthly and quarterly goals.

Historian. **The chapter is still in need of someone to assume this role.** The Historian prepares the scrapbook, which is submitted with our Chapter of the Year submission.

AF Ball. Dan Beatty is leading this massive effort again this year. The Ball will be held 15 Feb 08 at the Broadmoor Hotel and the Tops in Blue will again provide the entertainment. Special room rates for this year's Ball will be \$155. Parking will cost \$8.00 valet, \$5.00 for self parking and \$16 for overnight. More details as his committee continues to work the myriad of issues.

Space Warfare Symposium. Tom informed the attendees that Henry Baird has graciously agreed to lead this effort again. The dates are 25-28 Jun and it will be held at Keystone, CO again. Henry and his committee will be developing a list of potential themes and will present them to AFSPC in the next couple of months.

IMAGE Golf Tournament. Tom reported that Joe Kahoe led this effort last year and we would like him to return to be our Chapter lead. If anyone else is interested please contact Tom. The event is held each Aug.

AFA State. Tom reported that the Quarterly State AFA Meeting was held 13 Oct in Grand Junction hosted by the Huyser Chapter. State President, Gayle White, presided and the Sijan Chapter was well represented.

AFA National. Tom reported that the AFA National Convention will be held in DC 22-26 Sep. More details to follow as the time draws closer. Anyone interested in being a delegate please contact Tom.

Wing Open. Bob Cooper reported that the USAFA Wing Boxing Open will be the first part of Mar 08. The Chapter normally supports this worthy event which raises money for a cadet-selected charity. The cadets normally select a military family that has a child with a serious life threatening disease. The money goes to help pay for hospital bills.

SnoFest. Tom reported that the Chapter will again support this event.

The next meeting will be: **December 11** at the Southeast YMCA (same location) at **7:30 am.**

Members Present:

Tom Cavalli	Dan Beatty	Debbie Estrem
Sharon White	Jerry Ellis	Cary Trafton
Jim Hale	Brian Binn	Wes Clark
Bob Cooper	Ken Bennett	Larry Shafer
Roy Griggs	Hank Scarangella	

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