

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

September 11, 2007

President Brian Binn opened the meeting and led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then had everyone introduce themselves.

Minutes: The Minutes from the August 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.

AF Ball: **Dan Beatty** is our lead for 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 soon.

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, and the Community Partner Gold Award for a fourth consecutive year.

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 \$28,000 was raised this year.

Community Partners: Under **Debbie Estrem's** leadership we have over 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!

Aerospace Education: **Phil Hamann** said all scholarships except for one have been sent to the winners and the last one will go out today. He had to wait for the winners' SSNs for IRS tracking purposes. Phil said that he wants to move the scholarship application and selection dates to Apr-May so that students will have their scholarship in hand by the time they graduate for HS. Everyone liked this idea.

State Meeting: Brian reported that the next State Meeting will be held Saturday, 13 Oct in Grand Junction in the afternoon (so people can drive that morning from Pueblo and Colorado Springs). Gayle White, the incoming State President mentioned that it is important to rotate the location of each State Meeting so that every chapter gets a chance to meet all of the officers and members from the other chapters. It also provides each an opportunity to pick up new ideas from other chapters on programs. The 2008 AFA State Officers are: State President, **Gayle White**; State Executive VP, **Brian Binn**; State Secretary, **Debbie Estrem**; and State Treasurer, **Ron Kriete**. All assume their new positions 1 Oct. Congratulations to all of these great volunteers.

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 a Delegate's Package (reduced rate). Brian said this year's major issues will deal with the AFA organization with respect to Region and State organizations.

2008 Space Warfare Symposium: This event will be held in Keystone again in Jun. Dates to be confirmed later. **Henry Baird** has agreed to lead this project again next year.

Newsletter: **Jeanin Damery, VP for Communications**, is our editor. Roy Griggs agreed to draft an article about the AFA-sponsored Schriever Essay Program he helped establish. Brian asked Tom to draft a short article about the vacant chapter positions we have. CT Trafton suggested that we have an article on Lance P. Sijan to commemorate the 40th anniversary of his shoot-down. Brian also suggested that we include the new Airman's Creed.

Quarterly Activity and Financial Reports: Tom Cavalli will be preparing the next Quarterly Activity Report and Jim Hale will be finalizing the next Financial Report. Brian offered his help and guidance when the new Executive Board prepares the Annual Strategic and Financial Plans.

Chapter Elections: 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. He said the slate has Tom as Presidential candidate, Dan Beatty and Kevin Estrem as Executive VP candidates (vote for only one), Hank Scarangella as the Secretary candidate and Jim Hale as the Treasurer. Ballots will be mailed out very soon. Please return your ballots ASAP.

Final Comments:

- Jerry White mentioned that he is running for one of the At-Large National Director positions and asked for our support at the upcoming National Convention.

Members Present:

Brian Binn	Tom Cavalli	Steve Prebeck
Ron Kriete	Jim Hale	Jerry White
Gayle White	Roy Griggs	Phil Hamann
Eddie Lee	CT Trafton	Arnie Berry

The next meeting will be: 9 Oct at the Southeast YMCA (same location) at 0730 hrs.

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