

**Minutes of the
AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting**

September 9, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Cavalli at 7:35 am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes. The August Minutes should be posted to the website for review.

Treasurer's Report. Jim Hale. Overall finances are in good shape. He said almost all sponsorship pledges from the SWS have been collected. Debbie Estrem is monitoring the outstanding pledges.

Veteran's Affairs. Dan Beatty. Dan reported that the Chapter is sponsoring the Veterans Day Parade at \$500 and that Kevin and Debbie Estrem are part of the Parade Planning Committee. Dan will be leading the wreath laying ceremony at Memorial Park as part of the Veterans Day celebration on Tues, 11 Nov. The parade is Sat, 8 Nov starting at 1000 hrs.

Community Partners. Debbie Estrem. Gayle Divine will be assisting Debbie on this program. Our current number of CPs is 150. and Debbie and Gayle are working to secure renewals.

External Awards. Don Knight. No report.

Aerospace Education. Phil Hamann. Phil will be looking into getting the Visions for Exploration Program going in local schools. This is a program co-sponsored by AFA and USA Today.

Communications. Jeanin Damery. Inputs are needed for the next newsletter. This edition will be the only printed one for the year. All others are on our website.

Government Relations. Brian Binn. No report.

Professional Development. Roy Griggs. Roy is working with the 50 SW to see if they can continue the Gen Schriever Essay Contest. We will be shifting this effort to AFSPC so other units can contribute to it, and we will reassess our support levels.

Membership. CT Trafton. The chapter recruited 68 new members last quarter and has won the AFA National Jack Gross Award for Membership for the 3rd year in a row! CT has expressed plans to step down as VP for Membership soon, 5 years in a row is a lot.

IMAGE Golf Tournament: Joe Kahoe reported that all accounting is not complete yet. He also mentioned that the major sponsor dropped out at the last minute leaving a \$19-20K shortfall. Next year AFCEA will be the lead organization. Sharon White has reported that she is still waiting for a Boeing hole sponsorship of \$700 to arrive.

Space Warfare Symposium (2009): Jim Painter will be the Chair for 2009 and he has scheduled initial planning meetings to solidify AFSPC support and to select a theme. He is filling out his committee. Anyone interested in helping out please notify Jim Painter or Tom Cavalli.

AF Ball: Hank Scarangella is the Chair for 2009. He has been holding monthly planning meetings. The date is 20 Feb at the Broadmoor Hotel. They are finalizing a theme. We will have a block of rooms set aside for our attendees and as soon as information is available we will notify the community. Tops In Blue will return again to provide the entertainment. If anyone is interested in helping out on the committee, please contact Hank Scarangella.

New Business:

- Joint Alumni Association (JAA): The Chapter welcomed a new Life Member, 2LT Leanne Babcock, who just moved her from San Diego where she was the VP for Membership. Leanne is also the Colorado Springs Chapter President of the JAA. Leanne gave an overview of the JAA stating that it is composed of a union of the Arnold Air Society, Silver Wings and Angel Flight organizations. Members of any of these 3 organizations are automatically members of AFA. AFA National fully supports the JAA.
- Leanne will be our Chapter liaison with the JAA. Leanne reported that there will be a Regional Conclave on 7-9 Nov at the USAFA that will be composed of 150 cadets from Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Kansas, and Utah. They have asked our support in holding an AFA meeting so the cadets can see what type of issues and business is conducted in an active AFA chapter. The Chapter will be sponsoring a table of 10 cadets to their banquet (\$250). She has also asked that Gayle White to give a presentation on what the AFA has to offer.
- Home Front Cares Dinner. The 2008 Dinner will be held at the Antlers Hotel with the keynote speaker Gen (Ret) Richard Meyers. The Chapter is supporting with e \$2500 table. Funds go to support spouses left behind while their mates are deployed.

From the Floor: Joe Kahoe suggested that they Chapter consider holding Chapter meetings at the PAFB Club after work. We will look into the possibilities of this to see if we could boost attendance. The 0730 timeframe is not conducive to allowing people to attend due to work conflicts.

Reports.

- Quarterly Activity Report (Tom Cavalli). In the Works. Next report due 15 Oct, 2008.
- Quarterly Financial Report (Jim Hale). In The Works. Next report due 15 Oct 2008.

Upcoming Events.

- 2 Oct Home Front Cares Dinner, Antlers Hotel
- 3 Oct (1000 hrs) Forward Air Controllers Memorial Dedication at memorial Park.
- 11 Oct: AFA Sate Quarterly Meeting – Grand Junction, CO 1400 hrs.
- 16 Oct AFCEA Luncheon, PAFB Club
- 3 Nov Community Partner Recognition and Chapter Awards at the PAFB Museum, 1700-1900 hrs

AFA State.

- The quarterly meeting will be held in Grand Junction on 11 October 2008 at 1400 hrs at the CAP office near the airport. All elected officers are reminded that in accordance with the chapter By-Laws, they must attend at least 3 of the 4 State Quarterly Meetings.

The next meeting will be **Sat, 8 Nov, 2008 at the USAFA;**

Attendees

Tom Cavalli	Debbie Estrem	Dan Beatty
Jim Hale	Gayle White	Joe Kahoe
Brad Butler	Gayle Divine	Leanne Babcock

Submitted by:

Tom Cavalli for Hank Scarangella