

## AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes

11 Aug 2009

**Welcome:** President Tom Cavalli opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees and leading them in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Previous Meeting's Minutes:** Tom informed the attendees that July's Minutes were posted to eh Chapter website ([www.afasijan.com](http://www.afasijan.com))

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jim Hale reported that the Chapter is solvent and that we made a profit of \$40K from the Space Warfare Symposium in June. Jim mentioned that he would like to step down as Treasurer this coming year; he has held this position for 5 years. Anyone interested in running for this elected position needs to contact Gayle White and Kevin Estrem ASAP.

**Aerospace Education:** VP for Aerospace Education Phil Hamann's day-to-day job has changed and he no longer has the time available to continue in this role. Anyone interested in this appointed position should contact Kevin Estrem ASAP.

**Professional Development:** VP for Professional Development Roy Griggs I will be continuing his program with Brig Gen Jack Weinstein's replacement, Brig Gen (S) Jay Raymond. Gen Weinstein is PCS'ing to the Pentagon this summer and Brig Gen Raymond will be replacing him as the AFSPC/A8/A9.

**Veteran's Affairs:** VP for Veterans Affairs Dan Beatty reported that the next function will be the wreath-laying event as part of Veterans Day in Nov.

**Community Partners:** VP for Community Partners, Debbie Estrem reported that we have 150 CPs, and she has added 2 new members and 7 have renewed their membership/association.

**Communications:** Jeanin Damery, VP for Communications, will be producing her next edition in Oct that will cover the period of Jul thru Sep. Officers are asked to provide her with articles that are related to their areas of responsibilities soon.

**AF Ball:** Tim Lemons, VP for Plans and Programs, has volunteered to be the Ball Chairman for 2010. The date is 19 Feb at the Broadmoor and we have received confirmation from Tops in Blue that they will be returning for their 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year to provide the entertainment.

**Membership:** VP for Membership James Wood reported that our current number of chapter members is 2635 (according to AFA national). We have added 12 new members.

**External Awards:** VP for External Awards Ray Powell reported that he is still trying to complete updating the local military installations that he has replaced Don Knight as our chapter lead. He attended the HQ AFSPC and NORAD/NORTHCOM Quarterly Awards ceremonies, presented certificates, and membership applications to all winners. He also attended the 21 SW, 50 SW, and 310 SW Quarterly Awards luncheons. All AF winners were given certificates and SALUTE membership (free 1-yr). Ray is trying to identify the USAFA POC.

### **Reports:**

- The Chapter Quarterly Activity Report is due to State/Region/National on 15 Oct
- The Chapter Quarterly Financial Report is due to State/Region/National on 15 Oct.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **Welcome Home Parade:** 29 Aug at 1000 hrs. 8500 troops will be marching downtown.
- **Air & Space Conference & Technology Exposition** (AFA National Convention) 14-6 Sep 2009 at the new location, the Gaylord national resort & Convention Center, 201 Waterfront St, National Harbor, MD 20745. Chapter delegates a reduced rate. President Tom Cavalli reported that the chapter would pay for each chapter delegate's registration and Awards Dinner cost (\$165 total).

**Airpower Advocates:** This is a new program from AFA National. Brad Butler has agreed to be our chapter representative. Brad reported that the goal is for each chapter to have an Airpower Advocate, a person who would interface with the local communities as speakers for various civic functions that go out and talk to the community ( Rotary Club, Lions, Chamber of Commerce's, etc) on airpower and the need to keep our AF properly manned, sustained, etc. Mike Dunn send out weekly updates and this person would provide them to these organizations. Tom Cavalli wondered if we could set up a link on our website to s members could access the latest mike Dunn reports. Brad would like the Sijan Chapter to get volunteer to act has his backup and his main POC with the chapter.

### **President's Comments:**

- President Tom Cavalli reported that the Chapter was sponsoring the Space and Missile pioneers portraits later today as we have done for the past 12 years. This year's cost is \$1550.
- Tom mentioned that he would like to establish a VP for Enlisted Affairs position for the chapter that would be held by an active duty SSgt/TSgt. He said we need to get inputs from the younger force so we can evolve with the military members and not be left behind as the culture continues to change.

- Tom stated that we plans to establish a chapter scholarship in Chuck Zimkas' name/honor. CMSgt (Ret) Chuck Zimkas was one of the original 12 Outstanding Airman of the AF back in 1979, rose to the rank of CMSgt, was the AFSPC/NORAD Command Chief, as past Sijan Chapter president, past AFA State President and past Rocky Mountain Region President and now an AFA National Director. As one of our chapter's crown jewels, we must not overlook an opportunity to name a scholarship in his honor. Chuck will work with the chapter to establish the criteria and focus of this scholarship (worth \$1000) to an active duty enlisted person.
- Next meeting will be Tom's last meeting as President as Kevin Estrem assumes this role on 1 Oct 09.

**Next Meeting:** 8 Sep 09 at 0730 hrs at the Southeast YMCA (normal location).