

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

July 14, 2009

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

Minutes. The May Minutes should be posted to the website for review (we did not hold a meeting in June due to the Space Warfare Symposium.

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

Aerospace Education. Phil Hamann. Tom turned the floor over to Phil who lead the presentation of scholarships for 10 of the 13 winners (3 were absent). Phil then introduced our Chapter Teacher of the Year (TOY), Ms. Elizabeth Dalzell, who was also selected as the State TOY for 2009. This is the 2nd year in a row that our chapter TOY also won Stat TOY. Tom presented Elizabeth with a Chapter certificate, a check for \$500, and AFA National Certificate and a check for \$250. She will be the guest of the Chapter at the AFA State Awards Dinner where she will be recognized and rewarded by the State and CAEF. Tom then presented Phil with the AFA National Aerospace Achievement Award which the Chapter was recently selected for by AFA National.

Veteran's Affairs. Dan Beatty. Dan was not present. Tom mentioned that ht next event would be the wreath laying ceremony at Memorial Park as part of the Veterans Day celebration on 8 Nov as part of Veterans Day.

Community Partners. Debbie Estrem. Debbie introduced our newest CP, Gina Kaiser from Kaiser Advertising. Debbie and Tom presented Gina with her CP plaque and membership package. Gina gave a brief overview of her new company. Our current number of CPs is 140. And we had 28 renewals and 2 new Cp this quarter.

Communications. Jeanin Damery. Inputs are needed for the next newsletter ASAP. This will be an on-line edition only.

Government Relations. Brian Binn. No report.

AF Ball. Tom informed the members that Tim Lemons, GDC4S has volunteered to be the 2010 AF Ball Chairman. Tim will be holding committee meeting next month and anyone interested in being a part of his committee should contact Tim or Tom. Dan Beatty is working with Tops in Blue to see if they can provide the entertainment for a 6th consecutive year.

Professional Development. Roy Griggs. Roy reported on the status of is program; that he and Tom have spoken to Brig Gen Jack Weinstein AFSPC/A8 and have secured his pledge to be our AFSPC Champion. Roy had originally planned for Gen Weinstein to be present and make a pitch on Professional Development, however he was called away at the last minute to defend the AFSPC POM inputs. In his place, Capt April Wimmer introduced herself as the Action Office

assigned to Professional Development for AFPSC. Roy has assembled a team composed of Ron Kriete, Hank Scarangella, Phil Hamann to help him get this program off the ground.

Joint Alumni Association: 1Lt Cassie Devolites reported on the recent activity of the regional conclaves. She and 2Lt Leanne Babcock will be attending the AFA national Convention as Chapter delegates.

Membership. James Wood. The chapter recruited 63 new members last quarter 36 coming from the Space Warfare Symposium.

External Awards: Ray Powell. No report. Tom mentioned that Ray recently took over from Don Knight who has been nothing short of sensational for the past 5 years as or VP for External Awards. Ray has assembled a team to help support him; James Wood, VP for Membership, and Bob Cooper.

Reports:

1) Chapter Quarterly Activity Report. Tom will be drafting and sending this report to State tomorrow.

2) Chapter Quarterly Financial Report. Jim Hale has already completed his report and Tom will be forwarding his report to State tomorrow as well.

Events:

- **IMAGE Golf Tournament:** Tom reminded the members that the IMAGE will be played at Ft Carson on 6 Aug. All proceeds from this event go to the Chapter's scholarship fund. AFCEA is the lead this year, next year will be our turn.
- **Welcome Home Parade:** Tom reported that there is a major parade planned to celebrate the 4th ID (Ft Carson) being reassigned here. While this is an Army event, it would be a nice gesture to help support it. Kevin Estrem added that this event is not planned by the city but rather by a group of patriotic citizens. Tom asked for a vote for the level of support and it was agreed by the members present to purchase a 1/8 page ad for \$250.
- **AFA State Awards Dinner:** 24 Jul in Denver at the Embassy Suites. This will be followed on Sat (25 Jul) by the Quarterly State AFA Meeting. Cost is \$40 per person. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Jeri Andrews. The Chapter will be purchasing the meals for all Chapter award winners and their guests (including the TOY).
- **Air & Space Conference & Technology Exposition (AFA National Convention):** 14-16 Sep (Monday-Wed). After 43 years at the Waldorf Marriott, the AFA has signed a 10-yr agreement to move this event to the Gaylord National resort & Convention center in Harbor, MD (outside Wash DC). If members will be attending please notify Tom and Gayle White, State President to register as a delegate (we get 15-16).

President's Comments: Tom moved his comments to the end of the meeting so the scholarship winners and their parents would not have to wait. Tom began with a report on the recently conducted Space Warfare Symposium.

- **Space Warfare Symposium (2009):** Tom mentioned that this was another complete success. Jim Painter, as Chair did a magnificent job in developing the theme, topics, and arranging for the speakers and panel members. The committee was outstanding again (as usual) in the planning and execution and also for responding to every contingency that came up. Tom stated that the comments from attendees (over 250) have been overwhelmingly positive and a strong desire is to keep the event in Keystone and not move it to Colorado Springs. Arnie Berry mentioned that the upcoming NDIA Industry Day has been shut down by the AFSPC JAG but will be run now by AFSPC and will be an AFSPC event. Tom reported that Todd Falkenstein, Lockheed Martin, as volunteered to be the Chair for next year. Todd has been a critical part of the past 4 SWSs and is very familiar with the dynamics and issues facing him.

- **Rocky Mountain Region Meeting:** Tom reported on this meeting which was held in Layton, UT (outside Ogden) on 11 July.
 - The primary topic discussed was membership and the factors facing all chapters. Tom was asked by Joan Sell, Rocky Mountain region president, to give a presentation on the AFA National membership Committee, which he and Debbie Estrem as members of).
 - Two of the 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year are from AFSPC
 - Utah's TOY came in 3rd nationally.
 - One idea discussed was for the chapters to ask their CP if they would like to co-sponsor an AEF Grant (Chapter would pay for ½ and the CP pay the other half) and the name would be in the CP's name. More discussion is needed to sort out the 501 (c) 3 issues.
 - Tom mentioned that Utah has every VP select a Deputy VP to help get them more involved in chapter activities. This is a great mentoring opportunity and provides a ready-made succession plan (and leadership development opportunity) for the Chapter. Tom asked each VP present to think about implementing a similar plan.
 - Tom mentioned that the region members reviewed the biographies of all the candidates for National Directors. He also mentioned that Joan Sell was running for AFA National Secretary.

- Tom mentioned that he would like the chapter to establish an enlisted scholarship for each local base) sort of like a Mini-Pitsenbarger scholarship. Other members agreed that this is great idea. Now we just need someone to lead the planning for it.

- Tom mentioned that he would like to set up a forum (possibly on the chapter website) within the chapter for members to be able to post their resumes and for companies (CPs especially) to advertise vacancies. Jim Hale and Mike Pierson volunteered to develop the guidelines and help set this up. We should provide assistance to members who are looking for a job.

The next meeting will be **Tues, 11 Aug, 2009 at the Southeast YMCA at 0730 hrs;**

Members Present:

Tom Cavalli	Debbie Estrem	1Lt Cassie Devolites
Jim Hale	Sharon White	Charlie Bryant
Kevin Estrem	Gayle Divine	Roy Griggs
Arnie Berry	James Wood	Jerry White

Gina Kaiser	Mike Pierson	Phil Hamann
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Submitted by:

Tom Cavalli for Hank Scarangella