

## **AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes September 8, 2009**

- **Welcome.** Vice President Kevin Estrem welcomed everyone to the meeting and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:40 am. Kevin asked everyone to introduce themselves before beginning the business portion of the meeting.
- **Minutes of last meeting: (Hank Scarangella)**
  - o Hank was not present at the August 11, 2009 meeting. Tom Cavalli took the minutes at that meeting and they are posted to the chapter website.
- **Treasurer's Report (Jim Hale)**
  - o Funds for SWS and renewing CPs are coming in.
- **Aerospace Education (Vacant)**
  - o Liz Anderson and Joyce Jenkins Harding are considering taking over this program from Phil Hamann.
- **Veteran's Affairs (Dan Beatty)**
  - o There will be a Veteran's Day luncheon at the Broadmoor on November 11 at 12:30. It is sponsored by The Chamber. Former CJCS, General Richard Meyers will be the guest speaker.
  - o The annual wreath laying ceremony at Memorial Park is being permanently moved to the TREA facility on Galley Road. Using this location simplifies planning for bad weather and ensures that all who wish to attend may do so. This year's ceremony will be Nov 11.
  - o The Veteran's Day parade will be November 7
- **Community Partners (Debbie Estrem)**
  - o Debbie introduced two new CPs: Harris Corp represented by Tracy Rouse and Segovia represented by Bob Cunningham.
  - o The annual Community Partner Award Reception will be held at the AOG building at USAFA in either November or December. Access for those without military IDs will not be a problem.
- **Communications (Jeanin Damery)**
  - o Need articles for the next newsletter. (due out in October)
  - o A suggestion was made to include an index in the front of the newsletter with hyperlinked entries so that long editions can be easily read.
  - o Another suggestion was to use Adobe Writer to compress pdf files for transmission. There were a few complaints about the file size of the last newsletter and this application might solve that problem.
- **Government Relations (Brian Binn)**
  - o NTR
- **Joint Alumni Association (Cassie Devolites)**
  - o JAA will participate in the AFA national convention Sept 12-13.
  - o JAA is sponsoring an area enclave in Laramie, WY Oct 30 – Nov 1.

- **Professional Development (Roy Griggs)**
  - o Roy is trying to get BGen Rego to be the Command's Mentoring Champion, since BGen Weinstein has departed.
- **Membership (James Wood)**
  - o The chapter has approximately 2,670 members.
- **External Awards (Ray Powell)**
  - o Ray is coordinating with the wings and other groups within AFSPC to build a schedule of their award ceremonies.
- **Chapter Elections (Brian Binn)**
  - o Brian is working the ballot now and expects to have it e-mailed to chapter members by September 18.
- **Events**
  - o **Cadet Wing Boxing Open (Vacant)**
    - We need a chairperson to organize this annual fundraising event. Tim Lemons stepped in last year since Bob Cooper was unavailable. Tim is now the AF Ball Chairman. Hank will check with Bob Cooper, who has run the event for many years, to see if he is willing to resume leadership.
  - o **Space Warfare Symposium (Vacant)**
    - Jun 8-10, 2010 at Keystone, CO. We need a Chairman for 2010.
    - Explicit AFSPC sponsorship is not certain. General Kehler questions the value of having so many events each year and has challenged AFA, AFCEA, NDIA, etc. to consolidate events. AFA has consolidated the O'Malley award dinner, the Operational Excellence award ceremony, and the Senior Enlisted Professional Development with the Space Warfare Symposium. In addition, the National Space Studies Institute held their symposium in conjunction with the 2009 SWS and intends to do the same in 2010.
    - The potential conflict with the AFEI symposium has been averted. Kevin met with UCCS and AFEI officials and they agreed to find another date at least several weeks after SWS.
  - o **IMAGE Golf Tournament (Joe Kahoe)**
    - The 2010 tournament will be August 13 at Ft Carson. The planning committee will start earlier to solicit corporate sponsorships. Last year the top four sponsorship levels went unfilled, resulting in a loss of about \$11,000 that would have been available for scholarships.

- **AF Ball (Tim Lemons)**
  - Feb 19, 2010 at the Broadmoor. There is a possibility that we will have Broadmoor Hall for both the cocktail hour and the dinner, eliminating the need to walk outdoors between Colorado Hall and the International Center.
  - We will explore using the new Marriott Renaissance in 2011.
- **National Convention**
  - The convention begins on Saturday, Sept 11. Colorado will be well represented with 14 delegates.
  - Joan Sell is running for National Secretary.
  - There will be a Congressional Reception on September 15 that Congressman Lamborn is expected to attend.
- **Next Meeting:** October 13, 2009 at the Armed Forces YMCA at 7:30 am.

**Attendees**

Kevin Estrem	Jim Hale	Debbie Estrem
Hank Scarangella	Gayle White	Joe Kahoe
Roy Griggs	Tracy Rouse	Mark Owen
Brian Binn	Cassie Devolites	Bob Cunningham