

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes

10 August 2010

- **Welcome**
 - **President Kevin Estrem opened the meeting at 7:30am with a greeting and leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Introductions (*around the room*)**
- **Intro State President for his Comments**
- **Government Relations (Brian Binn) Community Partners (Kevin Estrem)**
- **Minutes of last meeting: (Hank Scarangella)**
 - July minutes were posted to the website
- **Treasurer's Report (Dave Shiller)**
 - Quarterly report submitted.
 - Scholarship checks have been sent to recipients.
 - We have about \$5,000 in remaining financial commitments for 2010.
 - Given the financial health of the chapter we could consider increasing donations, e.g., Armed Forces YMCA, Scholarships, and Dependent Care. We could also solicit ideas from the command chiefs and Maj Gen Basla.
- **Presidents Comments**
 - State Awards Banquet, 30 July 10 in Pueblo at the Depot (Chapter attendees: Kevin & Debbie, Dave Shiller, Joe & Debbie Kahoe, Henry Baird, + STATE: Jeri Andrews, Tom Cavalli and Brian Binn)
 - Sijan was named "Chapter of the Year"
 - Debbie Estrem "Member of the Year"!
 - Jeanin – AFA National Chairman's Exceptional Service Award
 - State Exceptional Service Award – Judee Albert, Judy Arnold, Henry Baird, Bob Cooper, Joe Kahoe & Tom Cavalli
 - State Medal of Merit – Tim Lemons
 - USAFA won the Secretary of the Air Force Safety Award; Juanita Redmond Award from the 10th Med Gp Capt Gary Webb; and also the General Edwin W. Rawlings Award went to Ms Tammie L. Boyd, 10th Med Gp
 - Airman of the Year – SrA Robert Kafka – 460th SW Buckley
 - NCO of the Year – TSgt Darren Williams – 50th SW Schriever AFB
 - SNCO of the Year – MSgt Vicki Robertson – 302nd AW Peterson AFB
 - CGO of the Year – Capt David Knight – 21st SW Peterson AFB

- Civ of the Year Cat I – Ms Pamela Batzal – USAFA
 - Civ of the Year Cat II – Ms Heidi Westphal – 50th SW
 - It was a great night and the guest speaker was CMSgt Joseph Westerlund the Command Chief Master Sergeant of the 302nd Airlift Wing
 - The POW/MIA & Fallen Comrades Ceremony was one to remember...performed by the American Legion Riders District 8, Post 2
 - Need article and some pictures for newsletter (Brain Binn)
- National Conf/Conv – All Register as Colorado Delegates
 - Sijan Chapter - Hank, Dave, Leanne, Cassi
 - State: Tom Cavalli
 - National Reps: Joan Sell, George, Jerry White
 - For those Chapter members (delegates) that are not receiving funds from other orgs, the Sijan Chapter will pay for registration and banquet fees
 - SCWS after action meeting & report. Hank sent Thank you letters and is working on the article for newsletter – Jeanin has pictures.
 - Cyber Patriot Program – need to work on getting JROTC involved as well as College JOTC units. We should consider working with the Mile High chapter.
 - Need an activity to do something for dependants family members of deployed military members
- **Community Partners Program**
- No word yet on if we meet the criteria for a 7th Gold Award
 - Introductions of New CPs – Kevin Hoskins and Maury Keller from BraxTech.
 - Latest CP figures
 - Total number: 148
 - New: 2
 - Renewals: 18
- **External Awards (Ray Powell)**
- Quarterly awards in full swing, Ray has done: N-NC 16 July, USAFA 29 July, 21SW 5 Aug, 50SW 6 Aug.
 - Coordinate with James Wood to inform him who we give one year memberships to
 - Challenge...get names, ranks and home addresses of all Quarterly Awards Programs winners – need to fix membership numbers.
 - Kevin Estrem will ask CCM's to help when needed.
 - Ray will approach the NCO Academy about giving AFA Sijan chapter membership to local graduates.

- **Other Awards**
 - Still trying to do a personal presentation of the O'Malley Award to Gen Kehler
 - Operations Excellence Awards – need a Chairman of selection committee
 - Program criteria needs revision in 2011 due to space and cyberspace career fields now competing
 - Do we stay with one each Officer and Enlisted category for a total of two awards to be presented at the SCWS annually @ Keystone
 - Fix problem with ordering awards
 - Fix problem with inviting winners to the SCWS
 - NATIONAL AWARDS – submitted 8 awards
 - National evaluation/competition AEF and National Chairman's Exceptional Service Awards.
- **Veteran's Affairs (Dan Beatty/Brad Butler)**
 - Need to ID a couple members to lay the Sijan Chapter wreath, at the Veterans Day Wreath laying ceremony at TREA HQ Building.
 - We also need a new Veteran's Affairs committee rep.
- **Membership (James Wood)**
 - Need to work on getting Quarterly winners from HQ AFSPC, HQ N-NC, USAFA, 21SW, 50SW, 310 SW & 302 AW names ranks and home addresses to be able to get them their free 1 yr membership as the winners.
- **Communications (Jeanin Damery)**
 - **Winner of the National Chairman's Excellence Award!**
 - Needs information and articles (SCWS, Scholarships, State Banquet, etc)
- **Aerospace Education (Liz Anderson)**
 - Reception was outstanding on 27 July.
 - 7 of 8 Families attended
 - 5 of the 8 Scholarship winners were present –2 were overseas on study abroad programs and one was on an internship at Wash D.C.
 - Discuss a named scholarship, “
 - In 2011 we need to highlight the TOY program
 - Liz is resigning so we need a new VP for Aerospace Education (Scholarships and the Teacher of the Year Program)
- **Professional Development (Roy Griggs)**
 - Schriever Essay Contest – Working...

- Per Brian Binn, Col Shaw at Schriever is a volunteer to work the program at Schriever...contact info to Roy Griggs
- **Joint Alumni Association (2LT Leanne Babcock)**
- **Events**
 - 2011 SCWS (Space and Cyberspace Warfare Symposium) (Hank Scarangella & Tom Ocvirk)
 - Hot wash with MG Basla went well, press with event for 2011 – Hank is going to be Chairman and Tom Ocvirk is going to be Deputy Chairman
 - Action Items
 - Define Command Sponsorship
 - Appoint AFSPC Command POC
 - Select/deconflict dates for next year (not 22-26 June)
 - Combines 4 events: Symposium, O’Malley Awards Banquet, Operations Excellence Awards Luncheon, & Enlisted Professional Development Session
 - Possibly add the Schriever Essay Contest
 - IMAGE Golf Tournament (Joe Kahoe)
 - AFA is the led this year with NDIA & AFCEA supporting
 - 13 August 2010, Fort Carson Golf Course (Cheyenne Shadows)
 - NEED Military Participation! Bring a Senior Leader out to play!
 - Crawford House Golf Tourney Crawford House is a Colorado Springs non-profit that provides shelter, meals and assistance for homeless veterans
 - Fort Carson (Cheyenne Shadows), Scramble
 - 30 August 2010, tee off at 1:30pm, Registration at 1130
 - \$65.00 per person
 - POC: Stephanie at 719-389-0973 or email: Steph@StephanieCardwell.org

Around the Room for announcements and new business items.

Next Meeting: 14 September at the Armed Forces YMCA at 0730 hrs

Attendees

Hank Scarangella	Debbie Estrem	Joe Kahoe
Mike McCoy	Jim Hale	Kevin Hoskins
Maury Keller	Dave Shiller	