

# AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes - December 14, 2010

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## **Welcome**

President Kevin Estrem opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:40 and then introductions of those in attendance.

## **President's Comments (Kevin Estrem)**

We are working on the 2011 budget and activity plan.

Meetings for the AF Ball and SCWS have begun and planning is underway.

The chapter is planning a general membership reception in January.

The Air Force Memorial in Memorial Park is in need of repairs. Hank offered to take on that project.

## **Secretary (Hank Scarangella)**

Hank reported that the minutes of the November meeting have been posted to the website.

## **Treasurer (Dave Shiller)**

The chapter finances are in very good shape (\$90,000 in the checking account). We received \$9,800 from the IMAGE golf event and \$2,000 from AFA National.

Dave is working to establish the chapter as a 50(c)3 organization, which will result in substantial cost savings for the AF Ball and the Space and Cyberspace Symposium.

Dave discovered that the chapter's past tax returns have been incomplete and therefore not recognized by the IRS as having been submitted at all. There may be a penalty of \$3,800, which Dave has asked to be abated.

Checks have been written for the Annual Awards Program to HQ AFSPC, HQ N-NC, 21 SW, 50 SW, 310 SW, 302 SW and USAFA.

## **Cyber Patriot Program (Jim Ragaller)**

Two Civil Air Patrol units out of 22 units from Colorado made it through to the next round of the competition.

The chapter will host a pizza party on January 9, 2011 for all the local schools and organizations that participated in Cyber Patriot II.

## **Community Partners & Sponsorships (Debbie Estrem)**

Renewals are coming in. The cost increased to \$90 per year.

Debbie welcomed Mike Kloenne from the Southern Aerospace Company as our newest Community Partner.

AF Ball sponsorships are filling up. Lockheed Martin has taken the Platinum sponsorship. Northrop Grumman, Honeywell, Booz Allen and Scitor have also purchased sponsorships.

SCWS sponsorships are also beginning to form. Northrop Grumman will sponsor the dinner and Microsoft the luncheon.

## **External Awards (Ray Powell)**

Ray is obtaining the names, ranks and home addresses of all Quarterly Awards program winners.

## **Other Awards (Kevin Estrem)**

Kevin is working with USAFA and HQ AFSPC to present the National Awards earned by those two organizations.

General Edwin Rawlings Award, Management Division to Ms. Tammie Boyd, USAFA

AFMC Management Award, Junior Division to Captain Robert Carden, AFSPC

## *Operational Excellence*

Mr. Usto Schulz from AT&T has volunteered to chair the Operational Excellence award committee. He will undertake to revise the criteria to include both space and cyberspace career fields, as well as determine whether to have separate office and enlisted awards for each career field.

AFA National and AFSPC are collaborating to revise the AFI that governs the Ops Excellence award. CMSgt Lowery is working on this project.

## **Veteran's Affairs (Dan Beatty/Brad Butler)**

Kevin represented the chapter at the Pearl Harbor ceremony at Memorial Parl.

Kevin represented the chapter at the AFA National Veteran's Affairs Council on Dec 10. The Council is addressing issues such as Tricare and the use of electronic health records and is preparing issue papers that promote Air Force and AFA positions.

## **Membership (James Wood)**

James is working to get the names, ranks and home addresses so he can arrange for the first free year membership in AFA. The winners are from: HQ AFSPC, HQ N-NC, 21 SW, 50 SW, 310 SW, 302 SW and USAFA.

## **Communications (Jeanin Damery)**

Jeanin received kudos from the State, Region and National presidents on the chapter newsletter!

Jeanin is working on AF Ball "Save the Date" and art work. She is also trying to publish a Christmas edition of the newsletter.

## **Aerospace Education (Roy Griggs)**

Roy met with Chuck Zimkas of the National Space Foundation and Grant Higginbotham from Utah for advice about how to structure an aerospace education program.

The committee agreed to commit \$15,000 for scholarships in 2011. Roy will put information about the scholarship program on the chapter website. The committee discussed presenting the scholarships at the recipient's schools (for the high school winners) rather than at a chapter meeting. We will revitalize the Colonel Irwin STEM scholarship at the request of Chuck Zimkas.

## **Professional Development (Charlie Bryant)**

Charlie is looking for another champion now that Brig Gen Raymond is leaving.

The Schriever Essay Contest may be revitalized so that the winner can be recognized at SCWS. Colonel Shaw has volunteered to sponsor the contest.

## **Joint Alumni Association (1LT Leanne Babcock)**

Colonel Linda Aldrich represented the chapter at the Falcon Sqdn, Arnold Air Society induction ceremony on December 10, 2010. Eighteen cadets were inducted.

Leanne is soliciting input about the AFA dues structure. She is on an AFA National committee that is looking at ways to increase membership, especially among younger airmen.

## **Events**

### *Air Force Ball (Tim Lemons)*

Ticket sales and sponsorships are going well. All other arrangements with the Broadmoor and Tops in Blue are in place for February 18, 2011.

### *Wing Open Boxing Pizza Party (Mike McCoy)*

Bob Cooper will assist Mike organize this year's event. We are grateful to Mike for volunteering to lead this worthwhile charitable activity.

### *Space and Cyberspace Warfare Symposium (Hank Scarangella & Tom Ocvirk)*

Kevin signed the contract with Keystone for June 14 – 16, 2011.

Lt Col Pat Reagan is the AFSPC liaison. He will meet with Brig Gen Wolters in December to begin the planning process and will follow-up with Maj Gen Basla in January.

Bob Cooper and John Manney have joined the committee.

In addition to including the O'Malley award, the Ops Excellence award and the Enlisted Professional Development session in the SCWS agenda, we also expect to include the Schriever Essay Contest award.

### *IMAGE Golf Tournament (Joe Kahoe)*

The chapter netted \$9,800 for its scholarship programs. Great Job Joe!

The 2011 event will be sponsored by NDIA on August 12 and Joe has agreed to represent AFA on the committee.

## **Next Meeting – Jan 11, 2011**

### **Attendees**

<b>Kevin Estrem</b>	<b>Debbie Estrem</b>	<b>Jim Hale</b>
<b>Dave Shiller</b>	Roy Griggs	Mike Kloenne
<b>Charlie Bryant</b>	Tom Cavalli	Joe Kahoe
<b>Rick Ragaller</b>	Leanne Babcock	Usto Schulz
<b>Hank Scarangella</b>		