

AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes – August 9, 2011

Welcome

President Kevin Estrem opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30.

Government Relations (Brian Binn) No Report

Secretary's Report (Hank Scarangella) -

The July minutes are not yet posted to the website, but will be.

Treasurer's Report (Dave Shiller) -

The Wells Fargo to 5 Star transition is still underway. Dave is investigating setting up an investment account, which will require Board approval.

The chapter has over \$200,000 in its accounts, based on profits from the Air Force Ball and the Space and Cyberspace Warfare Symposium. We cleared about \$60,000 from the SCWS.

There are two SCWS attendees from HP and ITT who have still not paid and are not responding to calls. We may have to write that expense off.

Ordered 100 new chapter coins for \$650.

Dave led our representation at the USAFA Retiree Appreciation Day, assisted by Ray Powell. Publicity was not very well done and so attendance was low.

Dave Shiller is writing an article about the Chapter of the Year Award and other chapter accomplishments for the base newspapers.

Presidents Comments:

Kevin announced AFA National Awards. The Sijan chapter won the Steel Award as Best Chapter of the Year! Individual awards included 2 Medals of Merit, 2 Exceptional Service Awards and a Chairman's Citation. Dave will take out an ad in the Peterson AFB newspaper announcing these awards.

AF Ball. Kevin and Dave will speak with Col Kathleen Cook, AFSPC/PA, about the level of support we can expect for the Ball. She is expected to be receptive, but will have to run the topic through the Command Group. Tops in Blue have not confirmed for Jan 20, 2012 but we think they can make that date work.

There won't be a 3rd Quarter General Membership meeting. We will combine the annual Community Partners/Awards program with a General Membership meeting in November. Debbie will check with Red Noland Cadillac for dates and give that information to Brian Binn.

August Officer Elections - Tom Cavalli, Brian Binn and Gayle White will serve as the Nominating Committee. Kevin is to urge Tom, again, to convene the committee.

SnoFest 2012 will be Jan 27-29, 2012 at Keystone, CO. The chapter will provide a \$1,000 sponsorship.

Cyber Patriot Program (Ray Ragaller)

The Challenger Learning Center is hosting a conference in August for 200 teachers and will publicize the Cyber Patriot program.

Ray is contacting all the JROTC units about the program.

Community Partners & Sponsorship Program Report (Debbie Estrem)

New members and renewals continue.

Debbie won the National Gold Award – again – for her great work with the CP program.

External Awards Report (Ray Powell)

Ray's job requirements will prevent him from representing the chapter at most of the unit award events. James Wood and Donnie Bowen have stepped up to those responsibilities.

Membership Report - (James Wood)

Kevin and Brian Binn have been meeting with the Command Chiefs and other senior leaders to educate them about AFA and the Sijan chapter in the hope that they will encourage their airmen to join and participate.

Communications Report (Jeanin Damery)

Jeanin's health continues to limit her but she remains willing to carry out her duties. She will let us know if that is no longer possible.

Aerospace Education Report (Roy Griggs)

Margaret Jurek was chosen as the Teacher of the Year. (Misspelled in last month's minutes) She also won the Colorado State TOY award.

Professional Development Report (Charlie Bryant)

We continue to be told that Col Shaw has offered to work the Essay Contest, although there has been no progress.

Air Power Advocate (Brad Butler) No Report

Veteran's Affairs (Estrem/Hale)

The Council is hosting a meeting on August 31 to present information on the future of Memorial Hospital.

Events

2011 SCWS (Space and Cyberspace Warfare Symposium) (Hank Scarangella & Tom Ocvirk)

The symposium was a success in many ways, despite the virtual absence of AFSPC participation. Lt Gen Basla attended the opening reception, opened the program on Wednesday morning and stayed through early afternoon. Before departing he addressed the Enlisted Professional Development session, which was attended by 70 airmen. A last minute issue prevented Army participation.

General Shelton flew up for the O'Malley dinner on Wednesday evening and returned to base after the dinner.

It looks like it will be a profitable event.

State Convention – (Jim Hale)

The banquet was 29 July and the State Convention was 30 July 11. Both events were at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Colorado Springs. The banquet was a success but diminished by the absence of all but one of the military award winners.

IMAGE Golf Tournament (Joe Kahoe)

12 August 11, Joe will be the AFA Rep again in support of Chairman, Barry Patterson from NDIA.

Fort Carson, Mountain Shadows Golf Course

In Their Honor Air Show

24 Sept 2011 at Butts Field, Ft Carson.

The chapter is donating \$1,000 for tickets for chapter members and active duty military. 400 tickets will be given to the command chiefs.

Wing Open Boxing Tournament

Mike McCoy has agreed to chair the committee for this March 2012 event.

Next Meeting: September 13, 2011 at the Armed Forces YMCA at 0730 hrs

Attendees

Kevin Estrem	Dave Shiller	Rick Ragaller
Bill Houth	Linda Aldrich	Gayle White
Jim Hale	Chris Rea	Debbie Estrem
Sharon White	Tim Lemons	Hank Scarangella