

# AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2011

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## **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 and August minutes are posted to the website.

## **Treasurer's Report (Dave Shiller)**

The Wells Fargo account is now closed.

The chapter has \$200,000 in a money market account and \$11,500 in checking. AFA National has begun to send back payments with a check for \$900.

The chapter has contributed \$1,200 for ten local high school's participation in the USA Today Visions program. The chapter also contributed \$1,500 to Home Front Cares, \$250 for a Deployed Spouses dinner and \$1,000 for the In Their Honor airshow.

We have now received 100 new chapter coins for \$650.

## **Presidents Comments:**

Kevin announced that AFA National is starting a membership test program in which the Sijan chapter will participate. We will learn more at the national convention and we need a POC.

August Officer Elections - Tom Cavalli, Brian Binn and Gayle White will serve as the Nominating Committee. Kevin has the draft letter to be sent to all members.

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

Ray will meet today with the Colorado Consortium for Earth Science and STEM Education (CCESSE) at the Challenger Learning Center to discuss the Cyber Patriot program.

Ray is contacting all the JROTC units about the program and signing up many JROTC and Open Division schools. The chapter paid for two open division schools to enter (\$350 each school).

## **Community Partners & Sponsorship Program Report (Debbie Estrem)**

Renee Siemiet will take over both the Community Partner and the Sponsorship programs from Debbie Estrem.

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

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

James Wood and Donnie Bowen will issue free membership certificates in coordination with Ray.

## **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)**

Roy has formed a new TOY selection committee consisting of himself, Linda Aldrich, Dave Shiller, the previous year's TOY and the Space Foundation.

Linda will lead the effort to revise the scholarship criteria. We discussed increasing the amount of money set-aside for scholarships as well as contributing to STEM programs at the elementary level.

Linda will take over as VP, Aerospace Education in 2013.

## **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**

AFA National expects Sijan to have four advocates in the program. In addition to Brad Butler, National's records show that our other advocates are: Thad Wolf, Chris Rea, Mark Owen (currently living in Las Vegas) and Robert Tovado. The Advocates meet monthly by phone with Mike Dunn to stay current on issues AFA is pursuing on behalf of the Air Force. We need to speak with Butler to understand where we are on this program.

## **Veteran's Affairs (Estrem/Hale)**

The Council has rejected a request to host Our Memorial Matters, stating it is outside the scope of their charter. Kevin asked for a copy of that charter and by-laws.

It seems they only exist to organize the Memorial Day wreath laying ceremony. We should discuss whether continued membership is appropriate.

## **Events**

### *In Their Honor Airshow*

Butts Field, Ft Carson on Sept 24, 2011. The chapter donated \$1,000 and will receive tickets we will distribute to members and active duty military.

### *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.

### *Air Force Ball (Hank Scarangella)*

The initial committee will meet Sept 26.

### *Deployed Families Quarterly Dinner*

Next dinner will be Sept 16, 2011.

### *SCWS (Tom Ocvirk)*

Tom is having the first committee meeting today at 4:00 at CSC.

### *SnoFest*

Jan 27 – 29, 2012 at Keystone. It is being expanded to more bases and the chapter will have a table there to advocate for AFA.

### *Home Front Cares Dinner*

The dinner will be at the Broadmoor on October 21, 2011. GEN (Ret) Barry McCaffery will be the keynote speaker. The chapter has purchased a table that seats 10 and we need to decide who will attend.

### *Wing Open Boxing Tournament*

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

**Next Meeting: October 11, 2011 at the Armed Forces YMCA at 0730 hrs**

*Attendees*

Kevin Estrem	Dave Shiller	James Wood
Dave Shiller	Linda Aldrich	Bob Cooper
Jim Hale	Roy Griggs	Hank Scarangella