

# AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2012

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## **Welcome**

President Brian Binn opened the meeting at 7:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **President's Comments (Brian Binn)**

Brian asked everyone to introduce themselves before beginning the meeting.

Brian acknowledged the excellent work being done by Hank Scarangella and the rest of the AFA Ball Committee. There are only 10 days remaining before the Ball.

## **State President (Tom Cavalli)**

Tom was not present but Brian reported that the date for the next State Quarterly meeting will be Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, the day after the AF Ball. The State meeting will be hosted by the Mel Harmon Chapter, Pueblo, at the Pueblo Air Museum. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. The annual state awards banquet will be held in Denver. A meeting date has not yet been determined, but is expected to be held in late July, 2012.

## **Secretary's Report (Tom Ocvirk)**

The December meeting minutes were posted to the Chapter web site. No changes, additions or deletions were recommended by meeting attendees or Chapter Board members.

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

The chapter account remains healthy with a positive checking account balance. Minor expenditures were paid in December including Air Force Space Command Wing Awards and support to a Junior ROTC Chapter. The chapter remains financially very sound. Dave will transfer treasure duties to Barbara Binn this Thursday, January 12, 2012.

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

Joe was not present at the meeting to provide a report. Brian reported that the tournament is scheduled for August 10, 2012 at the Silver Spruce Golf Course on Peterson AFB. Holding the tournament at Peterson AFB will hopefully increase military personnel participation in the tournament. The Chapter included an ad in the AFA Ball Program.

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

January 28<sup>th</sup> is the final round of competition.

There are 39 Colorado high schools and 20 Colorado Springs area high schools registered for the Cyber Patriot program. One Colorado Springs team placed 4<sup>th</sup> nationally in the last round.

A Pizza Party for participating teams will be held February 11, 2012 at Fargo's. The party will begin at 12:00. Trophies are being purchased to present to the winning teams. Chapter members are encouraged to attend the pizza party and congratulate team members.

## **Community Partners & Sponsorship Program Report (Renee Siemiet)**

Renee was unable to attend the meeting. Brain announced that Renee will be unable to continue as the Chapter Sponsorship Program Chair. She recently accepted a full-time position which prevents her from devoting the necessary time to pursue sponsorships for the AFA Ball and Space & Cyberspace Warfare Symposium. The Chapter is therefore seeking a volunteer to be the Sponsorship Chairperson. Renee will continue as the Community Partners Chairperson.

## **External Awards Report (Ray Powell/Donnie Bowen)**

Neither Ray nor Donnie was able to attend the monthly meeting. Kevin Estrem reported that he attended the AFSPC, 21<sup>st</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Quarterly Awards ceremonies and presented Chapter awards.

## **Membership Report (Donnie Bowen)**

No report provided.

## **Communications Report (Jeanin Damery)**

Bill Houth, Webster University, will be taking over responsibilities for the Communications Report and Chapter web site as soon as he is able to meet with Jeanin.

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

The Chapter is receiving inquiries about its scholarships. The deadline to apply for Chapter scholarships is April 1, 2012. Scholarships are open to high school and college students other than graduating college senior students (scholarships are not provided for post-college, advanced degrees). It was suggested that an ad be run in Air Force Base papers and an email "blast" be sent to Chapter members. Roy also stated that he is beginning to identify candidates for the Chapter's Teacher of the Year award.

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

No report was provided as Charlie was not present at the meeting.

## **Air Power Advocate (Brad Butler)**

Brad was unable to attend the meeting but Brian reported that he dialed into the Air Power Advocates teleconference. The focus of the discussions was on the new defense strategy. Even though the Department of Defense will be taking significant cuts to its budget, the Air Force's budget will be reduced by a smaller amount as the need for a rapid, flexible response will remain a priority. Space and cyberspace will also remain a priority for funding.

## **Veteran's Affairs (Kevin Estrem)**

Kevin will attend the Veteran Affairs next meeting on January 25, 2012.

## **Events**

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

Planning for the Ball remains on track with a Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Sponsorships are down from last year. Approximately \$33,000 has been collected in corporate sponsorships. A table for Outstanding Airman and a second table for Deployed Spouses is being sponsored. Unfortunately, spouses of deployed airmen are not showing interest in attending the Ball. If no spouses attend the table will be reserved for other Outstanding Airman and their escorts.

### *Deployed Families Quarterly Dinner*

No update. The chapter donated \$250 to this event for Schriever AFB. Peterson AFB has not yet shown any interest in support from the Chapter.

### *SCWS (Tom Ocvirk)*

Tom and Bob Cooper (SCWS Deputy Chairperson) met with the Cheyenne Mountain Report sales representative (Melodie Owens) to discuss resort availability and proposed prices for facility rental and meals. Dates for the 2012 SCWS are June 12 - 14, 2012. However, these dates are not secure until a contract is signed with CMR. Melodie will send a model contract for review. Dave Shiller took an action to contact Colonel Cook (AFSPC/PA) to discuss AFSPC support. General Officer support will be difficult to obtain as a result of a recent Secretary of the Air Force memorandum. Approval to attend a symposium/conference must be obtained from the Secretary. Additionally, as with previous symposium, a Corona Conference is always held in June. Brian took an action to investigate this year's date for Corona. Finally, suggestions were made to limit the symposium to a single day and to involve the Colorado Springs Mayor.

### *SnoFest*

Planning for SnoFest remains on-track. Brian will support the event by manning an AFA information table on Friday. Several volunteers (Mike Kloenne and Brad Butler) expressed interest in helping as well. The Chapter will raffle two Ball centerpieces.

### *Wing Open Boxing Tournament (Mike McCoy)*

The Wing Open Boxing Tournament will be held March 1, 2012 at the Cadet Field House. Planning remains on track.

## Other Business

The Chapter received two thank you letters from the Navy League for the Chapter's support of the Pearl Harbor memorial service and from the Peterson AFB museum for our support to updating the Medal Of Honor plaque.

The group discussed Chapter support for the airman who recently died in Afghanistan. The airman was a member of the Peterson AFB civil engineering squadron, EOD unit. He was born in Maryland. Brain took an action to contact the 21<sup>st</sup> Space Wing to see what the Wing is planning for a memorial.

**Next Meeting: February 14, 2012 at the Armed Forces YMCA at 0730 hrs**

### *Attendees*

Brian Binn	Dave Shiller	Tom Ocvirk
Rick Ragaller	Gayle White	Sharon White
Kevin Estrem	Roy Griggs	Linda Aldrich
Dan Arey	William (Bill) Houth	Trina Rohrer
Hank Scarangella		