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Important Dates

March

20 Northwest Region Meeting
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Actions Taken by the Board

The Board of Directors met in Orlando in conjunction with the Air Warfare Symposium and Central Florida's Air Force Gala.

During the February 20 meeting, the Board:

- Received Treasurer Steve Lundgren's report on the preliminary financial results for 2009. While we still ran a small deficit, cost cutting measures and some investment improvement late in the year helped us come in a little better than expected. After unrealized gains, we were in the black and our net worth increased. The Board also approved the 2010 consolidated budget for AFA, AFAVBA, and the AFMF as approved by the Executive Committee on December 4, 2009.
- Reviewed the performance measures from the Strategic Planning Committee, and these metrics were useful in later discussion of membership and chapter performance.
- Received a report from the National Commander of the Arnold Air Society and the President of Silver Wings.
- Discussed the 2010 plan for the Development Committee, including a new initiative in the area of corporate giving.
- Received the report from AFA President/CEO Mike Dunn on the major activities of AFA in the past six months.
- Discussed each of the four focus areas (educate the public/outreach,

grassroots communication, membership, and grow financial resources) and progress in each. Trends are positive in outreach, communication and financial resources, but membership continues to decline. The Board approved adding a fifth focus area to look at grassroots support to the AFA mission.

- Approved institutionalizing *CyberPatriot* under AFA leadership as the National High School Cyber Defense Competition, subject to available funding. While there are some unknowns and risks, the Board and staff believe they are manageable. Expected corporate support will allow us to bring on additional, dedicated staff to run *CyberPatriot*, and the potential for the initiative is exciting.

Utah State AFA President's Team Wins *CyberPatriot II* in Orlando

Team Doolittle from Clearfield High School, Clearfield, Utah, won the *CyberPatriot II* Championships, the nation's largest high school cyber defense competition, staged in conjunction with the Air Warfare Symposium in Orlando, Florida. Coach of the winning team was Kit Workman, Senior Aerospace Science Instructor (and Utah AFA State President) for the UT-081 AFJROTC unit at Clearfield.

The winning team narrowly defeated Team Curry, Burlington, North Carolina, while Team Cochran, Torrance, California, took Third Place in the exciting cyber security wargame against a live Red Team opponent of computer experts using a complex, seven-operating-system virtual network made possible by Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC).

“This was a great learning opportunity, and a just lot of fun for the teams,” said Kit Workman, coach of the winning team from Clearfield. “They worked hard, and it was exciting to see them rapidly gain skills. They are definitely more interested in the cyber security career field as a result of *CyberPatriot II*.”

“We greatly appreciate our founding partners CIAS and SAIC, and our strategic partners General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems, Microsoft and others for supporting this superb educational opportunity,” said S. Sanford Schlitt, Vice Chairman of the Board for Aerospace Education. “Their contribution of technology, advice and supporting funds helped AFA bring this competition to thousands of teens in our first year of making this extraordinary

competition truly nationwide. It was a tremendous success, and we are already planning to expand *CyberPatriot III* next year.”

During the visit, each of the eight five-person teams had the opportunity to meet General Norton Schwartz, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and General C. Robert Kehler, Commander, Air Force Space Command. The top three teams received a total of \$25,000 in scholarships (\$3,000 each to members of the winning team) through the generosity of SAIC, and Clearfield’s Team Doolittle also earned a trip this spring to San Antonio, Texas, to observe the Collegiate National Cyber Defense Competition. General Steven Lorenz, Commander, Air Education and Training Command, and Dr. Amy Alving, Chief Technology Officer of SAIC, presided at the Awards Ceremony.

CyberPatriot II began with a one-of-a-kind simultaneous opening round Nov. 7 with nearly 200 high schools from 41 states and Japan competing over the Internet using specialized Microsoft software. Over two more weekends of competition, that group was narrowed to 36 teams for the Medalist Flight competition on Nov. 21, out of which emerged these final eight teams for the trip to Orlando:

- CAP Willie Comp Sq 304, Mesa, AZ
- CAP Beach Cities Cadet Squadron 107, Torrance, CA (Top Scorer)
- AFJROTC FL-952 F.W. Springstead HS, Spring Hill, FL
- CAP Burlington Comp Squadron, Burlington, NC
- CAP Seacoast Composite Squadron, Portsmouth, NH
- AFJROTC NY-095 Newburgh Free Academy, Newburgh, NY
- AFJROTC NY-20031 Rome Free Academy, Rome, NY
- AFJROTC UT-081 Clearfield HS, Clearfield, UT

The eight teams enjoyed an all-expenses-paid trip to Orlando for the competition at the Rosen Shingle Creek Convention Center, in conjunction with AFA’s Air Warfare Symposium and Technology Exposition, showcasing the latest in aerospace initiatives.

“As a career field, cyber defense is essential to our nation’s prosperity and national security,” Schlitt said. “One of our primary missions at AFA is promoting education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and we’re so proud to spearhead this exciting educational program.”

Membership Operations Reorganization

With Jim Simpson’s retirement January 15th, the Membership Operations group has split into two separate directorates encompassing the AFA and the AFAVBA sides of the house.

The AFAVBA side of the house is a new directorate called “Insurance/Member Benefits” and is headed by Susan Rubel. Member Services was responsible for the insurance and benefit programs previously so the group remains the same with one exception -- Joanne Greene retired in January and was irreplaceable so we didn’t replace her. The Insurance/Member Benefits staff is: Susan Rubel, Pam Braithwaite, Barbara Rheubottom, Bob Moran, Jessie O’Connor, and Jane Symionow.

The Membership Directorate now includes Field Services and is headed by Judy Galbreath. Mary Nauheimer continues to manage the Field Services function. Brian Melvin, who is responsible for the AFA Store, is now part of “Membership.” The Membership staff is: Judy Galbreath, Mary Nauheimer, Brian Melvin, Laine Martens, Lisa Cole, and Debbie Scott.

How does this affect our field leadership? We no longer have one call center. When you call National, you will hear a new greeting directing you to

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press 2 for Membership and 3 for Insurance. You previously pressed "3" to get the Member Services office which could help with any Field, Membership, Insurance, or other member benefit question. Now, this group will only handle insurance and other member benefits. For field questions, you should press 2 or call Mary Nauheimer directly on ext. 4821. The e-mail address to reach Membership is now membership@afa.org; Insurance is services@afavba.org. Individual staff members can still be reached at their usual e-mail addresses.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Rubel on ext. 5842 or Judy Galbreath on ext. 4800.

Change to Quarterly Financial Report Form for January-March 2010 Reports

An important change to the Quarterly Financial Report takes effect with reports for the January-March 2010 Quarter (due April 15th). The Association is trying to get more complete information on the amount of money AFA and its chapters contribute to education activities so that we can better document the extent of our support for the education portion of our mission.

To make this as easy as possible, the "expense" section of the QFR has been divided into two areas -- one for education and one for all others. Chapters and states are encouraged to use the new form (available on the AFA website at <http://www.afa.org/members/library.asp> under "Forms") for their October-December 2009 reports to gain experience with the modified format, but it is not required until the January-March 2010 reports. The new form includes guidelines explaining what are typically considered educational expenses.

Region and State Presidents were briefed on this procedure during their meeting in October of 2009 and will be enforcing use of the new

form beginning with the January-March 2010 reports.

Region Review: Rocky Mountain Region

Colorado, Utah and Wyoming make up the Rocky Mountain region. The region has eight chapters; state incorporated Aerospace Education Foundations in Colorado and Utah, plus Utah has the only AFA State Industrial Associates. The region has approximately 6,000 members, of which approximately 40% are in the Lance Sijan Chapter in Colorado Springs.

This three state area has a wide range of Air Force missions. All three states have Space and Missile missions, the flying missions include C-130s, KC-135s and F-16s. Utah is home to one of the three Air Force Logistic Centers, Wyoming is home to the ICBM numbered AF, and Colorado is home to the Air Force Academy and AF Space Command. The Region also has six AFROTC Units and thirteen AFJROTC Units.

All the above facts lead to one simple conclusion; there is much work to be done and not a lot of hands to do it. Yet this region has a long history of success that is continuing today and likely will continue for many years to come. All chapters support military units near them with awards programs and participation in local military events. All chapters are involved with local veteran's activities and all chapters are involved with some aspect of education, either through ROTC unit participation and/or scholarship and grant programs. All but one chapter raised additional funds above and beyond the National support payments. In this region, however, there are many activities and symposia that have a national flavor, even though they are state and chapter events.

The Lance Sijan Chapter annually assists AFSPC by holding the Space and Cyberspace Warfare Symposium, an event that draws many individuals from around the country

involved in these two important AF missions.

This past year the Cowboy Chapter of Wyoming helped FE Warren AFB celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of ICBMs. Cheyenne was the most appropriate location for this event as units at that location have had ICBMs on alert for the entire fifty years, beginning with the Atlas missile, continuing with the Peacekeeper missile and Minuteman missile which will continue on alert well into the future. The fiftieth anniversary event brought ICBM professionals past and present from all over the country to celebrate the ICBMs successful mission accomplishments.

The Utah AFA hosts the annual Focus on Defense Symposium and Charity golf tournament, which annually addresses significant logistics issues. The Utah AFA Industrial Associates sponsors the Hill AFB Requirements Symposium every even numbered year. This event allows all organizations at Hill AFB to inform industry of their planned contract activities over the upcoming five years. Also, the Northern Utah chapter holds an annual Scowcroft Awards banquet for the top Missile, Space and C³ logistics and acquisition personnel throughout the Air Force.

This Region owes much to those who have come before us. Emeritus officers from this region include L Boyd Anderson, Stephen P "Pat" Condon, William Croom, George M Douglas, Michael J Dugan, Dan Hendrickson, Victor R Kregel, Jack C Price, E Robert Skloss, Robert G. Stein and Mark J Worrick. Currently Jerry White is a National Director and Joan Sell is the AFA Secretary. Numerous other individuals from this region have also served on the Board of Directors.

This region has always had a welcoming attitude; if you move here come join us. We welcome all who wish to participate in this wonderful mission.

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