



In the name and memory of a great Air Force pioneer, the Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association is pleased to sponsor the General Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest. The annual contest is open to all current Air Force military and civilian personnel including Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members. The purpose of the contest is to stimulate thought, discussion, and debate on matters relating to how the Air Force and Air Force Space Command provide space and cyberspace capabilities for the Joint Force and the Nation. Air Force Space Command and the Air Force as a whole relies on thoughtful reflection and critical assessments to maintain its cutting edge. This contest is a great opportunity to share your ideas with other space and cyber professionals. The *Air and Space Power Journal* will publish the top three essays with honorable mentions given to other noteworthy entries. For the upcoming contest, the Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association will sponsor three awards for the best essays. In addition to trophies, the winning essay will receive \$1,000, the second place winner will receive \$750, and the third place winner will receive \$500.

THEME FOR 2014 ESSAYS

The theme for this year's contest is the future. Specifically, how does AFSPC change/prepare/plan to deal with the contested environments the command will face in both the space and the cyber domains. What should we, as an organization, do differently? In addition, how can we integrate space and cyber capabilities to meet these new challenges?

GUIDELINES

The contest will be opened with an announcement from Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association. Entries must conform to all guidelines found in the *Air University Style and Author Guide* (AU-1) and are limited to 3,500 words (excluding endnotes and graphics) and be double spaced. Essays must be original, unpublished, and not currently under consideration for other publications. The *Air and Space Power Journal* will hold the right to publish winning entries. Graphics, photographs and other supporting elements are encouraged. However, they must be original and/or in the public domain. Endnotes and supporting graphics do not count toward the overall word count. Contestants may send inquiries about the contest, formatting requirements, etc. to AFASCHRIEVER@GMAIL.COM.

All entries must be submitted electronically via email to AFASCHRIEVER@GMAIL.COM. Since the author's identity will not be revealed during the evaluation process, the page should include the title of the essay and the total word count. Include the title of the essay in the subject line of your email. The body of your email should include your name, address, telephone numbers, email address, the title of your essay, and a biography sketch of 50 words or less. The author's name(s) or other distinguishing markings such as office symbols must not appear on the cover page, in the body of the essay or in the running heads.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

An evaluation committee will review submissions based on the following criteria:

- Quality of written expression to include a clearly stated thesis, well organized paragraphs with effective transitions and virtually error-free spelling and grammar
- Quality of argumentation to include an engaging introduction, logical arrangement of ideas supported with convincing evidence and a thought provoking conclusion
- Degree of currency and relevancy to include the presentation of fresh ideas about space and/or cyber power and the development of viable solutions to relevant USAF concerns

DEADLINE: Essays must be submitted to AFASCHRIEVER@GMAIL.COM on or before 30 July 2014 . Winners will be announced in conjunction with an awards event in fall 2014.