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# The Ambassador

## August 2023

### *President's Message*

What a fun time we had at the annual membership picnic! Members were joined by our three departing basic course JAG students as well as the three incoming graduate course students. Food was abundant and delicious. Some of us cooled off in the swimming pool and even tried our hand at pool softball (we've a way to go before making the Olympics). Thanks to Willow and Alan Drinkwater for their gracious hospitality.

Details are emerging for our October, November and December membership meetings. Josh Hung has arranged for us to meet at The Independence for each of our final quarter events. The October meeting will be October 14 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. November 25, from 1:00 – 4:00 pm we'll share our second annual "Friendsgiving" meal, and December 9 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm is our ever-popular catered annual Christmas party.

In friendship,

*Patty*

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### **Fundraising report**

At "Fridays After Five" on August 11, there were five members who volunteered at the bottled beer cart: Lita, Dale, Al, Peggy and Deb, earning around \$20 in tips as well as the hourly rate per person that we are paid.

THANKS so much to each of them for their time and effort!! I was told the weather was good, and they had a good time!

Volunteers are requested for the UVA Young Alumni Reunion, a private event, on October 10, from 8:30-11:30. Since it's a later event than usual, we'd be paid \$15/hour. Let me know if you could help pour beer at this event. Thanks so much!

Linda Gehle, Fundraising Chair

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## August Membership Gathering

Gee, what a wonderful picnic your Friendship Force had at Willow and Alan Drinkwater's home on August 12th. Great food, good laughter as well as getting to know six JAG students. Many of our people cooled off in their beautiful pool, while the rest of us enjoyed conversations among their other facilities.

Thanks go to Bing Spitler for seeing that the JAG students had transportation, to Susan Roberts for bringing Estilla, a prospective member, and to Patty Sclater for inviting Mr. and Mrs. Hung to enjoy the afternoon with us. All in all, we had 29 people in attendance who provided a variety of food, more than one could ever eat, and a great time together.

Thanks again, to Willow and Alan, for opening their home for our annual picnic. Now we can look forward to our next Membership Meeting at The Independence on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-4. We hope to have our JAG students talk to us concerning their countries or another speaker of interest. Please mark your calendars for this next event. It will be a "bring a snack to share and your own beverage to drink" event.

If any of you have any suggestions for a meeting or someone you would like to speak at any of our meetings, please contact myself or Patty. We missed all of you who could not be there and hope you will be able to come on the October 14th.

Peggy Colville, Membership Chairperson

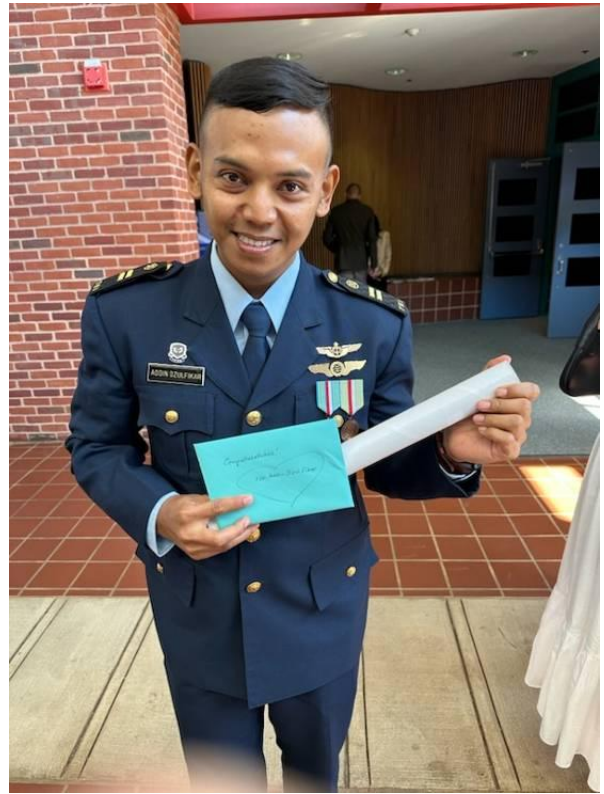
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## JAG School Graduation



We bid farewell to Basic Course participants CPT Mwila Chansa from Zambia, 2LT Batchimeg Batnyam from Mongolia and 1LT Addin Dzulfikar from Indonesia.

## *Upcoming Exchanges*

### **Outbound 2023:**

**International:** We are off to Africa in October. A few of us will visit the island of Zanzibar then we will do a northern Tanzania Safari then off to Iringa, Tanzania for a 7-night stay. We will then fly onto Cape Town, South Africa for an additional 6 nights.

### **Inbound 2023:**

**Domestic:** Our domestic inbound from Montana was postponed to 2024. We are planning for the end of April so we can enjoy Garden Week.

### **Outbound 2024:**

**International:** We received our match for 2024, We will be doing a 2 week Journey to Peru - Lima and Northern Peru. We are planning on going beginning of June. There will probably also be a trip to Macho Picchu prior to our journey.

**Domestic:** We will be receiving the club from Montana that was postponed from 2023.

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## *FFCV Calendar for 2023*

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>SPEAKER/PROGRAM (if applicable)</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>OPEN TO</b>	<b>COORDINATOR</b>
January	21	2:00	Membership Meeting	Deb Winslow/Vienna, Budapest, Prague Travels	The Independence	Club Members, Guests	Peggy Colville
March	25	Lunch	Mystery Lunches		Host Members' Homes	Club Members	Peggy Colville
April	22	2:00	Membership Meeting	Christine Hohlbaum/ Thailand, Laos Travels	Nahor Clubhouse	Club Members, Guests/Prospective Members	Willow Drinkwater
May	20	2:00	FFCV and JAG School Relationship	Dean Tanya Blackwell	JAG School	Club Members	Patty Sclater
June	24	2:00	Breaking Down Cultural Barriers through Travel	Video and Discussion	Nahor Clubhouse	Club Members, Guests/Prospective Members	Patty Sclater
July			Summer Break – No Program				
August	12	12:30 – 4:00	Membership Picnic		Gordonsville	Club Members, JAG Students, Guests/Prospective Members	Willow Drinkwater
September	4	Mid-day	JAG Picnic		Lake Monticello	JAG Students/ Sponsors, BOD Members	Bing Spitler
October	14	2-4:00	Membership Meeting	TBD	The Independence	Club Members, Guests/Prospective Members	Peggy Colville
October	10/08 – 10/28		Outgoing Journey		Iringa, Tanzania; Cape Town, South Africa	Club Members	Deb Winslow
November	25	1-4:00	"Friendsgiving" Meal		The Independence	Club Members, JAG Students, Guests/Prospective Members	TBD
December	9	1-4:00	Holiday/Christmas Party		The Independence	Club Members, JAG Students, Guests/Prospective Members	TBD