



GEN BERNARD A. SCHRIEVER

MEMORIAL ESSAY CONTEST

2015 SCHRIEVER ESSAY CONTEST INFORMATION AND RULES SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

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 2015 Gen 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 rely on thoughtful reflection and critical assessments to maintain their 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. In addition, the Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association will sponsor awards for the three best essays. In addition to trophies, the winning entrant will receive \$1,000, the second place winner will receive \$750, and the third place winner will receive \$500.

THEME FOR 2015 ESSAY CONTEST

The theme for this year's Gen Bernard A. Schriever Memorial Essay Contest is, how does Air Force Space Command best develop space and cyber Airmen to "win tomorrow's fight"? Specifically, how does the Air Force change recruitment, initial qualification, advanced training, and career development to build the space and cyber leaders who are prepared to excel in space and cyber domains that are increasingly contested, congested, and competitive? In addition, how does the command gracefully transition from our current force-development system to one that better prepares AFSPC for the future?

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RULES

The contest will open with an announcement from the Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the Air Force Association. Entries must conform to all guidelines found in AU-1, *Air University Style and Author Guide* (www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awcgate/style/), are **limited to 3,500 words** (excluding endnotes and graphics), and must be double spaced. Essays must be original, unpublished, and not currently under consideration for other publications. Essays may have no more than two authors. 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. Since the author's identity will not be revealed during the evaluation process, 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. Endnotes and supporting graphics do not count toward the overall word count. The paper **must be submitted in Microsoft Word**. Contestants may send inquiries about the contest, formatting requirements, and so forth to contest administrators at AFASCHRIEVER@GMAIL.COM.

Include the title of the essay in the subject line of your e-mail. The body of your e-mail should include your name, address, telephone numbers, e-mail address, the title of your essay, total word count, and a biographical sketch of 50 words or less on each author. A **photo of each author** suitable for journal publication is also requested at the time of submission. In addition, each author must complete a **release form** (available on the Lance P. Sijan website - <http://www.lancepsijanafa.com/>) by submission deadline (31 July 2015). The goal is to announce winners by the end of September 2015. A formal awards presentation event will be held after the announcement of winners (date TBD).

EVALUATION CRITERIA

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

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

DEADLINE

31 July 2015

SEND ENTRIES TO

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(electronically via email)

