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Message from the Chapter President

Dear AFA Members and Friends,

The Gabriel Chapter is making a positive difference for the military, DoD civilians and contractors at the National Reconnaissance Office and for the students and teachers in our community. On 30 March 06, the Gabriel Chapter conducted our inaugural "Salute to Space: NRO" event to help recognize the nominees and winners of the NRO annual award competition. The awardees, senior leadership and guests were impressed by the Salute, which provided a noteworthy tribute to the top performers from the NRO in nine different categories. The Salute was made possible by the donations from our sponsors at Boeing, Booz Allen Hamilton, Lockheed Martin, SAIC, USIS, Integrity Applications Inc, Honeywell, Harris and Leica Geosystems.

Our chapter also established a relationship with the Leesburg Civil Air Patrol, and put teeth into the program by teaming with the Virginia and National AFA to fund a \$300 grant for the for their rocketry education program. Our partnership with the AF Junior ROTC detachment at Chantilly HS continues to grow—the Chapter funded about \$380 for the unit to compete at the first-ever Virginia AF JROTC drill competition in Richmond on 22 April 06. And we are collaborating with our partners to achieve even greater success in the near future. For example, we are working with the NRO enlisted advisory council on an enlisted professional development event later this spring.

Please consider becoming involved in one of these programs—you can help us continue to make an impact for good.

Terry Young
President, General Charles A. Gabriel Chapter
Air Force Association

Chapter Meetings

Next Quarterly Chapter Meeting- May 17, 2006

The next Chapter meeting will be held at *Clyde's of Tysons Corner* restaurant, McLean, VA at 11:30 a.m., May 17, 2006. The cost for lunch is \$30, payable at the door.

Dr. Jacqueline R. Henningsen, Director, Studies & Analyses, Assessments and Lessons Learned, HQ USAF, will be the keynote speaker.

Please RSVP by COB May 12 by contacting Nancy Cribb at cribb_nancy@bah.com. (Underscore between last and first name)

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Biography – Dr. Jacqueline R. Henningsen



Dr. Jacqueline R. Henningsen, a member of the Senior Executive Service, is Director, Air Force Studies & Analyses, Assessments and Lessons Learned, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. In this position, she leads the

Headquarters Air Force A9 directorate, responsible for independent decision-aiding studies for the Chief of Staff and the Secretary of the Air Force.

Prior to being appointed to her current position, Dr. Henningsen served as Associate Director for Modeling, Simulation and Analysis with the Directorate for Command and Control within the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Air and Space Operations. In this position, she provided oversight of corporate Air Force modeling, simulation and analysis. She was formally a senior analyst in the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Program Analysis and Evaluation, where she led the Secretary of Defense-initiated Joint Analytic Model Improvement Program and country teams for the Partnership for Peace Resource Management Program. She was also responsible for Joint Staff program reviews and wargaming assessments for the Quadrennial Defense Review. In an earlier assignment, Dr. Henningsen led the Cost Analysis Improvement Group's oversight of strategic and space launch programs. Before joining program analysis and evaluation, she was U.S. Strategic Command's first Chief of Assessments, as well as Strategic Air Command's last Assessments Division Chief. In these positions, she provided strategic deterrence and warfighting capability assessments for the commander in chief.

Dr. Henningsen received the Department of Defense Distinguished Civilian Service Award for her efforts to define and shape the department's and the Air Force's analysis, modeling and simulation strategic vision. She also received the Air Force's Meritorious Civilian Service Award for her activities supporting

Strategic Air Command during operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

1st Quarter 2006 Chapter Luncheon



On February 15, 2006, the Gabriel Chapter hosted its 1st quarter Chapter luncheon at Clyde's of Tysons Corner. Our exciting keynote speaker was Brig Gen Floyd Carpenter, Deputy Director for National Systems Operations, the Joint Staff, and Deputy Director for Military Support, National Reconnaissance Office, Washington D.C. Brig Gen Carpenter provided wonderful insight into the organization and activities of the National Reconnaissance office (NRO).

Thanks to all attending Chapter members and friends that made this event another great success!

Gabriel Chapter Executive Committee (EXCOM) Meeting

On April 17, 2006 the Chapter EXCOM had its Quarterly meeting. Minutes from the meeting are located on the Chapter website: www.afa-gabriel.org.

Chapter Activities

Saluting Excellence - AFA's Salute to Space: NRO

On 30 March, the Gabriel Chapter sponsored the Salute to Space: The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) inside the Westfields Complex in Chantilly, Virginia. The first installment of its kind for the chapter, the event honored the NRO's "best of the best"—its annual award winners.



Dr. Don Kerr, the Director of the NRO, hosted the Salute, which was also attended by Brig Gen Carpenter and Mr. Scott Large of the NRO leadership, and NRO active duty and civilian personnel. Several distinguished guests were in attendance, including: Gabriel Chapter President Emeritus Gen. (ret) Ed Eberhart; Gen. (ret) Thomas Moorman, Jr.; Gen (ret) John Shaud; Lt Gen (ret) Don Peterson; and the Honorable Keith Hall. AFA Distinguished Guests included Skip Williams (President AFA Central East Region); Jim Lauducci (President Virginia AFA); Mary Anne Thompson (President, The Aerospace Education Foundation); and George DeFilippi (Steele Chapter President). Also in attendance were the Gabriel Chapter leadership, AFA members, and Gabriel Chapter industry partners.



Dr. Kerr began the event by stressing the impressive accomplishments of all the awardees and their sincere dedication and contribution to national security. He thanked the Air Force Association and its industry partners for honoring these exceptional men and women. Dr. Kerr spoke in glowing terms of the major contributions made by the members of the NRO team to national security, including significant inputs in the Global War on Terror. He pointed out that many top notch professionals in many different fields are needed to complete the NRO mission, and that the nine awardees represented the dedicated and talented members from across the entire organization. Awards were presented in the following categories:

- Junior Civilian Technical (GS-12 and below)
- Junior Civilian Non-technical (GS-12 and below)
- Senior Civilian Technical (GS-13 - 15)
- Senior Civilian Non-Technical (GS-13 - 15)
- Junior Enlisted (E1- E4)
- Middle Enlisted (E5 - E6)
- Senior Enlisted (E7 - E9)
- Junior Officer (CGO)
- Senior Officer (FGO)

Terry Young, Gabriel Chapter President, thanked Dr. Kerr for allowing the AFA to honor the contributions of the entire NRO family, including military, DoD civilians, and contractors. Terry reminded attendees that the AFA's mission is to educate the public on the value of aerospace power, advocate aerospace strength, and support the US Air Force and the AF Family. The Gabriel Chapter's geographic reach encompasses NRO Headquarters, and the AFA is pleased to focus support on the NRO team. He thanked the Salute to Space corporate sponsors, whose generous contributions helped make the event so successful. The list of sponsors is provided below, and includes Boeing, Booz Allen Hamilton, Lockheed Martin, SAIC, USIS, IAI, Honeywell, Harris and Leica Geosystems. Each of the sponsor organizations are also affiliated with the Air Force Association, either at the national level as an industry partner or at the local level as a Community Partner.



The Gabriel Chapter will continue to support the Air Force mission and the members of our extended military family, and looks forward to building an enduring relationship with the NRO. The Gabriel Chapter will continue to support military activities, and is currently working with the NRO Enlisted Advisory Council to schedule a Spring 2006 NRO enlisted professional development breakfast. Additional local educational outreach actions include the AF Junior ROTC Detachment at Chantilly HS, the Visions of Exploration partnership with USA Today, and the Leesburg (Virginia) Civil Air Patrol program.

Additional Salute photos can be seen on the Chapter website at www.afa-gabriel.org



JROTC Drill Competition, 22 April 2006, Atlee HS

If you have ever had to perform in front of judges, an audience, and the critical eye of other teams, you will appreciate the performance of our Chantilly JROTC team at the first state-wide Air Force Junior ROTC drill competition on Saturday, 22 April 06. Our Virginia AFA sponsored this inaugural event, aided in part by additional large donations from the Steele and Langley AFA chapters. Over two hundred cadets participated, accompanied by their instructors and large numbers of family members and friends. The overall program proved a major success.

The Atlee HS JROTC Detachment hosted the activities for 16 high school AF JROTC units from throughout the state. The units competed in five different team events plus an exciting capstone individual event, called "Knockout". Points were awarded for the top six teams and individual competitors. Trophies were awarded to the top three teams overall, and a beautiful first place traveling trophy was also presented to Western Branch HS from Chesapeake, VA.

Our Chantilly HS unit placed in two of the five team events, garnering one third place trophy and one fourth place trophy. The awards reflect continuing improvement over time. The Chantilly drill team is led by the student members, who rotated drill team commander role for different events at the competition. A large part of the drill team success is due to the guidance provided by TSgt John Wilks, the Chantilly JROTC Aerospace Science Instructor. The Chantilly JROTC Senior Aerospace Science Instructor, Maj Sheila Allen, continues to infuse her unit with enthusiasm.



The event also reflected the Gabriel Chapter success in reaching out and assisting multiple organizations. Our Chapter funded the six hotel rooms for the cadets for Friday night prior to the competition. The team was able to practice their events at the actual venue on Friday evening, then arrive fresh, rested and on-time on the morning of the competition. The team was accompanied by the Gabriel Chapter Teacher of the Year 2006, Mr. Marty Rothwell. Marty's volunteer involvement with the JROTC Detachment at his school reinforces the good decision we made in forwarding this outstanding individual as our Gabriel nominee for the State TOY. Finally, an active duty member of the primary military organization in our Gabriel Chapter area of responsibility helped conduct the event. SSgt Neil West from the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) volunteered to attend and helped judge the final "knockout" event. Neil is a member of the NRO Honor Guard which participated in our recent Salute to Space: NRO, and would like to help organize an invitational JROTC invitational event in the Washington DC area. These three examples clearly illustrate the growing capability of our Chapter to make a positive impact on our community, especially the military, contractor and school age populations.

For wrap-up at the end of the competition, the organizers scheduled the Knockout drill. Eighty participants executed a series of rapid fire drill instructions. Persons who made even small errors were tapped out of the event by judges, and the "last person standing" was the winner. Following trophy presentations at the closure of the competition, VA AFA State President Jim Lauducci announced that the event had proved a very successful and VA AFA intended to sponsor as an annual event.



Gabriel Chapter Supports the Virginia Civil Air Patrol (CAP)

The Gabriel Chapter is proud to support the Leesburg Component Squadron of the Virginia Civil Air Patrol (CAP). The Chapter recently contributed \$150 towards their CAP Model Rocketry Program (<http://level2.cap.gov/index.cfm?nodeID=5769>). The funds were matched by AEF. Together, the contributions covered 50% of the total costs to the CAP.



On behalf of our cadets, I would like to thank the Gabriel Chapter of the Air Force Association for their generous support of our cadet Model Rocketry Program. I must beg your apologies for not writing sooner, but I wanted to wait and share some photos with you of our cadets participating with the equipment and supplies provided through your donation. The attached photos are from the second Model Rocketry class in our curriculum and the first that include hands-on practical aspects of the program. On this evening, they completed 'fizzy rockets' using Alka-Seltzer tablets in both water and vinegar as fuel.

Thank you again and we will provide you with periodic updates as the course progresses.

*John J. White, Capt., CAP
Squadron Commander
Leesburg Composite Squadron*

Chapter Welcomes New Community Partners

The Gabriel Chapter is pleased to welcome our newest community partners into the Community Partners Program!

**First Savings Mortgage Corporation
Performance Plus
Hunan West Chinese Restaurant
USIS**

The Community Partner Project (CPP) provides Northern Virginians and local small, medium and large businesses, a chance to promote U.S. Air Power education. The Project extends to AFA members and supporters alike.

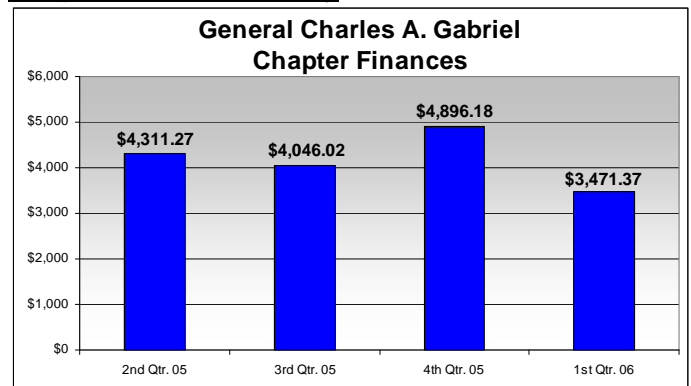
Benefits range from membership in the AFA, Sponsorship of Gabriel Chapter events, speakers and other projects, recognition on the Gabriel Chapter web site as well as opportunities to participate in AFA Virginia State and AFA National events.

If you have questions, are interested or know a firm or other individuals who might be interested, please contact Matt Monczewski, Vice President CPP, Gabriel Chapter. (mmonczewski@juno.com)

Chapter Finances

Gabriel Chapter Treasurer, Fred Knowles, reports on the Chapter's Finances:

Chapter Financial Activity



Inflow:

- AFA National Headquarters- Mandatory scheduled Chapter reporting
- Community Partner Membership
- Quarterly luncheon attendee fees
- AEF – Matching funds for Civil Air Patrol

Outflow:

- Administrative EXCOM reimbursements
- Quarterly luncheon fees
- Civil Air Patrol Grant

Update Your Information

Please visit the Chapter web site at <http://www.afa-gabriel.org/> to update your contact information and gain access to additional information on the Gabriel Chapter's history, meetings, and events.

Suggestions?

Do you have a suggestion for the newsletter or a Chapter initiative? Please feel free to contact Terry Young, President, Gabriel Chapter (terrence.j.young@saic.com)

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