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Message from the Chapter President

Dear AFA Members and Friends,

Your Gabriel Chapter has done it again! We just expanded our support of our local Air Force mission by helping host the first ever Salute to Space: SAF/US. We partnered with our colleagues from AFA National Headquarters to stage a first-class event for the top performers in Undersecretary for Space. Dr. Sega, the SAF/US, expressed his appreciation for the AFA efforts to help showcase these superb Space professionals in noteworthy fashion. In the next three months, we'll conduct a full slate of outreach and support activities. The Second Annual Salute to Space: NRO is scheduled for 30 May 07 at the NRO Westfields complex. We'll assist at the Virginia AFA –sponsored state-wide JROTC drill competition at Atlee HS on 28 April 07. And we're planning our next membership luncheon for April, again out at the Westfields complex. Your continued support helps us reach military personnel, DoD civilians, industry professionals, family members, plus students and individuals in the community. For example, our Gabriel Chapter recently made financial contributions to the Chantilly Academy JROTC, the Chantilly Academy Science-Technology-Engineering-Math (STEM) magnet program, and the Leesburg Civil Air Patrol. In addition, we will soon present another \$500 scholarship to the top NRO graduate from the Community College of the Air Force. Please consider assisting in just one outreach event during the next quarter—we have scheduled a full slate of activities for your consideration. Make a contribution—it helps others and is definitely good for your sense of well-being.

Terry Young
President, General Charles A. Gabriel Chapter
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Upcoming Events

Chapter Hosts Salute to Space: NRO 30 May 2007

Continuing the Gabriel Chapter's recognition of active duty and civilian personnel, this year's Salute to the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) will be held on 30 May at NRO's Westfields facility. This event allows the NRO senior leadership and AFA to honor the Office's superior performers. The event will begin with a welcoming reception at 1500 with the program starting at 1600.

The Salute to Space series allows the Gabriel Chapter to support the Air Force Family and aerospace education. This is the second year that the

Gabriel Chapter has sponsored the NRO's annual awards ceremony. Last year's event was hosted by NRO Director, Dr. Don Kerr and included distinguished guests Brig Gen Carpenter and Mr. Scott Large of the NRO leadership, 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.

The costs of the event are offset by the Gabriel Chapter's corporate partners. Companies interested in participating in this event should contact Matt O'Kane at o'kane_matt@bah.com or Brandi Beck at beck_brandi@bah.com.

Chapter Activities

1st Quarter Chapter Luncheon



Lt Gen Hoffman (left) and Chapter President Terry Young (right)

On 11 Jan 07, the Gabriel Chapter hosted another successful luncheon at Clyde's of Tysons Corner.

We had a wonderful showing of members and friends from the

Air Force and across industry, our Community Partners, and superb keynote speaker, Lt Gen Hoffman, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, who gave a very insightful presentation on the current state of Air Force Acquisition. Also in attendance was Charles Gabriel, our Chapter namesake's son! Thank you for another wonderful Gabriel Chapter event!



Tim Carey (left), VP- Membership, Charles Gabriel (center), and Mary Anne Thompson (right), an AFA National Director

Inaugural Salute to SAF/US Is Rated A Major Success

On 8 Mar 07, the Gabriel Chapter teamed up with the AFA HQ staff to stage a noteworthy Salute to Space: SAF/US. Dr. Segal, SAF/US and his principle directors used the occasion to recognize the top performers—military and

civilian—from across the entire organization. The crowd of 85 attendees cheered enthusiastically for the eleven annual award winners, enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres from Agape Catering, and mingled in the newly renovated executive conference room at the AFA National Headquarters building in Rosslyn.

Gabriel's expansion to providing recognition for a larger Space audience began over a year ago. In 2006, the Gabriel Chapter conducted its first Salute to Space: NRO at the NRO Westfields complex. Following that successful event, Mr. Rich McKinney, Director of Space Acquisition contacted our Gabriel Vice-President, Maj Joe Price, about hosting a similar activity for SAF/US. The SAF/US team fit well into our primary target audience of the AF Space community, although geographically they fall in the AOR of three separate AFA Chapters. After meeting with leaders from our neighboring chapter, Gabriel agreed to expand our Salute program to include SAF/US.

Dr. Ron Segal, SAF/US, provided succinct, effective comments on the organization mission and praised the superb achievements of the entire team. Gabriel President Terry



Jim Hannam (left), an AFA National Director and former CER President, Dr. Segal (center), SAF/US, and Tom Veltri (right), Steele Chapter AFA EXCOM member

Young outlined the mission of AFA and highlighted the Gabriel outreach efforts, including support programs for the military, civilian, and contractor members in the Space community as well as assistance to nearby JROTC and Civil Air Patrol units. Dr. Segal then teamed with his four directors to publicly present the AFA award plaques to the top performers from their respective program offices. Those winners were:

- Directorate of Space Acquisition 2006 Field Grade Officer of the Year - *Lieutenant Colonel Andrew Smith*
- Directorate of Space Acquisition 2006 Civilian of the Year - *Mr. Brian Shannon*
- Directorate of Space Acquisition 2006 Non-Commissioned Officer of the

Year - *Senior Master Sergeant Jerome Avery*

- NPOESS Integrated Program Office 2006 Outstanding Program Manager - *Colonel Daniel Stockton*
- NPOESS Integrated Program Office 2006 Outstanding Project Manager - *Captain Gary Ross*
- NPOESS Integrated Program Office 2006 Outstanding Scientist - *Dr. Karen St. Germain*
- Space Radar PEO Award for Excellence 2006 Field Grade Officer - *Major Charles Light*
- Space Radar PEO Award for Excellence 2006 Company Grade Officer - *Captain Sarah Reksten*
- Space Radar PEO Award for Excellence 2006 Non-Commissioned Officer - *Technical Sergeant Bryan Buie*
- National Security Space Office 2006 Action Officer of the Year - *Major Richard Neufang*
- National Security Space Office 2006 Star Staff Officer of the Year - *Major Daniel McGibney*

Financial support for the NRO and SAF/US Salute events has been made possible in part by the generous 2006 contributions from our industry partners. Those companies included Platinum Sponsors: Boeing; Booz I Allen I Hamilton; Lockheed Martin; SAIC; and USIS. Additional sponsors included Integrity Applications Inc (Gold level); Honeywell (Silver); plus Harris and Leica (Bronze). These companies have made a variety of Gabriel Chapter outreach programs a reality.

Special thanks for our combined AFA team who arranged and conducted the event. Lt Gen Don Peterson, the AFA National Headquarters Executive Director, offered assistance from his professional staff. Ms. Kathy Snodgrass provided exemplary assistance, with help from Dan Marrs and Brian Melvin. Gabriel Chapter EXCOM volunteers donated numerous hours of expert help on their own time to bring the Salute to conclusion. These EXCOM members included Jon Safley (assistant project officer); Matt O'Kane (sound operator and clean up), Tim Carey (registration), Matthew Monczewski (registration and Gabriel photographer), Fred

Knowles (payments coordinator), and Tom O'Beirne (Salute attendee and web design support). Several others were unable to participate due to a short-notice time change.



Brig Gen Sue Mashiko (left), Program Executive Manager for Environmental Satellites, and Mr. Brian Shannon (right), Directorate of Space Acquisition 2006 Civilian of the Year

The senior leadership and rank-and-file membership from across SAF/US clearly indicated their desire to continue this positive event. The Gabriel Chapter also wants to build on the strong relationship established though

the first Salute. And the AFA National Headquarters has graciously agreed to offer the AFA conference room facility for a similar event in the future. Initial planning will begin in April 07 for the Second Annual Salute to Space: SAF/US.

Gabriel Chapter Endowment

The Gabriel Chapter recently contributed funds to recognize our chapter namesake, the late General Charles A. Gabriel. This chapter is named in honor of General Charles A. "Charlie" Gabriel, a widely-heralded fighter pilot and distinguished combat leader, a revered mentor, and U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff from 1982-1986. Our Chapter donated \$250 to the AFA National Headquarters general fund to endow



EXCOM members (from left to right) Fred Knowles, Matt O'Kane, Terry Young, Tim Carey, and Jon Safley presented the endowment to Jim Hannam (center), a national director from AFA, who accepted on behalf of the AFA National HQ.

an Associate Fellowship in honor of General Gabriel. We appreciate the legacy of excellence Gen Gabriel bequeathed to our membership, and are proud to collaborate with

AFA National to help focus attention on this superb professional and patriot.

Gabriel Chapter Members Attend the VA State First Quarter AFA Meeting

Scott Van Cleef, VA State AFA President, conducted the first quarter's Virginia State meeting, on 2-3 Feb 07 at Front Royal VA.

The following are some items of note for the Gabriel Chapter membership:

- Gabriel Chapter representatives, President Terry Young, VP Joe Price, and VP- Aerospace Education, Jim Holt were presented a banner for AFA Virginia Chapter of the Year for 2006.



VA State AFA President (left) presents Gabriel Chapter President, Terry Young (right), VP Joe Price (second from right), and VP- Aerospace Education, Jim Holt (second from left) with banner for Chapter of the Year for 2006.

- The 2nd Annual State-sponsored JROTC Drill Competition will be held on April 28, 2007, at Atlee High School in Richmond. The Gabriel Chapter donated \$350 to help defray costs of the event. Several of the larger state Chapters also contributed funds. Our own Chantilly Academy JROTC unit plans to participate.
- The State AFA executive committee approved two Gabriel requests for matching grants:
 - Sponsor Summer Leadership School (chapter will fund \$250; request of state \$250)
 - Sponsor Chantilly Academy academic engineering (satellite) program (chapter will fund \$250; request of state \$250)

- The Chapter and State Teacher of Year (TOY) from Chantilly Academy, Marty Rockwell, and his wife Jenn, attended the AFA state meeting dinner as guests of the Gabriel Chapter. Our dinner event guest speaker, Gen John Jumper, USAF (Ret), helped present the TOY cash award and certificate.



TOY Marty Rockwell (center) receives award from Gen (ret.) John Jumper (left) and VA State AFA President Scott Van Cleef (right).

- The Annual Virginia State AFA Convention will be held June 9-10, 2007, in Charlottesville. The William A. Jones Chapter will be our hosts. Please check the Chapter (www.afa-gabriel.org) or State (www.virginiaafa.org/VAAFA) web sites for more info as plans firm up. Annual State-level awards will be presented at the luncheon. All Chapter members are invited to attend.

Gabriel Chapter Awards Grant to Top NRO CCAF Graduate

The Gabriel Chapter continues its relationship with the NRO. One of the events we are regularly engaged in is the semi-annual Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) graduation. In November 2006, Maj Joe Price, Gabriel Chapter Vice President, was honored to attend the graduation ceremony at Bolling AFB. Maj Price presented a certificate redeemable for \$500 in college expenses in honor of Gen (Ret.) Ralph "Ed" Eberhart and a one-year AFA membership to the top NRO graduate, SSgt Tessa Fontaine. SSgt Fontaine was the top graduate out of five NRO participants. The upcoming Spring graduation is scheduled for May 2007. The Gabriel scholarship will be presented in honor of General Lester Lyles, USAF (Ret). General Lyles' active duty and post-retirement service reflect the high

standards of our Chapter namesake, the late General Charles A. Gabriel.

Leesburg Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Increases Search Capability

The Gabriel Chapter has agreed to provide funding to the Leesburg Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol to purchase handheld GPS units. The Squadron trains the cadets and adult members in Emergency Services. Cadets become valuable members of ground search teams and are trained in map reading, and geolocation as well as radio direction finding. The cadets used GPS units in a recent training course as well as in a real mission.



Bob Miller Ground Team Training

On Friday, 16 Mar 07, during the snow and sleet storm, the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley, VA informed the Virginia Wing that satellites were receiving transmission on the 121.5 MHz emergency frequency at a location near Dulles Airport.

Two adult and three cadet members of the Leesburg Squadron answered the call and arrived at Dulles Airport with their direction finding receiver. In a short period of time, the cadets narrowed the transmission to an Airbus 330 and alerted the owners of the problem.

The next morning, AFRCC once again called, saying the transmission now appeared at a location just north of Dulles. Once again, the Leesburg Squadron mustered a ground team consisting of one adult and three cadets (only one of which was part of the Friday night team) and started taking DF readings along the Route 7 near Ashburn, VA. Using GPS, the ground team plotted DF bearings from several locations and quickly determined that the new signal was coming from the NTSB training facility north of George Washington University. Newly acquired wreckage had recently been shipped to the facility and the ELT from that wreckage was delivered in a box with several other parts. We theorize that the ELT was inadvertently triggered when the box was moved or dropped.

The ground team removed the battery from the ELT and returned it to NTSB.



Aaron Johnson Ground Team Training

The Gabriel Chapter funding will be instrumental in increasing the ground team search capability of the Civil Air Patrol. Cadets are learning skills and gaining real world experience in fulfilling the search and rescue mission of the U.S. Air Force.



Chantilly JROTC

The Chantilly Academy JROTC had a busy quarter!

The JROTC unit participated in a **Drill Competition** in Richmond, VA on 13 Jan 07. They competed in four categories; Unarmed Drill Team, Armed Drill Team, Color Guard, and Inspection.



Chantilly JROTC Color Guard Team

This was their first competition of the year. Although they didn't win, they did compete well and learned a lot to prepare them for their next competition. There were over 60 Junior ROTC units competing from Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine Corps JROTC units across several states in the eastern US.



Marching for Inspection



Unarmed Drill Team gets instruction from TSgt Wilks



Cadet Change of Command Ceremony

The JROTC held their **Dining Out and Awards Ceremony** on 9 Feb 07 at the Hyatt Fair Lakes in Fairfax, VA. Chapter President Terry Young and his wife Peggy attended and represented the AFA Gabriel Chapter.

Parents, guardians, and guests of the cadets were invited to this time-honored tradition in the military where members and guests meet socially at a formal dinner function to recognize individual and unit achievements. The cadets were honored with awards and ribbons earned during the first semester. Additionally, the outstanding flight, and second semester commanders were announced.



Cadets having fun!

The JROTC “**Pass-In-Review**” Ceremony is scheduled for 9 Jun 07 at 10:00 am at Chantilly High School. Any Chapter member interested in attending should contact Lt Col Lambert, Asst. VP- Aerospace Education, JROTC at tim.lambert@fcps.edu.

The Chapter is looking for a volunteer to officially represent the Gabriel Chapter at the “Pass-In-Review” Ceremony and present the AFA Award for Outstanding Cadet. If you are interested, please contact Jim Holt, VP- Aerospace Education at holt_jim@bah.com.

Chapter Community Partners

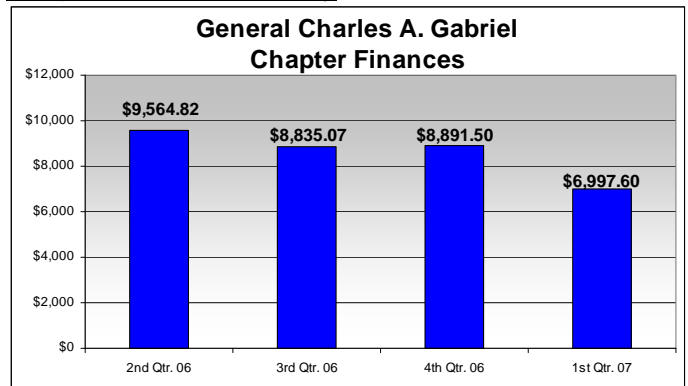
The Community Partner Project (CPP) provides Northern Virginians and local small, medium and large businesses, a chance to promote U.S. Air Power education. The Project extends to AFA members and supporters alike. Benefits for supporting the Gabriel AFA include: membership in the AFA and 12 annual; copies of the AFA magazine; attendance at speaker events and other projects; recognition on the Gabriel Chapter web site; and opportunities to participate in AFA Virginia State and AFA National events.

If you know of a firm or individuals who might be interested in a CP role, 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 Quarterly Rebate
- VA AFA Matching Funds
- January Lunch
- Chief Promotion funds from Steele and National Chapters

Outflow:

- TOY dinners at AFA State Convention
- Visions of Exploration Program
- Quarterly Chapter Luncheon
- Chapter Donation- Alzheimer’s Family Day Center
- Chief Promotion catering
- Wounded Veterans Hockey tickets
- Salute to Space- SAF/US expenses
- AFA- Associate Fellow Contribution
- CCAF Scholarship
- EXCOM Lunch meeting
- Bank Charges

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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