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Message from the Chapter President

Dear AFA Members and Friends,

Your Gabriel Chapter continues to excel! We sponsored the Second Annual Salute to Space: NRO at the Westfields complex on 30 May 07. With the generous support of our industry partners, the Gabriel Chapter provided a first class venue for Dr. Kerr and his senior staff to recognize the top individual and team performers for the past year. Our AFA chapter also presented another \$500 scholarship to TSgt (MSgt select) Lisa Rodier as the top NRO graduate from this semester's CCAF class. We've left our footprints throughout the community: we provided financial support and several volunteer judges for the annual Virginia AFA Junior ROTC drill competition on 28 April 07; financially supported the Leesburg Civil Air Patrol; provided a noteworthy speaker for the Chantilly Academy magnet program; selected our chapter "Teacher-of-the-Year"; and participated in the impressive end-of-year Chantilly JROTC "Pass-in-Review" awards ceremony. Our chapter members won numerous national, regional and state awards for their efforts. Read about their achievements in this newsletter. We are planning a Central East region drill competition in the fall of this year--we'd appreciate your involvement and support for that project. More importantly we are holding our bi-annual elections this summer. We are seeking new board members and a large voter response. Finally, stretch your professional knowledge—our next luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, 25 Jul 07, 1130-1300, at Clyde's Restaurant in McLean. Thanks for our support of the Gabriel AFA mission: advocate, educate and support.

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

Next Gabriel Chapter Luncheon- July 25, 2007

Join us for the next Gabriel Chapter Luncheon on Wednesday, July 25th at Clyde's Restaurant in Tyson's Corner! Our keynote speaker will be **Brig Gen (Ret.) Harold B. Adams**.

Brig Gen (Ret.) Adams will give a presentation on his current support to a military development effort for new propulsion for aircraft using revolutionary technology.

Cost for lunch is \$30 (check or cash payable at the door). Please RSVP by contacting Nancy Cribb (cribb_nancy@bah.com) by **COB 16 July, 2007.**

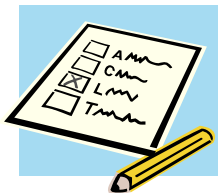
****** If you need to cancel your reservation, please do so by contacting Nancy Cribb by 18 July, 2007. If cancellations are not received by this date, the member will be charged the per person cost. ******

Calling all Chapter Executive Committee Nominees!!!!

It is time for our 2008-2010 Gabriel Chapter Executive Committee elections! Elections will be held during our 4th quarter Chapter luncheon this September.

Executive Committee positions offer an opportunity to make a rewarding impact in our community. Elected positions are:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary



We also have a number of non-elected positions available to assist in a particular Chapter focus area.

If you are interested in running for an elected position or getting more information about the non-elected positions, please contact Terry Young (terrence.j.young@saic.com) by 24 August 2007.

Chapter Activities



AFA Awards Spotlight Shines on Gabriel Chapter Members

The AFA conducts an annual awards selection process to highlight top performers who contribute consistently and effectively to our three primary goals: educate, advocate and support. At the Virginia AFA state awards luncheon on 9 Jun 07 in Charlottesville, your Gabriel Chapter knocked down an impressive list of individual awards for superior achievement.

Our own Gabriel Vice President, Major Joe Price, earned a rare double honor, the

President's Awards as the Member of the Year for two organizations: the Virginia State AFA and our Gabriel Chapter AFA. This distinct accomplishment speaks eloquently to the noteworthy results generated by this dynamic individual. Joe Price makes good things happen.

We also had numerous award winners at the national, regional, and state levels:

AFA HQ Presidential Citation (total of ten awarded nationally) – Major Joe Price

Medal of Merit (total of eight awarded in the five-state region) – Nancy Cribb

Exceptional Service Award (total of six awarded in the five-state region) – Jim Holt

Certificates of Appreciation from Virginia State AFA:

- Tim Carey
- Nancy Cribb
- Matthew Monczewski
- Tom O'Beirne
- Matt O'Kane
- Jon Safley
- Ken Spencer
- Terry Young

Kudos to these outstanding volunteers for their recognition; your service is exceptional.

Recognizing Excellence – Gabriel's Second Annual Salute to Space: National Reconnaissance Office

On 30 May, the Gabriel Chapter sponsored the Salute to Space: The National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) inside the Westfields Complex in Chantilly, Virginia. The ceremony marked the second installment of the Salute for the NRO team, which again honored the NRO's "best of the best"—its annual award winners.

Dr. Don Kerr, the Director of the NRO, hosted the Salute. The award ceremony was also attended by Mr. Scott Large, Principal Deputy Director; Maj Gen Tom Sheridan, Deputy Director; Brig Gen Kathy Roberts, Director of SIGINT, Brig Gen Edward Bolton, Director of Systems Integration and Engineering, and CMSgt Tom Gillett, the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Director, plus a multitude of NRO members, award winners and their family

members. Several distinguished guests were in attendance, including: Gabriel Chapter President Emeritus Gen. (USAF, Ret) Ed Eberhart; Gen. (USAF, Ret) Thomas Moorman, Jr.; the Honorable Jimmie Hill; and Maj Gen (USAF, Ret) Bob Latiff. Also in attendance were the Gabriel Chapter leadership, AFA members, and Gabriel Chapter industry sponsors.

Dr. Kerr began the event by highlighting the direct relationship of the NRO mission to the US military's global warfighting mission. He underscored the challenges faced by our combatant commands and the value the commanders place on the timely support they receive from the NRO team. The Director pointed out that their organization requires the combined efforts from members of all the US military services, plus civilian and contractor professionals. Dr. Kerr stressed the impressive accomplishments of all the awardees; their individual and collective contributions to the success of the organization and to our national security.

The Gabriel Chapter President, Terry Young, thanked Dr. Kerr and his senior leadership for opportunity to participate in the NRO annual awards program. The Gabriel representative stressed that AFA's mission is to educate the public on the value of aerospace power, advocate for a robust aerospace capability, and support the US Air Force members and their families—and the NRO Salute directly contributes to the third and final goal. Mr. Young pointed out the generous financial support from our industry sponsors enabled the Gabriel Chapter AFA to provide a noteworthy venue for this special recognition ceremony. The list of sponsors is highlighted below; two large placards with the logos of our sponsors were prominently displayed during the reception at Westfields.

The Salute honored the contributions of the entire NRO team: military, DOD civilians, and contractors. Many family members, supervisors and colleagues were present to encourage and honor the nine individual award winners and the one team award. Dr. Kerr, Gen Eberhart and CMSgt Gillett presented each award winner with a stunning NRO trophy plus an attractive Gabriel AFA commemorative plaque. The

award categories included: Junior Enlisted (E1-E4), Middle Enlisted (E5 - E6), Senior Enlisted (E7 - E9), Civilian Technical (GS-12 and below), Civilian Non-Technical (GS-12 and below), Senior Civilian Technical (GS-13 - 15), Senior Civilian Non-Technical (GS-13 - 15), Company Grade Officer (O-1 – O-3), and Field Grade Officer (O-4 – O-5).

Three Gabriel Chapter members made the event a reality for the second consecutive year. Maj Joe Price coordinated the internal NRO planning functions for our Chapter; he worked closely with the senior leadership and Top Three senior Enlisted Council planning committee to script and conduct the event. Mr. Matt O'Kane and Ms. Brandi Beck worked a variety of key tasks "outside the fence line" including close collaboration with our industry sponsors. They deserve our sincere thanks for their selfless and very successful efforts.

The Gabriel Chapter will continue to support the NRO mission and the members of our NRO military, civilian and contractor family. We have already formalized an on-going scholarship program; the Gabriel Chapter now funds a \$500 award for the top enlisted graduate from each semester's graduating class from the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF). In combination with the recent Salute to Space: SAF/US, the Gabriel Chapter is impacting a significant segment of the Air Force—and joint military—community.

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Gabriel Chapter Members Attend the VA State Quarterly AFA Meeting

The William A. Jones III Chapter AFA hosted the ten AFA chapters in Virginia for the quarterly Virginia State AFA business meeting and annual convention in Charlottesville on Saturday 9 Jun 07. Your chapter representatives included Joe Price, Jim Holt, Matthew Monczewski and Terry Young. The annual award winners from throughout the state were recognized and USAF Major Joe Price, our Gabriel Chapter Vice-President, was selected as the Virginia State Member of the Year. Numerous other Gabriel members figured prominently in the awards recognition as well. The State President challenged the collective AFA chapters to work together and earn award as Top State AFA organization for 2007-2008. This is a great opportunity to simultaneously contribute to a worthy state goal and improve our own chapter performance. Complete notes from the business meeting will be posted on the Virginia AFA webpage.

NRO Top Performer Awarded the General Lester Lyles Scholarship by Gabriel AFA



TSgt Lisa Rodier (right) with Gabriel Chapter President, Terry Young (left)

TSgt Lisa Rodier's selection as the top National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) graduate from the Spring 2007 Community College of the Air Force highlights the value of consistent hard work towards important objectives. TSgt Rodier was chosen for this honor by the NRO Senior Enlisted Advisor for across-the-board excellence in her job, off-duty education and professional endeavors. She was rewarded with a \$500 scholarship, paid directly to her undergraduate institution, to defray the cost of completing her undergraduate coursework. The Chapter also funds a one-year (\$36) membership in the AFA for the awardee, for a total value of \$536 (scholarship and membership). This scholarship was presented in honor of General Lester Lyles, USAF, Retired, one of our key Gabriel Chapter

members. General Lyles compiled a noteworthy career in the Air Force, and remains active in an advisory capacity for our current AF senior leaders, as well as personally supporting programs for our Total Force members and their families. General Lyles' active duty and post-retirement service reflect the high standards of our Chapter namesake, the late General Charles A. Gabriel. Our Chapter recognized the right person—TSgt Rodier was subsequently selected for promotion to Master Sergeant. Congratulations to MSgt-select Lisa Rodier for her back-to-back achievements.



Gabriel Chapter Selects Teacher of the Year

The Gabriel Chapter is proud to announce our 2007 Teacher of the Year, Mr. Joey Mathews of Harmony Intermediate School, Hamilton, VA.

Mr. Mathews was nominated by the Leesburg CAP Composite Squadron. He is retired from the Air Force Security Forces and worked as a South Carolina Police Officer prior to entering the education field. He now teaches World History for the Loudoun County School District at Harmony.

Mr. Mathews served as a mentor to a Leesburg CAP cadet. His experience in the military enabled him to counsel the cadet and helped him succeed in his Civil Air Patrol endeavors by teaching him what is important in life, and how to always keep goals and work towards them with everything you have.

Gabriel Chapter Outreach to the Emerging Workforce

As part of the Gabriel Chapter's continuing outreach into the community, Maj Joe Price, Gabriel Chapter VP, arranged to have a subject matter expert, Harvey Follender, from the NRO give a presentation to students from Chantilly Academy on current events. Read Harvey's insights about that day!

"On 1 June 2007, I visited the Chantilly Academy, Fairfax County's science and engineering magnet high school. The seniors are about to graduate and I had been invited to brief them on a path they

might consider for an eventual career. Maj Joe Price (Gabriel Chapter VP) and Jim Wilson (Aerospace) had arranged this for me and Joe joined me at the Academy. I briefed two sessions of students (total of 60) whose focus is either science or Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC). My subject was "The Business of Space Intelligence." Topics included:

- Intelligence use and users
- What is Intelligence?
- Why do we need intelligence?
- Intelligence types and collectors
- U.S. Government intelligence programs
- Concept of space operations
- Space systems design alternatives
- Intelligence community skills

As the class started, bells rang. Students advised me that they were meaningless and are always ignored. The Pledge of Allegiance to the US flag was next. It made me wonder how many of the students were American.

The students ranged from very attentive to completely spaced-out. The look in one girl's eyes made me think she was in a daze or otherwise detached from the world.

Some students slept with their heads on the desks; some slept leaning back in their chairs. On the other hand, one boy asked about the difference between reconnaissance and surveillance. Another boy played solitaire throughout the session but his card movements were interspersed with relevant questions on the topics. After I explained issues and design trades associated with low earth orbit, one girl cleverly noted that the target country could avoid observation by pausing their sensitive activities during satellite overflight.

We spoke about the temporary nature of some international relationships, such as the US and Afghanistan's Taliban when they were both allied to drive the Soviet Union out of Afghanistan in the 1980s.

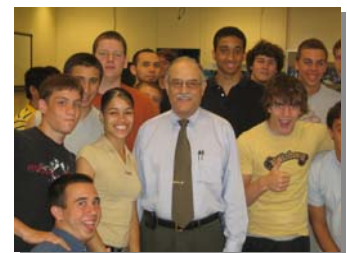
Then I jokingly asked if there were any Taliban members in this group. Some boys in the back pointed to three boys near the front. I didn't pursue it.

Between sessions, Marty Rothwell (former Chapter TOY), the science teacher, showed us a robot that the students had constructed for an inter-school competition and showed a picture of a mobile kiddie-seat the students had built. It had been used by a local infant who was born without hands or feet. He learned to touch paddles that made the contraption move in different directions. It was originally built with sensors that stopped it before it would hit walls, run under tables, or fall down the stairs. After some time, the parents asked for the sensors to be disabled. They thought it was time that their son experienced the consequences of such mistakes or, they feared, he would not learn to be cautious.

Later, one boy told me that he had received an offer of a \$60,000 scholarship from Rensslear Polytechnic Institute (RPI) but didn't know much about it. I have now put him in touch with a friend of mine who is an RPI graduate.

Afterwards, Marty treated Joe and me to lunch in the student cafeteria of Chantilly High School, co-located with Chantilly Academy. Lots of interesting faces. No fighting but lots of noise. Most of the girls' attires made me think they were heading for the beach. There were hundreds of students eating lunch and there are four shifts of eaters. When bells rang, they moved in and out quickly and seamlessly.

I enjoyed the experience. Although I wasn't as talented as many of the students I met, the experience reminded me of my good times in high school."



*Harvey Follender
(center) with Chantilly
Academy students*



Chantilly JROTC

This was a very busy year for the cadets of Chantilly Academy AFJROTC. They competed in

three Dill and Color Guard Team competitions. The first one was the Annual Martin Luther King competition in Richmond, VA in February. In April they traveled to Pope Air Force Base NC for their second competition of the year. They competed against 21 other JROTC units and won third place in armed drill competition.



MLK Drill Competition Feb 07 (left) and NC Drill Competition Apr 07 (right)

The high point for us this year was the AFA sponsored VA State AFJROTC Drill Meet on 28 Apr 07 at Atlee High School, near Richmond. The cadets did a great job and won 5th place – color guard, 4th place armed drill, 3rd place inspection, 1st place unarmed drill, and 3rd in the state overall competing against 28 AFJROTC units. A big “Thank You” was extended to the AFA Gabriel Chapter for a donation that enabled the unit to attend this competition and to the VA state AFA for sponsoring this superbly organized and run completion.



AFA VA Drill Competition Apr 2007

The unit performed 19 Color Guard performances throughout the school year at various community and school events.

They were very active with field trips to the Glen Forest Retirement Community for a Veterans’ Day event. The cadets also visited the Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum. They also had

the opportunity to see what a real Air Force base was like when we visited Andrews Air Force Base and visited a VIP helicopter unit, dining hall, dorms, and saw Air Force One take off. Their last field trip for the year was to the annual Hangar Dance, a 1940’s style celebration, at Leesburg Airport where the color guard presented the colors and the cadets honored the veterans and their families.

The cadets were also involved in 14 community service activities including teaching disabled children to swim, recognition of veterans, collecting school supplies for Iraqi children, and preparing USO packages for our deployed troops.

Finally, they also had a military style dining out in February and closed out the year with our Annual Pass-In-Review and Awards Ceremony in June.

It was a very active and rewarding year. Thanks again to the AFA Gabriel Chapter for your support.

Leesburg Composite Squadron Continues to Soar

Gabriel Chapter support to the Leesburg Composite Squadron continues to help them soar! The Squadron gave glider orientation rides to 6 cadets and 3 adults on 16 June. Each cadet is authorized 5 flights each in both gliders and powered CAP aircraft using Air Force funding. CAP adult members fly in the glider for a nominal fee. A CAP aircraft tows the glider and an adult glider pilot accompanies the cadet in the glider. Launching the glider



Nothing but smiles when you are flying in a glider!



We're all ready! Let's Go!

takes a 5 person ground crew, two of which are usually older cadets who have completed the Wing Runner training course online. It took a full day to launch and recover the glider nine times. The weather cooperated with

high clouds keeping them from being baked in the sun.

The Virginia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol responded to a request for assistance in locating a missing two year old child in Louisa County on 19 June. Civil Air Patrol is normally considered a second responder, augmenting first responders when the search continues for longer than first responder resources can cover. In this case, the young boy wandered away from his home and was reported missing around 7pm on the 18th. CAP alerts went out at 7am the next morning and a CAP member from the Leesburg Composite Squadron was first to arrive. Meanwhile, additional Leesburg Squadron members organized a ground team consisting of adults and cadets. Cadets are considered full members of a ground search team; they take the same training as the adults. In this case, the ground team was organized by a 16 year old cadet officer who is fully qualified at the highest Ground Team Member level. A CAP aircraft flew high overhead, relaying messages and extending the coverage of ground-based radios from the search teams. Luckily, the boy was found unharmed in a wooded area about 17 hours after being reported missing.

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

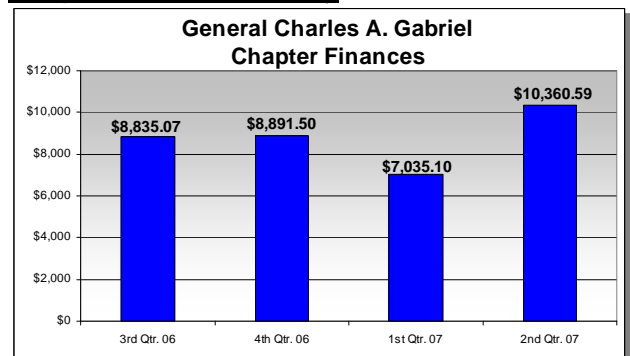
participate in AFA Virginia State and AFA National events.

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
- AEF Matching Funds Grant
- NRO Salute Contributions
- Community Partner Dues

Outflow:

- AFJROTC Support
- Membership Luncheon
- Community Partner Dues to AFA
- CCAF Scholarship/AFA Membership
- Salute to Space Expenses
- EXCOM Meeting Administrative Expenses

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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