



# Air Force Association

## General Charles A. Gabriel Chapter

### Quarterly Newsletter

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## Message from the Chapter President

Dear AFA Members and Friends,

Thank you for your interest and membership in our Air Force Association. Your involvement improves the reach and effectiveness of our national, state and local AFA organizations. Your participation on just one project strengthens the results and also helps you enhance your professional skills and circle of contacts. The state meeting notes included in this newsletter summarizes some of our programs to help support the Air Force and its people. I encourage you to pick a program, get involved and make a difference. Your Gabriel Chapter AFA makes a difference because of your membership and participation. Please accept my sincere appreciation for your support.

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

## Upcoming Events

### Next Gabriel Chapter Luncheon- 14 May 2008

The next Gabriel AFA luncheon will be held at Clyde's of Tysons Corner restaurant, 8332 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA.  
([http://www.clydes.com/main/Find\\_Us.cfm?Section=Clydes\\_of\\_Tysons\\_Corner&submit=Submit](http://www.clydes.com/main/Find_Us.cfm?Section=Clydes_of_Tysons_Corner&submit=Submit)).

The luncheon will occur on Wednesday, 14 May 2008, from 12:00-1:00 PM (come for the social from 11:30-12:00, too). Our guest speaker will represent the Space community from the Washington DC area.

Cost for lunch is \$30 (check or cash payable at the door). Please RSVP by contacting Allan Childers ([achilders@alionscience.com](mailto:achilders@alionscience.com)) by COB 5 May, 2008.

We hope everyone can turn out and encourage a guest to join us for this important social event.

**\*\*\*\* If you need to cancel your reservation, please do so by contacting AI Childers via email by 7 May 2008. Cancellations not received by 7 May must be charged to the member because a commitment on numbers of people served is made to the restaurant on that date.\*\*\*\***

## Chapter Activities

### Gabriel Chapter Sponsors Winning Event for Our Wounded Warriors

The Washington Capitals lost the hockey game on 13 January 2008, but 23 Wounded Warrior participants and family members from Walter Reed Army Medical Center left happy anyway. On that Sunday early in 2008, our Gabriel Chapter AFA sponsored its third activity for Wounded Warrior team members and their families. Gabriel Chapter Executive Committee member Ken Spencer and his colleague Jared Wurster collaborated with the Walter Reed AMC staff and the Washington Capitals marketing team for transportation and discount tickets for our honored guests. The Walter Reed team arranged the bus transportation, scheduled the attendees, and added excellent coordination and assistance. The Gabriel Chapter purchased discounted game tickets through the Caps staff for all the Wounded Warrior attendees and their guests. They and their guests also were provided food and soft drinks throughout the game. The Wounded Warriors expressed deep satisfaction and for the hockey outing and for Gabriel Chapter's visible support.

### Gabriel Chapter Members Attend the VA State Quarterly AFA Meeting

The Virginia AFA is composed of ten local chapters. The State president, Scott Van Cleef, works to improve the individual and collective effectiveness of those local chapters in our mission of aerospace advocacy, education and support. The Danville (VA) Chapter hosted the recent quarterly state meeting on 8 March 2008. The state organization voted on distribution of education grants, shared ideas that improve local chapter outreach, and discussed actions to help Virginia achieve the goal of State organization of the year. Gabriel Past President and Member-at-Large Jim Holt represented our chapter and highlighted recent chapter successes, including the Wounded Warrior event at the Washington Caps hockey game on 13 January; the outstanding Chantilly AFJROTC Dining Out/Awards Ceremony on 8 February; financial and personal support for the

Air Force District of Washington (AFDW) annual CMSgt induction week; and the second annual Salute to Space: SAF/US on 27 February. The Gabriel Chapter will host the next quarterly state meeting.

### Recognizing Excellence – Gabriel's Second Annual Salute to Space: SAF/US

On 30 May, the Gabriel Chapter sponsored the On Wednesday, 27 February, the Gabriel Chapter hosted the second annual Salute to Space: SAF/US at the AFA National Headquarters in Rosslyn. Gabriel project leads Jon Safley and Matt O'Kane collaborated with the SAF/US representative, Lt Col Steve Whitney, to arrange a first class event for the annual award winners from the entire SAF/US organization. Support from our six industry sponsors proved essential to the success of the noteworthy event. Our sincere thanks to those sponsors: Boeing; Booz Allen Hamilton; Honeywell; Integrity Applications Incorporated; Orbital; and USIS.

Mr. Gary Payton, the Acting Under Secretary of the Air Force, presided over the SAF/US Salute. He highlighted the superb work accomplished by the combined SAF/US team and especially the positive impact their work had on the on the warfighter environment. Mr. Payton presented awards to the 13 individual award winners and one team award champion.



*Front row (l-r): Gen (ret) Eberhart, Maj Jeff Hardy, CDR Lynn Mackovick, Capt Rebecca Hamilton, Maj Andre Lobo, MSgt John Villasista, Maj Chris Brann, and Mr. Gary Payton Back row (l-r): Lt Col Paul Dotzler, Maj Darren Rhyne, Capt Mike Manning, Mr. Brian Shannon, Maj Tim McKenzie, and Lt Col Ken Warcholik Not pictured: SSgt Michelle Davenport*

From the Space Radar Integrated Program Office:

Space Radar PEO Award for Excellence  
2007 Field Grade Officer of the Year  
Major Andre Lobo  
Space Radar PEO Award for Excellence  
2007 Company Grade Officer of the Year  
Captain Michael Manning

Space Radar PEO Award for Excellence  
2007 Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year  
Master Sergeant John Villasista

From the NPOESS Integrated Program Office:

National Polar-orbiting Operational  
Environmental Satellite System  
2007 Outstanding Program Manager  
Lieutenant Colonel David Beckwith

National Polar-orbiting Operational  
Environmental Satellite System  
2007 Outstanding Project Manager  
Major Chris Brann

National Polar-orbiting Operational  
Environmental Satellite System  
2007 Company Grade Officer of the Year  
Captain Rebecca Hamilton

From the National Security Space Office:

National Security Space Office  
2007 AF Officer of the Year  
Major Darren Rhyne

National Security Space Office  
2007 AF Space Professional of the Year  
Lieutenant Colonel Paul Dotzler

National Security Space Office  
2007 AF Space Professional of the Year  
Major Jeff Hardy

National Security Space Office  
2007 Joint Space Professional of the Year  
Commander Lynn Mackovick

From the Directorate of Space Acquisition

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2007 Field Grade Officer of the Year  
Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth Warcholik

Directorate of Space Acquisition  
2007 Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year  
Staff Sergeant Michelle Davenport

Directorate of Space Acquisition  
2007 Civilian of the Year  
Mr. Brian Shannon

Directorate of Space Acquisition  
2007 Team of the Year  
Global Positioning System Team

Gabriel Chapter is pleased to help create a first-class venue to spotlight the contributions of these fine professionals from SAF/US. Plans are in work for the third annual Salute in 2009.

### *The General Charles A. Gabriel Chapter Thanks Our Platinum Partners!*



### Chantilly Academy Air Force JROTC Dining Out and Awards Ceremony

On 8 February, 2008 at the Fair Lakes Hyatt Hotel, the 6th Annual Dining Out for AFJROTC unit VA-20012 was one filled with high spirits, hope for the future, and cheerful remembrance. Over 60 cadets from the AFJROTC program's three flights attended the Dining Out and Awards Ceremony along with over 100 family



*Brigadier General Ronald D. Yaggi, USAF, retired was the keynote speaker for the evening and spoke to the 160 cadets and guests on leadership.*

and friends. Brigadier General Ronald D. Yaggi, USAF, Retired presented each cadet with ribbons and other awards earned over the first semester of the 2007-2008 school year. He also delivered a heart-felt speech as the keynote speaker.

As the cadets, family, and guests were seated they were welcomed by Cadet Captain Joseph Abernathy. The Colors were presented by the AFJROTC color guard and the national anthem played. After the introduction of the honored guests, the room fell silent as the Prisoner of War/ Missing in Action table was set. This notable event is a time for active duty and retired service members and all Americans to remember those service men and women who did not return home. The atmosphere eventually lightened as toasts were made and dinner served. One of the highlights of the evening was when the



*POW/MIA table – A table was in the front of the banquet room with no one seated there to symbolize and honor the POW/MIAs. There were Air Force, Army, Marine, and Navy*



*BG Yaggi handed out ribbons and awards to the cadets. Cadet David Bickerstaff receives his ribbons from BG Yaggi.*

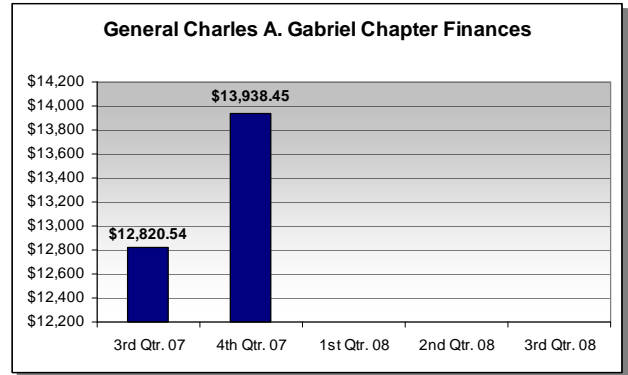
entire first semester. The evening was one that first year and returning cadets will be sure to remember for a long time to come.

the military dining out tradition of the “Grog Bowl” was introduced, in which both cadets and leaders alike had the “privilege” to participate. As the night came to a close, cadets reflected on fond memories as they viewed a slide show covering the

## Chapter Finances

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

### Chapter Financial Activity



#### Inflow:

- AFA Quarterly Rebate
- NRO Salute Contributions
- Cancelled check

#### Outflow:

- 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](mailto:terrence.j.young@saic.com))

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