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Message from the Chapter President

Dear AFA Members and Friends,

Our Chapter continues to effectively support the military organizations and our Air Force families in the Gabriel AOR, as well as our community and our own AFA members. Please read the newsletter and find out how we are shaping our region for the better.

*Terry Young
President, General Charles A. Gabriel Chapter
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Chapter Activities

VA State AFA Convention Hosted by Gabriel Chapter

Our Virginia AFA is composed of ten separate chapters from around the Commonwealth. Our Gabriel Chapter provided a hearty dose of Northern Virginia hospitality when we hosted the annual Virginia State AFA convention on the weekend of 13-15 June 2008 at the Hyatt Fair Lakes in Fairfax.

At the business meeting on Saturday 14 June 2008, a number of national awards were announced. Virginia was selected as the AFA State organization of the Year for 2008. Our Gabriel Chapter played a key role in the overall success of the state organization during this past year. It was an honor for our elite Gabriel team to provide a first class convention site for the national recognition celebration.

In addition, our Gabriel membership team received a number of individual awards at the State Awards luncheon on Saturday afternoon. Our Gabriel Chapter member of the year award was presented to Fred Knowles. Fred has served with distinction and integrity as our Chapter Treasurer for the past three years. He has also been involved in many of our outreach and support activities including our many salute events and the Wounded Warrior program. Other individual winners are listed below. The award certificates will be presented at the Gabriel membership luncheon in August 2008.



Congratulations to our Chapter Award Winners!

National AFA Medal of Merit:

Fred Knowles
Ken Spencer

Virginia State AFA Citation:

Nancy Cribb
Al Childers
Greg Harrison
Tim Lambert, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)
Matthew Monczewski
Tom O'Beirne
Matt O'Kane
Ed Pineda, SMSgt (Select), USAF
Don Pettit, TSgt, USAF
Jon Safley
Steve Whitney, Lt Col, USAF

It takes a solid team of professionals to stage an event of this magnitude. Our thanks to our Chapter volunteers:

- Nancy Cribb and Jon Safley for producing the detailed information packet and registration form
- Lt Col Tim Lambert for providing the JROTC AV gear for the event, and arranging for Cadet Kevin Costa to support the event throughout the business meetings on Saturday.
- Chantilly Academy Principal Doug Wright and Ms. Joan Ozdogan (our Gabriel Chapter Teacher of the Year 2008) for arranging the special guided tour of the Udvar-Hazy Aerospace Center and providing initial arrangements for the Hyatt Fair Lakes as the convention site
- Gen Eberhart for inviting our guest speaker, Lt Gen Orville Wright, who provided an excellent capstone presentation on Saturday night at the State dinner
- Fred Knowles for arranging the registration and collecting all payments
- TSgt Don Pettit and the National Reconnaissance Office for providing the NRO Honor Guard for the Saturday night dinner
- Special thanks to James Henry for his support as event on-site coordinator on

Friday night and all day Saturday; his assistance was essential to the set-up and conduct of this large event. James is the newest member of the Gabriel Chapter AFA organization. Welcome to a great team, James.

Gabriel Chapter Luncheon a Success

Our Gabriel Chapter hosted the quarterly membership luncheon at Clyde's Restaurant in McLean Virginia on 14 May 2008.

Approximately thirty members and friends enjoyed good conversation, excellent food and a top-shelf program.

During the program, we recognized the Gabriel Chapter Teacher of the Year (TOY), Ms. Joan Ozdogan, from the Chantilly Academy magnet school. The Chantilly Academy administrator, Mr. Doug Wright, accompanied Ms. Ozdogan to this special recognition event. Ms. Ozdogan's biographical summary is found in the article below. Ms. Ozdogan received a \$250 cash award from AFA Headquarters, an AFA certificate, and an AFA logo tote bag. This dedicated award recipient proved her passion for encouraging her students to excel—she donated her cash award to fund the purchase of graduation cords for her engineering class seniors. Those students proudly wore those cords with their graduation gowns at the Chantilly Academy commencement exercises in June 2008.

Our guest speaker was Mr. Jeff Kueter, President of The George C. Marshall Institute, who gave a presentation entitled "Addressing the Security Challenge in Space". Mr. Kueter works with scientists to improve the understanding and awareness of complex scientific topics by the public, the media, and policy makers. The Institute's National Security Space Program provides resources for decision makers concerned about preserving the national security of the United States. Additional information is available at <http://www.marshall.org/category.php?id=8>. Mr. Kueter's program was well received and generated numerous questions from the audience.

A special thanks to our Gabriel leadership team that organized and conducted the event. Gabriel Chapter member extraordinaire Allan

Childers served as the point man. AI was ably assisted by Fred Knowles, Treasurer, and Nancy Cribb, Secretary.

Our next membership meeting will be in August 2008 and will include elections for a new slate of Executive Committee members.



Ms. Joan Ozdogan Named Gabriel Chapter Teacher of the Year for 2008

The Gabriel Chapter AFA had the honor of For the second time in three years, the Gabriel Chapter Teacher of the Year (TOY) has been selected from the Chantilly Academy magnet school program. Ms. Joan Ozdogan serves primarily as the Career Experience Specialist and Department Co-Chairman but she actually wears multiple hats. This dynamic individual is helping create a noteworthy science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) program at the Chantilly Academy magnet school. Her contributions include:

The establishment of an all-girls section of Engineering Systems I – “Girls Exploring Engineering” in the 2007-2008 school year. In addition to delivering the core curriculum in Engineering Systems, the GE² program provided each of the 24 girls with a mentor who is a professional woman in engineering for tutoring, college and career planning. Twelve of the 14 senior girls in the GE² program will attend engineering schools as freshmen in Fall 2008.

Helped develop a new capstone engineering course, “Independent Research – Engineering” for senior engineering students in the 2007-2008 school year. She personally recruited student research placements at the US Naval Research Laboratory, Northrop Grumman Mission Systems, George Mason University and Patton Harris Rust & Associates.

In the 2007-2008 school year, she secured grants totaling more than \$25,000 enabling the acquisition of new text books, behind the scenes engineering tours, guest lectures/workshops and the work of the GE² Advisory Board from Noblis, ExxonMobil and Micron Foundation.

She spends a significant part of her day teaching practical skills like resume writing, interviewing skills, college planning and career exploration. Her efforts have impacted students in 20 classrooms.

Ms. Ozdogan is building links with industry, government and undergraduate educational institutions to sponsor student involvement in real-world projects. She relentlessly seeks additional grants and other funding to expand classroom resources. Ms. Ozdogan is helping transform Chantilly Academy into a premier STEM magnet program for Fairfax County and the state of Virginia.

Gabriel Chapter Coordinates Third Annual Salute to Space: NRO

The Gabriel Chapter had the honor of helping sponsor the third annual Salute to Space: National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on Thursday 24 April 2008 at the Westfields complex. The NRO Director, Mr. Scott Large, expressed his appreciation for our Gabriel support.



The Salute provides a suitable means of recognition for the annual award winners from the NRO. This year's top individual and team winners for 2007 include:

NRO Field Grade Officer of the Year
Major Christopher M. Alexander, USAF

NRO Company Grade Officer of the Year
Captain Galen K. Ojala, USAF

NRO Senior Enlisted of the Year
Master Sergeant Robert G. McKiernan, USAF

NRO Middle Enlisted of the Year
Technical Sergeant Donald W. Pettit, USAF

NRO Junior Enlisted of the Year
Senior Airman Benjamin C. Sickbert, USAF

NRO Senior Civilian of the Year
Michael B. Diehl

NRO Civilian of the Year
Joseph M. Golden

Director's Team of the Year
Resource Management Budget Execution & Formulation Team

This Salute incorporated a variety of improvements over earlier events. For example, the revised format—group pictures in advance, awards ceremony first and then refreshments and socializing—worked well. The NRO Top Three organization organized and ran a flawless ceremony and added some additional tweaks, including a great video to start the event. Our industry partner support grew to ten different organizations. And the director, NRO, invited a select number of our AFA colleagues from the national, region, state and local chapter levels.

Our industry partners have been strong supporters of our military outreach activities, including the Salute programs and our Wounded Warrior events. This Spring 2008, our industry sponsors included:

Special thanks to our Gabriel Salute leadership: Matt O'Kane, SMSgt (S) Ed Pineda, and TSgt Don Pettit. This

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Salute was a smoothly orchestrated effort because of the great preparation and attention to detail from these three professionals. (Note: congratulations to our very own Don Pettit - he was named the NRO's Middle Enlisted Member of the Year for 2007!). In particular, we extend our sincere thanks to Matt O'Kane, the Gabriel Salute lead for our industry partner efforts and the Chapter co-lead for all three of the Salute to Space: NRO events.

Chantilly Academy Recognizes Gabriel Chapter for Outstanding Support

Our Gabriel Chapter supports several organizations in our Area of Operations (AOR). The Chantilly Academy magnet school is one of our focal points of attention. Our efforts were recognized by the Chantilly Academy with a special award on 9 June 2008. An extract from the event invitation summarizes the Chapter contributions:

“Your invaluable leadership support for Chantilly Academy’s Air Force Junior ROTC has immeasurably enriched our program of instruction. Moreover, it has resulted in our students gaining “realworld” insights into the United States Air Force traditions, leadership and its pivotal role in our nation’s security. The Air Force Association’s \$350 donation to the program and support for the AFA-sponsored VA State AFJROTC Drill Competition was invaluable. As a result, our Air Force Junior ROTC students and faculty have nominated you for a 2008 Academy Award. Congratulations! On Monday, June 9, 2008, we will recognize you for the role that you have played in making this a banner year at the Chantilly Academy.”

The Chantilly Academy “Exceptional Leadership Support” award was presented to Chapter President Terry Young and the Gabriel Chapter AFA at the event, aptly named the Chantilly Academy Awards Night. The Chantilly Academy JROTC showed their stuff by providing ushers and greeters plus an Honor Guard for presentation of the colors at the initiation of the agenda.



Chantilly Academy Air Force JROTC Competes in the AFA VA State AFJROTC Drill Competition

The Virginia State Air Force Association sponsored an Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) drill competition in the Richmond, VA area on 26 Apr 08. Thirteen cadets from the Chantilly Academy Air Force Junior ROTC unit traveled to compete in the event. The competition was very well organized as the volunteers did an excellent job hosting this superb event. The Chantilly Academy

AFJROTC cadets placed 1st in Armed Drill, 1st in Inspection, and 4th in Unarmed Drill. This resulted in the Chantilly Academy cadets earning an overall 3rd place in the state. There were 26 AFJROTC units from across Virginia



competing.

Special congratulations to Cadets Jeremy Fink and Stephanie Allard for leading the Armed Drill and Inspection Teams to a first place finish. A thank you also goes out to the AFA Gabriel Chapter and the VA State AFA for all their hard work and financial support to make this drill competition a possibility for the cadets.



Gabriel Chapter Funding Boosts JROTC and Civil Air Patrol Squads

The Gabriel Chapter EXCOM works hard to generate funds and then exercises careful stewardship to maximize the benefit to our target audiences: first and foremost, our Air Force members at the NRO and SAF/US, then our key organizations such as the Chantilly Academy JROTC and the Leesburg Civil Air Patrol (CAP).

This past quarter, our chapter recorded three success stories for investing our resources in those target organizations.

- We donated \$300 to the Leesburg CAP to help purchase GPS units for training and use by the CAP cadets. Mr. Jeff Van Etten, CAP officer lead, thanked our Chapter for the financial support on these valuable equipment items. We say, "Keep pressing, Jeff, your CAP team is doing fine work!"
- We provided \$350 to the Chantilly Academy JROTC to support their participation in the Third Annual Virginia AFA State Drill Competition in April 2008 near Richmond. Our JROTC team took third out of over 20 teams competing.
- We also donated \$250 to the Virginia AFA to defray the costs associated with the Drill Competition event.
- Our recent \$250 donation to the Chantilly Academy JROTC for two field trips in the 2008-2009 academic year was matched by the Virginia AFA on 14 June 2008. We are applying for a matching grant of \$500 from AFA National. If approved, we will be able to support next edition of the Chantilly Academy JROTC team with a total of \$1000 for their trips to Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum and the Andrews AFB Joint Air Show.

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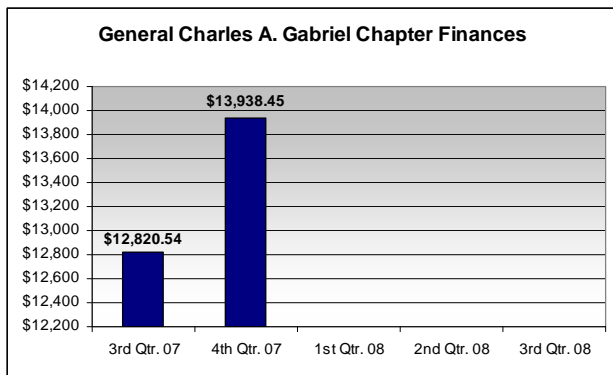
Outflow:

- EXCOM Meeting Administrative Expenses

Chapter Finances

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

Chapter Financial Activity



Inflow:

- AFA Quarterly Rebate
- NRO Salute Contributions

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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