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General Charles A. Gabriel Chapter

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Message from the Chapter President



Dear AFA Members and Friends,

Our Gabriel Chapter is blessed with a talented team of Executive Committee volunteers including Captain DeWitt Latimer (Vice-President), Fred Knowles (Treasurer), Steve Johnson (Secretary) and General Ralph "Ed" Eberhart, USAF (Retired), our Gabriel Chapter President Emeritus. We also have outstanding Senior Advisors in Greg Harrison (Booz Allen Hamilton) and Tom O'Beirne (SAIC) that provide corporate level perspective and guidance. Additionally the chapter formed a group of strong activity leads and teams to develop and execute the key activities over the next years. All of these volunteers are essential to our chapter providing value to our membership and the AFA organization.

Our 2009 activities are organized around five activity teams:

1. Salutes & Military Affairs -- Provide support to the Air Force and Joint military organizations in our AOR. Plan and conduct the Salute to Space: SAF/US and Salute to Space: NRO. Each gala event provides a first-class venue to showcase the annual award winners from each organization. Sponsorship support from our loyal industry partners provides the resources to conduct the Salute program. Support the Wounded Warrior outreach program and sponsor injured military and family members from all US services to attend a professional sports event. Continue expanding support for the Chantilly Academy Junior ROTC Detachment and Leesburg Civil Air Patrol (CAP) detachment through mentoring and assistance.
2. Education & Teacher of the Year -- Improve the educational opportunities for students in our AOR. Work to expand the mentoring relationship between the NRO professionals and the Chantilly Academy Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program. Encourage completion of education by providing a \$500 scholarship funding to the top NRO graduate from the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) two-year associate's degree. Participate in the Aerospace Education Foundation (AEF) annual Teacher of the Year competition to recognize exceptional math and science teachers at local schools.
3. Chapter Lunches & VA State AFA support -- Nurture the professional growth of our military, government civilian and contractor members through quarterly luncheons and other speaker forums; encourage participation in activities that support the military organizations in our AOR; and offer professional networking opportunities.



4. Membership and Community Partners -- Strengthen our chapter and AFA to provide better value to our members and Air Force constituency. Actively recruit the people who will form the next generation of aerospace professionals to join AFA and the Gabriel Chapter. Actively identify and solicit community partners to share the support for the military organizations and companies in our AOR.

5. Chapter Communications -- Strengthen our ability to communicate with our membership, community and Air Force constituency. Develop and enhance the chapter web site. Publish a quarterly Chapter Newsletter that provides useful information to our chapter and AFA membership. Advertise our chapter's activities the encourage participation.

These activities depend on our dedicated volunteers to provide the planning and execution support to make them successful. I solicit your support for these worthy activities by volunteering your time to help one of these activity teams. Four to six people on each of these activity teams will enable us to spread the volunteer workload and successfully accomplish our Chapter goals. We appreciate your AFA membership and your active involvement to make these goals a reality. Our contact data is posted on the Headquarters AFA website. Please find an area of interest and get involved. Together we can make a difference for our Gabriel Chapter and the United States Air Force.

Ken Spencer
President, Gen Charles A. Gabriel Chapter
Air Force Association

Chapter News

[Gabriel Chapter AFA Mourns Loss of Col Matt Monczewski, USAFR \(Ret\)](#)



Colonel Matthew (Matt) Monczewski passed away on November 13, 2008. Matt excelled in a variety of roles at the chapter and state levels within the Air Force Association. His enthusiasm, drive and energy helped our organization stretch for key

goals and also earned him a large group of friends who appreciated his positive, can-do attitude.

Matthew Monczewski served his country in foreign service as well as military service for 30 years before his death. Matt received Distinguished Military Graduate honors from St. Joseph's University in 1956. He entered active duty and served as a Navigator, Instructor Navigator and wing officer for the Military Air Transport Service (MATS). This superb Airman flew medium and heavy airlift aircraft on missions to Europe, Asia, and in the continental U.S. and eventually accumulated over 4,000 hours of flight time. In 1961, then-Captain Monczewski transferred to the Air Force Reserves. He was selected as a Foreign Service Officer and served in increasingly responsible positions at nine U.S. embassies and installations in Russia and Newly Independent States (NIS), East and West Europe, Africa and Southeast Asia. He also completed tours of active military duty abroad and joint service assignments in Washington, DC. During the last ten years of his military career, he was the Deputy Commander and then Commander of several detached training units; assisted the United States Defense and Air Attaches in Paris, France in representational and operational functions; and served as the Chairman of a reserve group at Ft. Belvoir, VA.

Throughout his lifetime, Matt channeled his intense curiosity and high energy to expand his knowledge base. He earned a Master of Science in International Relations from Boston University in 1968 and subsequently a Master of Business Administration degree from Marymount University in 1994. He also successfully completed programs at Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff College, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Air War College, and the National War College.

After retirement, this hard-charger pursued business activities and volunteer work with relentless vigor. His volunteer activities included duties as the Virginia AFA State Treasurer; Treasurer and Vice President of the Gabriel Chapter AFA; Vice President of the International Trade Association of Virginia; Vice President, Chapter 1, Reserve Officers Association (ROA); and student mentor to the



George Mason University International Commerce Department. Matt's accomplishments garnered repeated recognition including the highly coveted AFA National Medal of Merit and AFA

He leaves behind his wife of 48 years, Virginia Monczewski of McLean, VA; daughter, Patricia Monczewski of Lafayette, LA; son, John Monczewski; and daughter-in-law, Robin Monczewski, of Sterling, VA; son, James Matthews of McLean, VA; and grandchildren, Jonathan, Catherine, and Christopher Monczewski of Sterling, VA. A funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2009 at 8:45 a.m. at the Fort Myer Post Chapel, Fort Myer, VA, followed by interment in Arlington National Cemetery with Full Military Honors.

Chapter Activities

Quarterly Chapter Luncheon a Success!

Our Gabriel Chapter hosted its quarterly luncheon on 16 October 2008 at Clyde's of Tysons Corner. Approximately thirty members and friends enjoyed good conversation, excellent food and a top-rate program.

We were are honored to have as our keynote speaker, Brig Gen Mark Schissler, Director for Cyber Operations, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Plans and Requirements, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. Brig Gen Schissler provided an excellent overview of the role and importance of Air Force IO and cyber.



We were also pleased to announce the results of our new slate of Executive Committee members:

President- Ken Spencer
Vice President- Capt DeWitt Latimer
Treasurer- Fred Knowles
Secretary- Steve Johnson

Congratulations to everyone! We look forward to the next two years!

Finally, we had an opportunity to say a heartfelt "Thank you!" to Terry Young for everything he has done as Chapter President for the last two years. Our Chapter has certainly benefited



from his enthusiasm and dedication and we will miss him. Fortunately, Terry has volunteered to remain on the Executive Committee as an Activity Lead.



Chantilly Academy AFJROTC Summer Leadership School

Chantilly Academy Air Force Junior ROTC (AFJROTC) completed their first full scale Air Force directed unit assessment.



Cadets Marching

Colonel Michael Phillips, representing Headquarters AFJROTC, came to assess/inspect the unit on 4 December 2008. Col Phillips focused on the cadets during the assessment. The cadets were evaluated on uniform wear, professionalism, cadet corps job knowledge, drill (marching) and classroom performance. Two of the senior cadets briefed Colonel Phillips on several topics related to our program including general



Cadet Haase briefing Col Phillips

information, issues, unit goals, and cadet

accomplishments. So far this year one cadet earned an appointment to the Air Force Academy and another to West Point. There are several other cadets waiting to hear about military academy appointments and ROTC scholarships.

The Chantilly Academy cadets and instructors received the highest rating possible during their assessment – Pass with Distinction. Cadets Abdallah, Allard, Haase, and Puzanghero and



were recognized as Top Performers. This is a superior performance award only given during assessments to a very small number of cadets.

Congratulations for a job well done to all the Chantilly Academy AFJROTC cadets!



Cadet Gerner receives academic award



Cadet Allard receives Top Performer award

Calling All Volunteer Judges for the Chantilly Academy Annual Science Fair!

The AFA Gabriel Chapter encourages its members to volunteer to be judges supporting the Chantilly Academy Annual Science Fair. This is a wonderful opportunity to help with the Chapter's Aerospace Education initiatives in our community!

The fair is scheduled on February 4 (February 5 is the backup date). Please contact Tim Lambert (Thomas.Lambert@fcps.edu) or Liz Wheeler (Liz.Wheeler@fcps.edu) to volunteer.

Gabriel Chapter Presents Scholarship to Top NRO CCAF Graduate

Our Gabriel Chapter Air Force Association presented our \$500 scholarship and a one year Chapter membership to the top graduate from the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) at the Air Force District of Washington (AFDW) Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) ceremony on 9 Oct 08 at the Bolling AFB Club. This Gabriel AFA award is presented to the top NRO graduate at each semi-annual CCAF event for the AFDW and is applied to the award winner's future expenses to achieve their bachelor's degree.

The NRO leadership selected Staff Sergeant Ramon Padua as the top graduate for this class of NRO colleagues seeking their Associates Degree, based on his overall professional performance at work and his academic excellence in the class room.



Gabriel Chapter President Terry Young, Lt Col Steve Whitney, and CMSgt Tom Gillett with scholarship recipient SSgt Ramon Padua

The three Gabriel presenters included CMSgt Tom Gillett, NRO Senior Enlisted Representative (SER) and Gabriel AFA member; Lt Col Steve Whitney, Commander of the Enterprise Operations Squadron at the NRO and Gabriel Chapter AFA Executive Committee member at large; and Gabriel AFA Chapter President Terry Young. Additionally SMSgt Ed Pineda (NRO SNCO leader and Gabriel Chapter AFA Executive Committee member) helped arrange the participation of the awardee and presenters.

As background for this scholarship process, the General Charles A. Gabriel Chapter, Air Force Association, established and funded a \$500 scholarship for the top CCAF graduate from the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) who intends to pursue an undergraduate degree. Additionally the Chapter funds a one-year membership in the AFA for the awardee, for a total value of \$536 (scholarship and AFA membership). The NRO Senior Enlisted Advisor conducts the award recipient selection process. All NRO members in the current CCAF graduating class are eligible for this award. This scholarship was presented in honor of Chief Master Sergeant Thomas Gillett, the NRO Senior Enlisted Representative (SER) who is retiring after a distinguished 30 year career in the United States Air Force. CMSgt Gillett has been a superb leader who has inspired his team members to set and maintain the highest standards of professional excellence. CMSgt Gillett represents the noteworthy qualities of our Chapter namesake, the late General Charles A. Gabriel, who was a



distinguished combat leader and U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff from 1982-1986.

Members Corner

The General Charles A. Gabriel Chapter participates in a variety of high impact initiatives and events that promote and support our Air Force community to include the Junior ROTC and Civil Air Patrol. We also conduct a variety of programs that enhance the professional development and citizenship of our membership and educate our local community on the importance of aerospace.

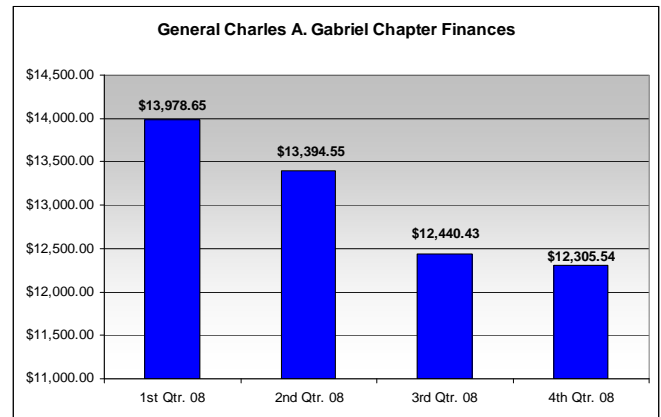
Our membership is strong and we continually strive to make it even better. This coming year, we encourage each and every Chapter member to seek an opportunity to participate in one or more of our high impact activities and to encourage others to participate as well- one way is to have them sign up to be a Gabriel Chapter member! Our chapter depends on each and every member to help it grow and strengthen.

As a strong chapter, we will have the opportunity to compete for one of AFA National's membership awards. These awards are based on a number of different factors, e.g. new members, sustained members, community partners, etc. (For more information on the criteria for all membership awards, see the Membership Awards Fact Sheet at: <http://www.afa.org/members/awdfcts.asp>). What a wonderful opportunity to be recognized for our contributions to the Air Force community!

Chapter Finances

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

Chapter Financial Activity



Inflow:

- Quarterly Membership Luncheon- Oct 08

Outflow:

- EXCOM Meeting Admin Fees
- Quarterly Membership Luncheon- Oct 08
- Website Hosting Fee



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.

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