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Message from the Chapter President

Dear Gabriel Chapter and AFA Members and Friends,

The General Charles A. Gabriel Chapter of the Air Force Association started the new year successfully with activities that exemplify our Chapter goals. These goals include supporting our military constituency, growing our partnership with our industry colleagues, and reaching out to the young people who will form the next generation of aerospace professionals. Specifically, we have had a lot of activity in the Education, Salutes, Communications, and Lunches areas. Below is a short summary of our 2009 activities to date:

1. Salutes and Military Affairs – Planning and preparation for the Salute to Space: SAF/US and Salute to Space: NRO have been successful. The SAF/US Salute was held on March 26 at the AFA Headquarters. The NRO Salute is scheduled for May. Sponsorship support from our loyal industry partners provides the resources to conduct the Salute program. Planning for a summer Wounded Warrior outreach event where the Chapter and NRO sponsor injured military and family members from all US services will begin in April 2009.
2. Education and Teacher of the Year – A team of Chapter volunteers participated as judges for the Chantilly Academy Science Fair in February. We are working with the NRO to again encourage completion of education by providing a \$500 scholarship to the top NRO graduate from the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) two-year associate's degree. In addition, our committee is working with four local high schools to nominate individuals for the Aerospace Education Foundation (AEF) annual Teacher of the Year competition to recognize exceptional math and science teachers.
3. Chapter Lunches and VA State AFA support – The committee has scheduled the Chapter Luncheon on March 31 to nurture the professional growth of our military, government civilian and contractor members. The Speaker is scheduled to be the AFA President, Lt Gen (retired) Michael Dunn. He will discuss key Air Force and AFA issues for the Obama administration.
4. Membership and Community Partners – We continue to strengthen our Chapter and AFA to provide better value to our members and Air Force constituency. We actively recruited eight new individuals from industry and the Air Force. We are actively recruiting people who will form the next generation of aerospace professionals to join AFA and the Gabriel Chapter. We are also actively soliciting community partners to share the support for the military organizations and companies in our AOR.

- Chapter Communications – This newsletter is one example of how we strengthen our ability to communicate with our membership, community and Air Force constituency. Please visit our new enhanced Chapter web site www.afa-gabriel.org to find other news about our Chapter, AFA and the Air Force.

These activities depend on our dedicated volunteers to provide the planning and execution support necessary 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.

Thank you for your support.

Ken Spencer

*President, General Charles A. Gabriel Chapter
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Chapter Activities



AFA Gabriel Chapter Judges Chantilly High School Science Fair

Imagine the Science Fair exhibits in a school where classroom robotics and solar panels are homework assignments! On 4 February 2009, 10 members of the AFA Gabriel Chapter helped judge over 350 entries in the annual Science Fair competition at Chantilly High School. The evening began with a meal prepared by the high school Culinary Classes for the team of over 100 judges. The scoring followed a short orientation, and for the next 3 intense hours judges worked in teams to evaluate 10 to 15 exhibits and presentations each. From freshmen to seniors the students

personally explained their impressive technical displays, materials, and abstracts in Computer and Information



Technology, Energy and Transportation, Electrical Engineering, Biochemistry and 14 other categories. Some titles included: The Effect of Delivery Method on Iron Absorption, Effect of Stress on Mitosis in Human Lung Cells and Computer Simulated Drug Pharmacokinetics.

Ms. Karen Molloy, head of the Science Dept,



thanked the judges for their enthusiasm as they wrapped up the final scores about 9:30 pm. Many of the AFA judges were so inspired by the student's

commitment that they volunteered to assist in the school's robotics and engineering programs.



Mrs. Karen Molloy Named Gabriel Chapter Teacher of the Year for 2009

The AFA Gabriel Chapter is proud to announce its 2009 Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Karen Molloy from Chantilly High School. Mrs. Molloy is an outstanding educator who is qualified and deserving of the Air Force Association Chapter Teacher of the Year Award. Terms that come to mind when describing her are: incredible work ethic, energetic, teacher leader, team player, life-long learner, intelligent, talented, straightforward, honest, researcher, enthusiastic, caring, dedicated, and professional. As teacher and Science Dept Head for Chantilly High School, Karen has used her 14 years of teaching experience and passion for the subjects to guide hundreds of young people towards technical careers. With her drive and determination, the school received grants she requested, won awards, hosted science fairs and involved parents in unprecedented numbers. Our chapter provided about 1/10 of the 100 judges she requested for

this year's science fair and she continues to reach out to her community to open more opportunities for her students. Her involvement in the school's robotics lab, girl's engineering program and ROTC are impressive. She holds professional teacher conferences, like AVID National Summer Institutes for hundreds of teachers every year. She even coauthored the 2 books on the AVID Write Path Series for science strategies and activities for middle and high schools. She is truly a beacon for our youth and a model among teachers.

Gabriel Chapter Coordinates Third Annual Salute to Space: SAF/US

The Gabriel Chapter had the honor of conducting the third annual Salute to Space: Deputy Undersecretary of the Air Force for Space Programs or SAF/US(D) on Thursday 26 March 2009 at the Air Force Association Headquarters in Rosslyn, Virginia. The Salute provides a noteworthy recognition ceremony for the annual award winners from the entire SAF/US(D) organization.

There was strong participation from the rank and file from across the entire organization. Mr. Gary Payton, the SAF/US(D), expressed his appreciation for our Gabriel Chapter support on behalf of the entire organization. Also, senior leaders from the three directorates in SAF/US(D) attended, including the Director of Space Acquisition, Major General William N. McCasland; Director, National Security Space Office, Mr. Joe Rouge; and Program Executive Officer for Environmental Satellites, Mr. Dan Stockton.

Representing the Gabriel Chapter AFA were Gen Ralph "Ed" Eberhart USAF (Ret), President Emeritus, Gabriel Chapter Air Force Association and Mr. Fred Knowles, Chapter Treasurer. Other distinguished visitors in attendance included Col Joe Sutter, USAF (Ret), the AFA Board Chair and Lt Gen Mike Dunn, USAF (Ret), President and CEO, Air Force Association.



The senior leadership present at the Salute to Space event (L to R); -Program Executive Officer for Environmental Satellites, Mr. Dan Stockton; Gen Ed Eberhart, USAF (Ret), Gabriel Chapter President Emeritus; Director of Space Acquisition, Major General William N. McCasland; Director, National Security Space Office, Mr. Joe Rouge; Mr. Gary Payton, Deputy Undersecretary of the Air Force for Space Programs



Mr. Fred Knowles addresses the SAF/US(D) Salute audience, with (L to R) Gen Ed Eberhart, USAF (Ret) the Gabriel President Emeritus; Maj Gen William McCasland, the Director of Space Acquisition (SAF/USA); and Mr. Gary Payton, the Deputy Undersecretary of the Air Force for Space Programs.

This year's top individual and team winners for 2008 from SAF/US(D) included:

National Polar-orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite System (NPOESS)

- 2008 NPOESS Company Grade Officer of the Year: Captain Anand Shah
- 2008 NPOESS Field Grade Officer of the Year: Major Chris Brann
- 2008 NPOESS Team of the Year – NPOESS Preparatory Project (NPP) Mission Operations Review Team
- 2008 NPOESS Program Manager of the Year – Mr. Steve Simione

National Security Space Office (NSSO):

- 2008 NSSO Air Force Officer of the Year: Maj Stewart Aitken-Cade

- 2008 NSSO Noncommissioned Officer of the Year: Technical Sergeant Christie Parker
- 2008 NSSO Civilian of the Year: Mr. Doug Benskin
- 2008 NSSO Team of the Year: Information Technology Support Team
- 2008 NSSO Joint Officer of the Year: MAJ Jeff Douds

Directorate of Space Acquisition (SAF/USA)

- 2008 SAF/USA Field Grade Officer of the Year: Major Alex Gracia
- 2008 SAF/USA Team of the Year: Space Situational Awareness Team
- 2008 SAF/USA Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year: Master Sergeant Fernando McLean



(L to R) Gabriel rep Mr. Fred Knowles (Chapter Treasurer); award winner spouse Mrs. Heather Aitken-Cade; the National Security Space Office (NSSO) AF Officer of the Year Major Stewart Aitken-Cade, his father Mr. Phil Aitken-Cade, USAF (Ret), and Mr. Joe Rouge, NSSO Director.

The Deputy Undersecretary, the respective Director and the Gabriel Chapter President Emeritus collectively presented the AFA plaques to the individual award winners. A plaque was also provided for each of the three winning Teams. The SAF/US(D) provided a photographer to support the event and capture the recipients and their supporters and friends to memorialize their accomplishments.

Our industry sponsors helped the Gabriel Chapter to present this annual event. In fact, our partners in the aerospace community have been strong supporters of our Gabriel AFA military outreach activities for the past four years, including our SAF/US(D) and NRO

Salute programs plus our Wounded Warrior events. Our Gabriel Chapter Platinum sponsors this year include:

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The Gabriel Chapter plans the event, arranges the venue for the Salute activities and provides the presentations for the annual award winners. With the support of our sponsors and use of our own Chapter resources, we also arrange for refreshments to accompany the ceremony. The event is open to all members of the honored organization. We especially encourage supervisors, colleagues, and family members to attend. This year, in excess of 100 people participated from SAF/US(D), including over 15 family members.

We owe our special thanks to several key organizations and individuals who helped make our Gabriel Salute a memorable success. Major Frank Gaillard, the SAF/US(D) representative to the Gabriel Chapter AFA, volunteered as the SAF/US(D) project officer for the Salute planning and also served as the master of ceremonies for the event. He was assisted in this superb award ceremony by several colleagues from the Directorate of Space Acquisition: SSgt Michelle Davenport (proffer), SSgt Jones (audio system) and Lt Col Greg Bainum (photographer).

The leadership and staff at the AFA Headquarters generously offered their top-notch, centrally located facility for our use. Ms Kathy Snodgrass and Ms Tonya Hall, AFA HQ staff members, once again orchestrated the myriad of details required for a smooth function at their Rosslyn facility. Our planning team received superb support from Mr. Brian Melvin, AFA Sales Store; A and R Engraving in Arlington; and the skilled professionals at Agape Catering.

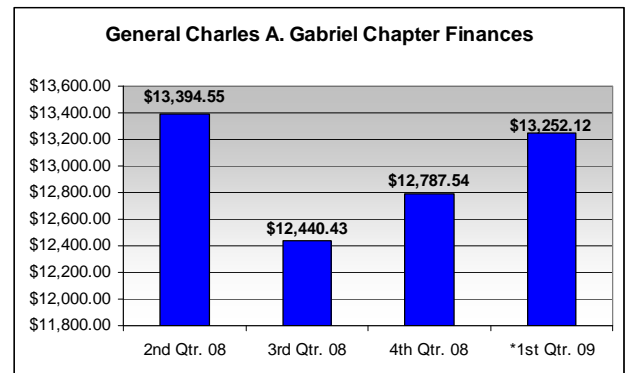
Kudos go to the Gabriel Chapter members and friends who helped Terry Young, the Gabriel AFA Salute team leader, plan and conduct the event. These volunteers included Ms. Nancy Cribb, Ms. Lisa Pembleton, Mr. Bert Lassiter, Ms. Thea Lehming Brandt, and Mr. Al Childers.

Our next function will be the fourth annual Salute to Space: National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) in May 2009. Gabriel Chapter members interested in volunteering to plan and conduct that event can contact Terry Young, Gabriel Chapter AFA, Vice President for Military Affairs at terryyoung@aol.com.

Chapter Finances

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

Chapter Financial Activity



Current values are as of date of newsletter publication

Inflow:

- AFA Quarterly Rebates

Outflow:

- AFA Gift Membership
- EXCOM Meeting Administrative Expenses
- Chapter Luncheon Expenses
- Support to VA State Drill Meet
- Salute to Space- SAF/US Plaques

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 us at afa_gabriel_chapter@afa-gabriel.org.

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