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Message from the Chapter President

Dear Gabriel Chapter and AFA Members and Friends,

I hope you had a very good summer and managed to enjoy a family vacation. Fall brings us all back to our normal routine, refreshed and ready for the next challenge. The General Charles A. Gabriel Chapter of the Air Force Association is like many families, we have a slight lull in activities during the summer and then come back refreshed for focused activities in the fall. Our chapter continues a very successful year with activities in all our focus areas.

Before summarizing our activities, I appeal to everyone who gets this newsletter to also make a commitment to help the AFA this fall. Our chapter needs some additional active volunteers to coordinate our activities this fall and over the next year. We have active volunteers from several of our corporate members and NRO staff; however we need 15-20 more volunteers that can contribute about 4-8 hours per month to help support the chapter -- that is not a lot of time to support the AFA and your United States Air Force. If you are interested in volunteering to participate on one of our activity committees, please send an email to Nancy Cribb at Nancy.Cribb@afa-gabriel.org.

Below is a short summary of our 2009 3rd Quarter activities:

1. Salutes and Military Affairs – Before our summer lull, our Chapter helped recognize the top performers during two very successful Salute to Space events--the first for the Deputy Undersecretary of the Air Force for Space (SAF/US) and the second for the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO). I would like to thank our loyal industry partners—their generous support allowed the Gabriel Chapter AFA to host two ceremonies to honor these award winners. Our chapter also jointly sponsored a Wounded Warrior outreach with the NRO. We took 18 injured military and family members to a Washington Nationals baseball game as part of the NRO Operation Warfighter internship program.
2. Education and Teacher of the Year – Our chapter honored Karen Malloy from Chantilly Academy as the Chapter's Aerospace Education Foundation (AEF) Teacher of the Year. She proved we made the right choice when she donated our \$500.00 award to fund a student's research project at the College of William & Mary. Our Chapter encouraged completion of education by providing a \$500 scholarship to the top NRO graduate from the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) -- SSgt Jonathan E. Besko.

3. Chapter Lunches and VA State AFA support – We held a very successful lunch on September 3 at the Marriott Westfields to focus on the NRO, our Air Force organization. Major General Ellen Pawlikowski, Deputy Director NRO and Commander of the NRO Air Force Element. We had over 40 attendees from industry and the NRO at this new venue.
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 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. This is one area where our chapter needs 3-4 volunteers to organize and coordinate our efforts.
5. Chapter Communications – This newsletter and our outstanding web site are prime examples of how we strengthen our ability to communicate with our membership, community and Air Force constituency. Please go to our chapter's first class web site at www.afa-gabriel.org to find other news about our chapter, AFA and the Air Force.

Our chapter goals are to support our military constituency, grow our partnership with our industry colleagues, and reach out to the young people who will form the next generation of aerospace professionals. Together we can make a difference for our Gabriel Chapter, the Air Force Association and the United States Air Force.

Thank you for your support.

Ken Spencer

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

Chapter Activities

Gabriel Chapter 3rd Qtr 09 Luncheon a Success!



The Gabriel Chapter held successful luncheon on Sept 3, 09 at the Marriott Westfields in Chantilly, VA. Our change in venue was meant to focus on our NRO partner. We were honored to have as our keynote speaker, Maj Gen Ellen M. Pawlikowski, Deputy Director, National Reconnaissance Office. Maj Gen Pawlikowski discussed the future of overhead surveillance and the NRO

The event was very well attended by military and industry and we intend to offer more luncheons in that area in the future.



The next luncheon will be held in early December and details will be coming along shortly.

Gabriel Chapter Participates in 2009 AFA Convention

The AFA held its annual Air & Space Conference at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, MD. It was a truly another great event with high participation from across the AF community. Our own Gabriel Chapter President Ken Spencer, Vice President DeWitt Latimer, and member Emily Plummer attended as Virginia State delegates. The delegates voted for the new Officer and Board of Director positions and two proposed changes to the Association By-Laws. There was a lot of discussion regarding the financial health of the Association and declining membership. The Board took actions to develop plans to address both issues.

At the convention, there were presentations from a number of leaders, both inside and outside of the Air Force. Three of the presentations were especially notable. The first was by Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates. A transcript of his speech can be found on the

AFA website at:

<http://www.afa.org/events/conference/2009/scripts/rgates.pdf>

Following his talk, Secretary Gates took questions from the audience. The questions and his answers can be found at:

<http://www.afa.org/events/conference/2009/pdfs/AFA-090916-GatesQA.pdf>

The second notable talk was given by Secretary of the Air Force, Michael Donley. It can be found on the AFA website at:

<http://www.afa.org/events/conference/2009/scripts/donley.pdf>

Finally, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen Norton Schwartz made a presentation that can also be found on the AFA website at:

<http://www.afa.org/events/conference/2009/scripts/SCHWARTZ.pdf>

The next Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition is scheduled for 13-15 September, 2010 at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center.

Wounded Warriors Feted at Nationals Baseball Game



It's a long way from Afghanistan or Iraq to the Nationals Ballpark on South Capitol Street in Washington DC. On a beautiful night September 23rd, 17

US military members and guests took that step as guests of the Nationals Baseball Club and the Air Force Association Gabriel Chapter. The Wounded Warrior (WW) participants watched batting practice, enjoyed a superb pre-game meal in the luxurious Presidents Club, and watched an exciting major league baseball game from directly behind home plate.

The Gabriel Chapter AFA regularly organizes and conducts a WW event to a professional sporting contest. The Nationals outreach coordinator, Ms. Jenn Jopling, arranged red carpet treatment for this contingent of WW from the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) and Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC). For one evening, these recovering combat

veterans received the hero's reception they earned the hard way.

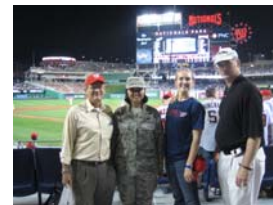
The Nationals provided DV seating for the WW participants in the top-end seating in the stadium. The WW watched batting practice, dined in the stadium restaurant, and watched a thrilling major league baseball game against the



National League's Los Angeles Dodgers. The Nationals representative, Ms. Jopling, provided mementos for each Warrior participant. To cap it off, the Nats ball club introduced the Warriors as a group on the jumbotron in the third inning to the entire stadium crowd and TV audience.

The cohesive team of Gabriel AFA volunteers arranged the event:

- Ms Kat Wood, Gabriel AFA member, coordinated all actions with the WRAMC team,



including bus transportation, WW participants, and served as escort and funds accountant.

- Al Childers, Gabriel AFA member, served as our link with the Nats, who provided an incredible set of perks for the 17 WW and guests.

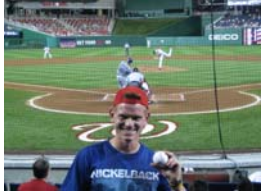
- Terry Young, Gabriel AFA Vice President for Military Affairs and helped coordinate the overall event.

- MSgt Patricia Sieja, one of our NRO military representatives, served as the WW lead escort.

Our Gabriel Chapter AFA representatives were able to visit briefly with members of the ownership team to express our appreciation for their support of the WW. We presented the Nats coordinator, Jenn Jopling, with a special thank-you gift for her A+ support.

The WW members were a great group of participants and represented the military well.

Numerous fans stopped by during the game to thank the Warriors for their service and sacrifice. Those conversations left both the Warriors and the well-wishers better for the brief visit together.



Even more exciting, the Nats came from behind and pushed across the tie-breaker run in the bottom of the ninth for a 5-4 victory. The WW team members left the stadium in high spirits—excited by the great game, honored by the recognition and thoroughly happy from their royal treatment from the Nationals Baseball Club.

As the WW departed the viewing area for the bus back to WRAMC, a family with two young children leaned down from their seats above the walkway to express their thanks. The last Warrior in the group reached into his gift bag and handed his souvenir Nats baseball to one of the young kids, who beamed a mega-watt smile. That simple gesture and response captured the spirit of a remarkable evening.

Other News

[The Air Force Historical Foundation Symposium](#)

The Air Force Historical Foundation will sponsor its biennial symposium on Thursday, October 8, 2009, on the theme *The Balkans Air Campaigns in the 1990s and Their Influence Since 2001*. The symposium will take place at the Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia. The guest speaker for the awards banquet that evening will be **General Norton A. Schwartz**, Chief of Staff, USAF, and the luncheon speaker will be **General Michael E. Ryan**, who as 16th Air Force Commander was responsible for air operations in Bosnia, and who was Chief of Staff from 1997 to 2001. (All speakers named are confirmed.)

The morning keynote speaker will be **Dr. Benjamin Lambeth** from the RAND Corporation. The morning panel will address air campaigns in Bosnia, 1995, and in Kosovo,

1999. The panel will be chaired by Mr. Dick Anderegg and will feature papers presented by Major William A. March, CD, MA, of the Canadian Armed Forces; Dr. Daniel Haulman, and Mr. Chris Mayse, the latter two civilian historians in the US Air Force history program.

The afternoon keynote speaker will be **Maj Gen Charles J. Dunlap, Jr.**, USAF. The afternoon panel will consider air operations since 2001. The afternoon panel, chaired by Dr. Timothy A. Keck, will include papers presented by Dr. Rebecca Grant of IRIS Independent Research and the Air Force Association's Mitchell Institute; Lt Col Erik Rundquist, an active Air Force officer and scholar-warrior experienced in special operations in Iraq; and Col Mike Isherwood, a combat veteran of Operation DESERT STORM and now an analyst with the Northrop Grumman Corporation.

The awards banquet will include the address by General Schwartz and the presentation of two prestigious awards. The third annual **General Carl "Tooley" Spatz Award** will be presented to **Lt Gen Thomas P. Stafford**, USAF (Ret). It is awarded to an individual for a sustained, significant contribution to the making of Air Force history during a lifetime of service, and is named for the first President of the Foundation and first Chief of Staff of the Air Force. Past recipients include General David C. Jones and Maj Gen John R. Alison, both USAF (Ret).

The Foundation also will present its third annual **Major General I. B. Holley Award** to **Mr. Herman S. Wolk**, a distinguished career Air Force historian, for making a sustained, significant contribution to the research, interpretation, and documentation of Air Force history during a lifetime of service. It is named for the distinguished professor who taught military history at Duke University for over six decades, served as an active and reserve Air Force officer, and influenced several generations of military historians. Past recipients include General Holley and Brig Gen Alfred F. Hurley, both USAF (Ret).

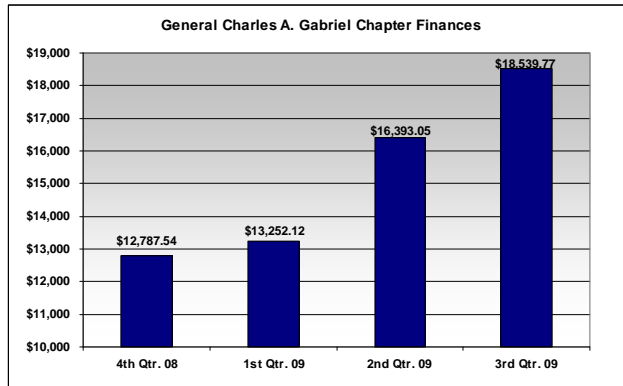
REGISTER ONLINE NOW at
www.afhistoricalfoundation.org.

Further information is available by contacting **Tom Bradley** at execdir@afhistoricalfoundation.org or by calling **(301) 736-1959**.

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
- Salute Sponsorship
- Quarterly Luncheon

Outflow:

- EXCOM 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 us at afa_gabriel_chapter@afa-gabriel.org.

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