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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 wishes you and your family a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our chapter had a very successful year supporting our Air Force organizations and constituency with activities in all our focus areas. I am honored to continue to serve the Gabriel Chapter as your President in 2010 and look forward to continue working with our outstanding Chapter volunteers. I would like to personally thank all the members of the Chapter Executive Committee and Activities Committees for their dedicated effort to make 2009 the very successful year for our Gabriel Chapter.

Our chapter goals for 2010 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. These activities depend on our dedicated volunteers to provide the planning and execution support to make them successful. During this season of giving to others, I solicit your support for these worthy activities by volunteering your time to help one of our Chapter's 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 in 2010 for our Gabriel Chapter and the United States Air Force.

Have a safe and joyful holiday season, and thank you for your support to the Gabriel AFA Chapter.

Ken Spencer

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



Chapter Activities

Next Gabriel Chapter Quarterly Luncheon

The next Gabriel Chapter quarterly luncheon will be scheduled for early 2010. Watch your email for details!!!

AFA Member Mentors Chantilly High School STEM Students



Ms. Angela Wallace, AFA Gabriel Chapter member and Principal at Booz Allen Hamilton, kicked off the Chantilly High School Air Force Association Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) mentorship

lectures for this school year on Nov. 4, 2009. Ms. Wallace shared her extensive space and satellite communications engineering experiences in a motivational slide show.

40 math, engineering and physics high school students voluntarily attended during their free period. Ms. Nancy Holincheck and Ms. Karen Malloy (AFA Gabriel Chapter Teacher of the Year) set up the session for the aspiring technicians and engineers. Students asked a variety of questions with topics from their upcoming Science Fair to engineering career queries. The Air Force Association offered mentors for Science Fair Projects and will return with a team to judge the fair in Feb 2010.



Calling All Volunteers- Chantilly High School Science Fair

The Chantilly High School Science fair is scheduled for Feb. 3, 2010. Chantilly HS and the Air Force Association look forward to another year of active student support. The Air

Force Association invites you and your technical friends to serve as judges at this school year's fair.

The benefits that students derive from this experience are unparalleled in the high school scientific community. Like a district title match, the science fair determines the students who have demonstrated outstanding scientific thought and process to expand their understanding of the world. The AFA considers it a great honor to participate in the making of scientists in this way and we hope that you find the time to donate to this cause.

If you are interested in judging, please contact Gina Giles, Chapter VP for Education, at giles_gina@bah.com.

Thank you for your service to the Air Force Association and Chantilly High School and stand by for more information.



Chantilly Academy Air Force JROTC Honors Local Veterans

The Chantilly Academy JROTC had the opportunity to honor local veterans this year. The cadets took a field trip to an area retirement community to visit with local veterans and their families and to thank them for their service to our country. The cadets truly had the honor as veterans shared experiences and memories with them.



They also had the honor of greeting over 80 WWII veterans who were flown to Washington DC to visit the WWII memorial. This is part of a national program to honor WWII veterans. The veterans came to visit the WWII memorial and other sites in Washington as part of a program to honor these heroes. Honor Flight is a nonprofit program that brings the veterans to DC at no cost to the veterans. The program is supported by volunteers and funded by private organizations and businesses. The veterans

come on flights from many areas of the country. The cadets form up and salute the veterans as they enter the airport or move onto the tarmac and then they have an opportunity to meet and talk to the veterans before they proceed to their buses. The cadets really enjoy these opportunities to honor the veterans and have already supported four Honor Flights.



Other News

Take an Opportunity to Say “Thanks” to Our Military



The Virginia Department of Veterans Services is spreading the word: XEROX IS DOING SOMETHING COOL!

If you go to: <http://www.LetsSayThanks.com> you can pick out a thank you card and Xerox will print it and it will be sent to a soldier that is currently serving in Iraq. You can't pick out who gets it, but it will go to a member of the armed services.

How AMAZING it would be if we could get everyone we know to send one!!! It is FREE and it only takes a second.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the soldiers received a bunch of these? Whether you are for or against the war, our soldiers over there need to know we are behind them.

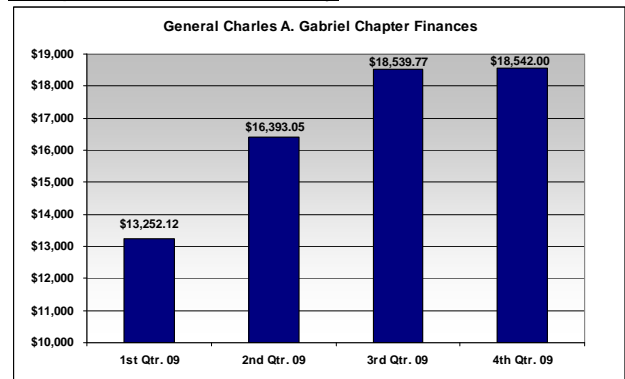
This takes just 10 seconds and it's a wonderful way to say thank you. Please take the time and please take the time to pass it on for others to do. We can never say enough “Thank You's”.

Thanks for taking to time to support our military!

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
- Chapter Quarterly Luncheon

Outflow:

- Wounded Warrior Event
- Quarterly Chapter Luncheon
- Chapter Admin Fees (Website Hosting)

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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