



# Air Force Association

## General Charles A. Gabriel Chapter

### Quarterly Newsletter

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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 welcomes you to an exciting 2010. We hope you successfully endured the unusual winter weather that hit our area in January and February. Our chapter had a very successful year supporting our Air Force organizations and constituency with activities in all our focus areas. We started the New Year with a successful luncheon that included an inspiring talk from General (retired) Mike Hamel. I would like to personally thank all the members of the Chapter Executive Committee and Activities Committee for their dedicated effort to make 2009 the very successful year for our Gabriel Chapter.

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. 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. We are already starting with our education, luncheon and salute programs. We are also reaching out to support our region's AFJROTC units and Civil Air Patrol units.

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 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 (or directly at [www.afa-gabriel.org](http://www.afa-gabriel.org)). 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.

Ken Spencer

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

## Chapter Activities

### Gabriel Chapter Hosts an Exciting 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2010 Luncheon



The last Chapter luncheon was held on March 4th at the Westfield's Marriott in Chantilly. As one of our new locations,

Westfield's Marriott continues to help build on our increased NRO partner participation.

We were honored to have as our keynote speaker, Lieutenant General Michael Hamel, Ret., former Commander, Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Space Command. Gen. Hamel focused his discussion with the group around the "Case for a National Space Strategy", offering his thoughtful perspective and answering questions from our Chapter attendees.



Our next luncheon is tentatively scheduled for early June. Watch your email and check our website for updates!



### AFA Gabriel Chapter Partners with Local Schools

In the last 3 months the Gabriel Chapter has been very involved with the 6 high schools in our area.

- We created a 3-page document outlining Gabriel Chapter support through our Teacher of the Year program and various scholarships and grants. We delivered this information both electronically and in person to high school counselors, math and science teachers, and administrators.
- We were scheduled to attend 2 parent night forums and one IEEE High School meeting. Unfortunately, all cancelled due to the snow storms.

- We assembled a team of 10 volunteers to judge the Chantilly High School Science Fair on 3 Feb 2010, and most of them plus 2 additional volunteers flexed to the 4 Feb snow back up day. The flex date caused a critical shortage of judges and our small team voluntarily expanded our roles to cover more student projects. Many volunteers joined the list of mentors and the head of the Science Dept requested assistance for the AFA in creating a Computer Science support program with mentorship. We are working with the schools on Teacher of the Year Nominations and arranging to present an Educator Award to a Trinity Middle School teacher who won for his extraordinary outreach to encourage Math and Science curriculum.

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

## Other News

### You Can Still Take an Opportunity to Say "Thanks" to Our Military!



The Virginia Department of Veterans Services continues to spread the word: XEROX IS DOING SOMETHING COOL!

If you go to: <http://www.LetsSayThanks.com> you can still 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".

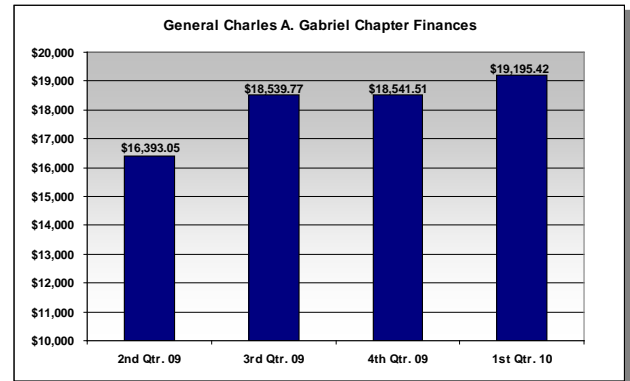
Thanks for taking to time to support our military!



## 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:

- Quarterly Chapter Luncheon

## 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](mailto:afa_gabriel_chapter@afa-gabriel.org).

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