



# 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 had a very exciting quarter to report to the membership. I had the great honor to represent all the chapter members at two Salute events that we hosted. The Salute to Space – National Reconnaissance Office honored selected outstanding performers and teams that contributed to the success of the NRO mission. Over 120 staff and family attended to recognize the achievements of these outstanding military and civilian staff. The following week I again represented the chapter for the Salute to Space – Undersecretary of the Air Force for Space Acquisition. This salute recognized the achievements of outstanding military and civilian staff supporting three Headquarters Air Force space organizations – the Undersecretary for Space Acquisition, the SatCom Program Office, and the National Security Space Office. Over 65 staff and families attended to recognize these outstanding performers. I wish more of our members could attend to hear the accomplishments of our outstanding Air Force people supporting the nation's security objectives.

I would especially like to thank our corporate sponsors – Boeing, Booz Allen Hamilton, Integrity Application Inc, Lockheed Martin, Orbital, USIS, SAIC, and Photonics Center. These corporate sponsors provided funds that the chapter used to host these salutes and honor the achievements of our outstanding Air Force people. I also thank John Wilt and Fred Knowles for coordinating these salutes for the Chapter and the staff of the NRO and Undersecretary for Space Acquisition for allowing the Gabriel Chapter to honor their top performers.

I hope you are reading this message on the Gabriel Chapter website at <http://www.afa-gabriel.org/>. Our Communications Team has produced an outstanding source of relevant and useful information. Our Chapter site is one of the best in the Air Force Association and should be one of your bookmark sources for Air Force and Air Force Association information. Please send your comments and ideas to Nancy Cribb ([Nancy.Cribb@afa-gabriel.org](mailto:Nancy.Cribb@afa-gabriel.org)) and Filip daSilva ([Filip.Dasilva@afa-gabriel.org](mailto:Filip.Dasilva@afa-gabriel.org)) on our Communication Team.

There are still lots of activities remaining for the Gabriel AFA Chapter in 2010. Next quarter our Chapter will meet with the NRO Senior Enlisted and Company Grade Officers to discuss how AFA can support their objectives. I will also meet with the NRO Director to help strengthen that organization's connection with the Air Force and AFA. September is the Air Force Association Annual Air & Space Symposium and Membership meeting at the Gaylord Hotel and Conference Center. Please mark your calendar for this outstanding event in our area. Later in the year the Gabriel Chapter will

host the quarterly Virginia State AFA meeting in the Dulles Airport area. We will send more information out on these events for your use.

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 Chapters 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.

*Ken Spencer*

President  
General Charles A. Gabriel Chapter  
Air Force Association

## Chapter Activities

**Watch for announcements on next quarter's AFA Gabriel Chapter luncheon!**



### Gabriel Chapter Conducts Annual Salutes to the NRO and Space

The Gabriel Chapter had the honor of conducting two Salutes in May. On May 17th the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) conducted their annual awards ceremony in the JD Hill Auditorium and on May 26th the Deputy Undersecretary of the Air Force for Space Programs conducted their awards ceremony at the Air Force Association Headquarters in Rosslyn, Virginia. These Salutes provide a

noteworthy recognition ceremony for the annual award winners from both organizations.

General Bruce Carlson, Director of the National Reconnaissance Office, and Mr. Joseph Rouge, the Director of NSSO, expressed his appreciation for our Gabriel Chapter support on behalf of the entire organization at their respective Salutes.

Representing the Gabriel Chapter AFA were Mr. Ken Spencer, Gabriel Chapter Air Force Association President and Mr. Fred Knowles, Chapter Treasurer. Lt Gen Mike Dunn, USAF (Ret), President and CEO, Air Force Association also attended the event at the AFA Headquarters.

The winners from the NRO were:

#### Junior Enlisted Category

Staff Sergeant Gabriel A. Flynn -  
*Communications Systems Acquisition And Operations Directorate*

#### Middle Enlisted Category

Technical Sergeant Timothy C. Bahr -  
*Mission Operations Directorate*

#### Senior Enlisted Category

Senior Master Sergeant James M. Langner -  
*Communications Systems Acquisition And Operations Directorate*

#### Company Grade Officer Category

Captain Justin A. Hodge -  
*Mission Support Directorate*

#### Field Grade Officer Category

Major Matthew E. Holston -  
*Imagery Intelligence Systems Acquisition Directorate*

#### Junior Civilian Category

Mr. Andrew M. Hammett -  
*Mission Operations Directorate*

#### Senior Civilian Category

Mr. Alan M. Marsilio -  
*Advanced Systems And Technology Directorate*

#### Team Of The Year

Cool Breeze Team -  
*Communications Systems Acquisition And Operations Directorate*

This year's top individual and team winners for 2010 from SAF/USA included:

**Directorate of Space Acquisition (SAF/USA)**

Maj Elizabeth Campbell -  
2009 FGO of the Year

Ms. Melissa Train -  
2009 Civilian of the Year

Space Plans and Policy Division -  
2009 Team of the Year

**National Security Space Office (NSSO)**

Lt Col Guillermo Gonzalez -  
2009 Air Force Officer of the Year

CDR Bruce Dickey -  
2009 Joint Officer of the Year

Space Situational Awareness Team -  
2009 Team of the Year

MSgt James Blackston -  
2009 Air Force Senior NCO of the Year

Ms. Audrey Schaffer -  
2009 Civilian of the Year

**NPOESS Integrated Program Office**

Col Alec Robinson -  
2009 Program Manager of the Year

Lt Col Timothy Hardt -  
2009 FGO of the Year

Capt Rebecca Hamilton -  
2009 CGO of the Year

Visible Infrared Imager / Radiometer Suite  
(VIIRS) - 2009 Team of the Year

Mr. John Wilt, of Booz Allen Hamilton, did the planning and coordination for both these events on extremely short notice. His efforts resulted in two excellent events and we owe him a big thank you for picking this up and running with it.

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/USA and NRO Salute programs plus our Wounded Warrior events.

Our current Gabriel Chapter Platinum sponsors are:

**Booz Allen Hamilton**

**Boeing**

**Integrity Applications Incorporated**

**Lockheed Martin**

**Orbital**

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 organizations. We especially encourage supervisors, colleagues, and family members to attend.

We owe our special thanks to several key organizations and individuals who helped make this our Gabriel Salute a memorable success. Major Christopher Troyer, volunteered as the SAF/USA project officer for the Salute planning and also served as the master of ceremonies for the event. Captain DeWitt Latimer, Vice President of the Gabriel Chapter helped coordinate events at the NRO along with the Top 3 organization.

The leadership and staff at the AFA Headquarters generously offered their top-notch, centrally located facility for our use for the Salute to SAF/USA.



**Calling All Nominations for the  
2010-2012 AFA Gabriel  
Chapter Executive Committee**

Get ready to cast your votes for the 2010-2010 Elected Executive Committee early September 2010! If you are interested being part of our dynamic Chapter leadership team as an Elected Committee member, please contact Nancy Cribb, VP for Chapter Communications at [Nancy.Cribb@afa-gabriel.org](mailto:Nancy.Cribb@afa-gabriel.org) with the position you are interested in as well as a short biography.

Elections will be held for the following positions:

- **President**
- **Vice President**
- **Treasurer**
- **Secretary**

There are also a number of other available appointed positions on our Executive Committee that provide opportunities to participate and contribute to our Chapter. Please contact our Chapter President for more information.



### Chantilly Academy JROTC Honors Top Cadets

In an 8 May 2010 "Pass in Review" ceremony the cadets conducted a parade review and students were awarded by 17 military support organizations culminating in the Air Force Association's top honors.



Samar Abdullah was the Air Force Association's Top Cadet Honors from among 89 Cadet students at Chantilly High School. Samar is an impressive cadet whose leadership was immediately recognized and rewarded by two significant command opportunities, Color Guard Commander and Squadron Commander. His natural leadership and extraordinary ability to motivate people were recognized in 42 awards, medals, and commendations in the short two years he participated in the program. He was the first cadet ever to become Color Guard Commander in first year JROTC, participating in over 50 school and volunteer events. What a winner--with 2 first place competitions and second place in Virginia State! This impressive cadet volunteered with Civil Air Patrol, Honor Flight, American Public University, and served

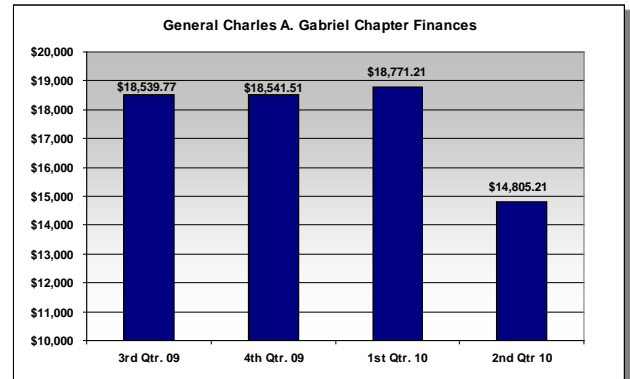


on Color Guard for Northrop Grumman. He was accepted to both Marymount and Norwich Universities and hopes to join the Army or AF upon graduation.

## Chapter Finances

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

### Chapter Financial Activity



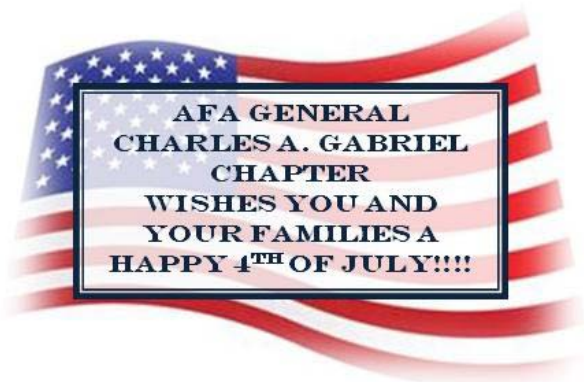
*\*Current values are as of date of newsletter publication\**

#### Inflow:

- AFA Quarterly Rebates

#### Outflow:

- CCAF Scholarship
- ToY Matching Award
- JROTC Membership Award
- Salute to Space and NRO
- 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](mailto:afa_gabriel_chapter@afa-gabriel.org).

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