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General Charles A. Gabriel Chapter

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Message from the Chapter President

Dear Gabriel Chapter and AFA Members and Friends,

First and foremost, I wish all our Chapter members a very Happy Holiday season! I want to thank all our volunteers and members for their support to the General Charles A. Gabriel Chapter of the AFA that made 2011 very productive. Our NRO Salute and luncheons have been great successes. We arranged for the NRO to send AF members to the AFA Annual Air & Space Symposium at National Harbor in September so these young people can experience this event. We sponsored four high schools to participate in the AFA-sponsored Cyber Patriot competition that ended last Spring and we are sponsoring six high school teams in the current competition that ends next Spring. This national cyber defense competition inspires high school students toward cyber security or other science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines critical to our nation's future. We recruited certified engineers from industry and government to mentor Chantilly Academy high school females to understand and excel in engineering and technology areas. Our chapter has many gifted members that are volunteering to help these high school students and AFJrROTC members to become valuable contributors to our nation's future.

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 and volunteers that the chapter used to accomplish our activities.

We appreciate your AFA membership and your active involvement with the Gabriel Chapter 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 2012 for our Gabriel Chapter and the United States Air Force.

Finally, I encourage all of you to express your support to our armed forces from all Services that are defending freedom around the world. We cannot thank them enough for their dedication and devotion to country. During this holiday season of celebration, please send a special message of thanks to our military that are deployed around the world and away from their families. There are many organizations that support our deployed troops, including USO, Operation Home Front, Give2theTroops, Wounded Warrior Project and many more. I encourage our members to find a way to thank our military and veterans for their service. This means a lot to them.

Ken Spencer

President
General Charles A. Gabriel Chapter
Air Force Association

Chapter Activities

Watch your email for announcements on upcoming AFA Gabriel Chapter luncheons!

AFA Gabriel Chapter Continues Strong Support to Chantilly Academy...Cyber Patriot Participation Soars!



Only a dynamo like Gabriel Chapter's Teacher of the Year, Joan Ozdogan, could motivate 30 high school students to spend the entire Saturday before

Christmas playing Round Two of Cyber Patriot at Chantilly Academy. Interest swelled after last year's initial entry into Cyber Patriot, where three teams competed. This year 96 students formed six teams and three of the six Northrup Grumman technical volunteers returned this year to share lessons learned.

Two teams fell out after Round One but the remaining four impressed the entire staff of Chantilly Academy with their dedication to Cyber Security through all the weekend practices. After achieving 100% scores in Round One, the teams spent the entire day



intensely focused on Round Two of the Cyber Patriot Open competition. The room vibrated with energy as the time flew and all four teams' scores mounted. At the halfway point the teams had already achieved 80% success and were tiring. The Air Force Association served



lunch and Joan encouraged them to press on.

One of the students commented that the winning didn't matter



as much as his new interest in Cyber Security. Joan and the Academy staff were impressed by the level of excitement among the students and their increased interest in Technology programs.



Other Items in the News

AFA Continues Campaign for U.S. Air Force Specialty License Plates Through Dec 31, 2011



The Air Force Association Virginia Branch is proudly continuing its campaign for a U.S. Air Force Specialty

License Plate! This plate will display the modern emblem of the Air Force and be available for all past and present members of the Regular Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard or Civil Air Patrol. Delegate Richard Anderson of Prince William County (retired USAF colonel and lifetime member of the AFA) has agreed to sponsor a bill along with twenty other delegates who have signed on as co-sponsors.

Currently, there are plates for the Army, Marines, and Coast Guard, but not Air Force or Navy. With this plate, we can increase public awareness of the Air Force and display our camaraderie and pride of service. AFA Richmond Chapter 243 will administer the campaign by receiving applications and payments, working with Delegate Anderson and his staff, working with the DMV, and providing project updates.

We STILL need your support! While we fell short of submitting the required 350 minimum applications by December 31, 2011, there is still opportunity to reach our goal this year! If you are interested, please send in your application. For those who have already sent in theirs, thank you! Your application will be kept on file and be counted towards the number of applications required.

For more information on how to apply, please visit:
<http://www.virginiaaafa.org/VAAFA/AF%20License%20Plate.htm>

Apply for yours today!

Have You Considered Being a Mentor?



Have you considered being a mentor to someone in need of support and guidance? Consider participating in the Opportunities, Alternative, and Resources (OAR) of Fairfax, County, Inc. Mentoring Program.

The mission of OAR is to rebuild lives and break the cycle of crime with opportunities, alternatives and resources for inmates and their families for a safer community.

The objective of the OAR Mentoring program is for a volunteer to establish and maintain a mentoring relationship with an inmate. This mentoring relationship should help the inmate prepare to successfully return to society, to avoid criminal behavior, and support efforts to find employment.

Many inmates have not had the opportunity to build supportive, productive relationships with someone who listens to them, accepts them as a citizen, and challenge them to do the right thing.

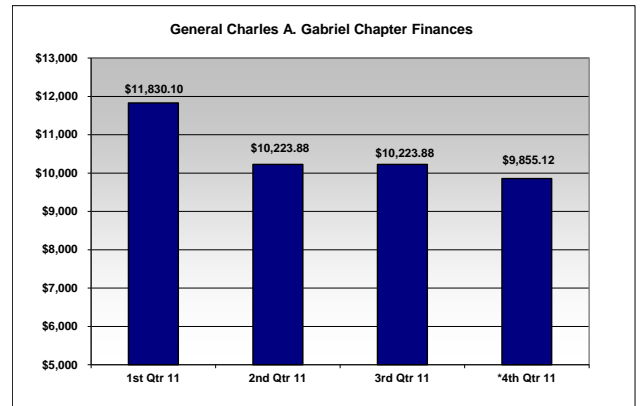
Mentoring will expose inmates to a new type of relationship, new perspectives, and broadened understandings. These opportunities can have a dramatic influence on an inmate's decision making and a positive influence in their lives.

For more information, visit the OAR website (<http://www.oarfairfax.org/>) or please call Allyson at (703) 246-3139.

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 Rebate

Outflow:

- Support to Chantilly Academy Cyber Patriot Teams

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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