



Newsletter

Donald W. Steele, Sr. Memorial Chapter of Northern Virginia

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AFA Salute to SAF/AQ

by Tom Veltri, Salute Co-Chair

If you missed this year's "Salute to SAF/AQ" you missed an exciting evening celebrating this year's superior accomplishments within the Acquisition community. More than 100 members of the AQ community along with industry participants joined together on Tuesday November 16, 2004, at the Ft Myer O'Club to pay tribute to the Air Force Acquisition "Action Officers of the Year". Dr. Marv Sambur, Assistant Secretary for Acquisition, praised the high level of competence and hard-working devotion of today's Air Force members and in particular, the accomplishments of the Acquisition community.

This years award winners included: AQE: SSgt Philip Craig; AQA: Mr. Chad McCormick; AQC: Lt Col Mark Hobson; AQI: Lt Col Eric Gunzelman; AQL: Maj Kerri Mellor; AQP: Maj Robert Bubello; AQQ: Maj Dwayne Lott; AQR: Mr. Jerry Lautenschlager; AQX: Ms Roxana Vargas; RCO: Ms. Linda Honeysuckle; ACE: Mr. Robert Martin; PEO/CM: Lt Col Anna Cardenas; PEO/F/A-22: Ms. Carol Burns; and PEO/JSF: Lt Col James Baker.

Congratulations to this years winners. We applaud your superior performance and dedication to the Air Force mission. Many thanks to Dr. Sambur, the men and women of the Acquisition community, and our industry guests who made this program possible. We want to recognize and thank Lt Col Ed Vaughn for his hard work in co-chairing the event and bringing it all together.

And a very special thank-you to Mark Zullo for all his efforts.

We will be honoring AF/XO in a similar fashion on February 2, 2005. We hope you'll be able to join us. Watch your mail and our chapter home page [www.dwsteele.org] for details on this and other upcoming events.

Check out your chapter web site
www.dwsteele.org



Chapter President George DeFilippi and Dr. Sambur with the SAF/AQ award winners

January Membership Luncheon

Michelle Ryan, Event Co-Chair

Join fellow AFA members, have a great lunch, and hear **Lieutenant General Norton Schwartz, Director Joint Chiefs**. General Schwartz will be discussing the Air Force support in Operation Iraqi Freedom. The chapter will also recognize some outstanding contributors to AFA. The luncheon will be held at the **Arlington Army-Navy Country Club** from 1130-1300, **Tuesday, January 25, 2005**. Directions to Army-Navy Country Club can be found at www.dwsteele.org. Reservations required. See reservation form on page 4 of this newsletter.

We have special pricing for this event to encourage new members, so please bring any firends or colleagues who might be interested in joining AFA!

LATE BREAKING NEWS: Lt Gen Duncan McNabb, JCS/J-4, will be replacing Lt Gen Schwartz as Luncheon speaker.



the Chaplain's Corner

by Rev Dave Felsburg

"The End of the Year"

Our calendars tell us that 2004 is nearly over. But somehow, it seems this year will never end for many of us. We have seen the political battles of an election year, stock markets continue to fluctuate, terrorists threaten our way of life and "wars and rumors of wars" continue to draw on our national resources and mental health. Add to that the usual onset of the "Holiday Blahs" during this season, and we find ourselves with all kinds of emotional challenges. In a season when "Peace on Earth; Good Will to Men" should be lifting our spirits and encouraging our lives, we find depression and anxiety bring us down. How does one deal with such contrasts in life?

Some would say that we should concentrate on the positives and ignore the negatives. But, this philosophy rejects reality and eventually catches up with us with even more impact on our emotions. The most effective way of dealing with real problems, and maintaining a positive attitude through them, is to accept the fact that we live in a world that is filled with evil. Nevertheless, we serve a God who loves us and wants us to have a full and blessed life.

"...I came that they might have life, and might have {it} abundantly." (John 10:10, NAS)

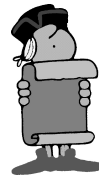
Let me wish each of you the absolute best of the Season's Greetings and a wish for a very happy and prosperous new year. And join me in a prayer for those of our families and friends who serve in harm's way and especially for the families of those who have paid the ultimate price in giving their lives that we might continue to enjoy freedom. May God richly bless each of you.

Upcoming Chapter Events

Jan 5 Chapter Exec Committee Mtg, AFA HQ
6 Airman Leadership Presentation, Bolling AFB
25 Membership Luncheon, Army Navy Club - Arl

Feb 2 Chapter Exec Committee Mtg, AFA HQ
2 Salute to AF/XO Community, Ft. Myer
4 Quarterly Virginia State AFA Mtg, VA Beach
17 Airman Leadership Presentation, Bolling AFB

TBD: In March, the chapter will be hosting the Enlisted Airman's Breakfast. Please check the website for further details.



the President's Corner

by George DeFilippi, Chapter President

Dear Chapter Members,

We wish you Holiday greetings and the Best in the New Year!!

Thanks for your trust and confidence in electing me to be your Chapter president! As my predecessors did, I will try to keep our Chapter moving forward and improving. We are very blessed in the Steele Chapter in having a number of very active people. Most of our past leaders remain active in the Chapter and help out with our various programs. However, we can always use a few more people to contribute good ideas and help out as your time permits.

I want to thank **Jim Hannan**, who has served as our Membership Luncheon co-chair. **Maj Michelle Ryan** has agreed to serve as our primary Membership Luncheon chair as Jim moves to other activities. **Maj Gen (ret) Jim McInerney** has agreed to continue to assist in securing space at the Army Navy Country Club, Arlington, our usual venue for the luncheons. **Miles Sawyer**, our Treasurer, continues his yeoman service behind the scenes handling reservations and finances for the majority of our activities.

I also want to thank **Rick and Cheryl Zehrer** for their superb work for the past two years heading up our Outstanding Enlisted Awards Breakfast committee. The Zehrs recently relocated to Austin, TX, and we wish them well in their new home area. **Steve Gress** has agreed to step in and chair this committee. **Mary Anne Thompson** continues to assist as our liaison with the Vice Chief's office and the Ritz Carlton.

Tom Veltri is in his 13th year as the Chair of our Air Staff Salute program and continues to get rave reviews from the Air Staff for his terrific work. One of our newer EXCOM members, **Kevin Lewis**, is working with the DCS/IL to investigate the potential for adding a 6th Salute for the IL community. **Maj Joe Price**, one of our AFA National Directors, has recently relocated to the DC area, transferred his membership to the Steele Chapter, and is working with the Gabriel Chapter investigating the potential for a Salute to the Air Force Space (SAF/US) community. **Peter Jones** has done a super job chairing our annual Virginia Suite activities.

Sean Ryan continues to do a fabulous job organizing our Chapter Scholarship golf tournaments. Our Chapter Secretary, **Pete Gavares**, and I give a presentation on AFA to each new class at the Airman Leadership School at Bolling. It is a real thrill to interact with these dedicated young men and women—the future of our Air Force! We have some exciting initiatives in Aerospace education with our local JROTC unit, CAP squadron, and the local public schools. So, as you can see there is a lot of energy in our Chapter! I invite you to come out and take part.

We have a full slate of activities planned for 2005. In the next quarter, we'll have a Membership Luncheon on January 25, with Lt Gen Norton Schwartz, Director of the Joint Staff as our honored guest and keynote speaker; a Salute to the AF/XO community on February 2; a presentation at the Bolling AFB Airman Leadership School on February 6; and our annual National Capitol Region Outstanding Enlisted Breakfast, co-hosted with the 11th Wing in March. I look forward to seeing you at these activities!

Our Executive Committee meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 1130-1300 in the 4th Floor Board Room at AFA Headquarters in Rosslyn. Come out and join us!

CAP Update

James Quinn, 1Lt. CAP

The squadron has been doing a drive for personal items to go to wounded service members at Landstuhl, Germany. Both cadets and senior members have done an unbelievable job in arranging for donations. Fort A.P. Hill decided to donate goods to us rather than Toys for Tots. In addition, employees of Friedman, Billings, Ramsey, a Rosslyn-based Investment Bank, also made very substantial donations. Our thanks for all these organizations are doing to support our troops!

The squadron is doing well in other areas as well. The color guard is beginning to prepare for competition, and I should have more news about that in the next newsletter. Much of our efforts are going to training the many new adult and cadet members that we've gained over the past few months. As ever, we hope Steele Chapter members will come and visit us.. The squadron meets every Wednesday night from 6:30-9:30 in the Arlington Career Center (816 South Walter Reed Dr., Arlington).

Chapter Scholarships

by Sean Ryan, Past President

The D. W. Steele Chapter will be awarding several \$1000 Chapter scholarships in June 2005 for the 2005/2006 school year. These scholarships are a cash award direct to the winner. They are open to anyone with an Air Force and/or AFA affiliation.

This is not a purely merit based scholarship. While academic merit is evaluated in the competition, community and school leadership are equally important. A strong leader with a lower GPA can be equally competitive. The deadline for applications is May 6, 2005. Use the form on page 5 to apply.

In addition, the Chapter awards a \$2000 scholarship in honor of General (Ret.) Tom Moorman annually to an outstanding Active, Guard or Reserve enlisted member pursuing a degree. This scholarship will be awarded at the CY2005 Capitol Region Outstanding Airman's Breakfast in March 2005. Application deadline for the Moorman Scholarship is February 25, 2005. Use the form on page 5 to apply.

Chapter Supports Fisher House

The D.W. Steele Chapter supported the Andrews AFB Fisher House foundation, that provides housing for family members of critically ill patients at Andrews' Malcolm Grow Med Center. The Chapter donated \$1000 by "buying" a hole in the Fisher House Golf Tournament in October 2004. Sean Ryan and Tom Veltri represented the Chapter.





**AFA Special Event/General Membership Luncheon
Army-Navy Country Club, Arlington
Lt Gen Norton Schwartz, Director Joint Staff**

The DW Steele Chapter, Air Force Association is conducting a Special Event/General Membership Meeting and Luncheon with **Lt Gen Norton Schwartz, Director Joint Staff**, as our honored guest and Luncheon Speaker. Directions to the Army-Navy Country Club can be found at www.dwsteele.org

Come enjoy lunch at Army-Navy Country Club, meet other AFA members, bring your spouse and meet and hear General Schwartz. Non-members are encouraged to come to the lunch and become members of AFA. **AFA is making a special effort with below cost pricing to encourage Active Duty AF Officer/Enlisted/Civilians to attend and become AFA members.**

RSVP to: Miles Sawyer at mlsawyer@raytheon.com or 703-284-4413. Mail checks to Miles Sawyer c/o Raytheon Company, 1100 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22209. Make checks out to "DW Steele Chapter, AFA". Sorry, no credit cards accepted.

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D. W. STEELE, SR. CHAPTER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Tuesday, January 25th, 2005 Luncheon Reservation Form

Reception at 11:30 AM; Luncheon at 12:00 PM, Army-Navy Country Club, Arlington
(Uniform of the day or business attire)

	Names (please print)	Phone Number	Number	Cost
AF Active Duty/ AF Civil Servant AFA Member			__ @ \$10	
AF Active Duty/ AF Civil Servant Non-AFA Member			__ @ \$25	
Non Active Duty AFA Member			__ @ \$20	
Non-Active Duty Non-AFA Member			__ @ \$45	
Please respond ASAP, but NLT January 17th, 2004 <i>Note: Nonmember cost includes one year membership (a \$36 value) with subscription to AFA Magazine</i>			Total Cost	

Non-Active Duty includes retirees, AF contractors, others.

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DONALD W. STEELE, SR.,
CHAPTER AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION**

Full Name: _____

Address/Phone: _____

I. Academic Record (Attach high school or college transcript)

High School/College (as appropriate) GPA: _____ **Major:** _____

List any honors:

List civilian activities/leadership roles:

(Note: You may attach a resume of activities)

II. Military Affiliations (if applicable)

Unit: **Grade/Rank:** **Years of Service:**

Primary AFSC/job:

Other (Provide any other data you may want to include in support of your application.):

You may also attach references and/or letters of recommendation.

Please submit applications and supporting materials no later than Feb 25, 2005 [Moorman Scholarship] or May 6, 2005 [Chapter Scholarships] to:

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