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***• QUARTERLY LUNCHEON AT VIRGINIA AVIATION MUSEUM***

Be sure to come to the next quarterly Chapter Meeting and luncheon to be held on Saturday, March 19 at the Virginia Aviation Museum. Reservations are required and the deadline is March 14. Lunch boxes must be pre-ordered! See p. 2 for all the details.

- ***USAF LICENSE PLATE UPDATE p. 9***
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***Our Mission***

***The Air Force Association's mission is to:***

- ***Educate*** the public about the critical role of aerospace power in the defense of our nation
- ***Advocate*** aerospace power and a strong national defense
- ***Support*** the United States Air Force, the Air Force family, and Aerospace Education



## Chapter Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon

Members and their guests are encouraged to come to the Virginia Aviation Museum for our next Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon. We will have a tour of the museum, a presentation by the VAM Executive Director and a box lunch.

**Where:** Virginia Aviation Museum  
5701 Huntsman Road  
Richmond International Airport



**When:** Saturday, March 19, 2011 from 12:15 pm to 2:00 pm

**Tour:** Starting at 12:15 pm we will be touring the museum. Cost for admission is \$6.50, \$5.50 for seniors (60 and older), No Charge if you are a member of the VAM or Science Museum of Virginia. Payment will be collected by VAM staff as you enter the museum.

**Lunch:** Arrangements have been made for box lunches. The cost is \$8 per lunch. The meeting room will be available for lunch at approximately 12:45 pm. **Please complete and mail the lunch form enclosed in this newsletter, with your check, no later than March 14, 2011.**

**Speaker:** Michael P. Boehme, Executive Director for the Virginia Aviation Museum will be giving a presentation on "Fighter Aircraft". This session will begin after lunch and will be followed by a short business meeting.

**Reservations:** Reservations are required as we will purchase the box lunches before the meeting and need a definite attendance count. Please mail the form on the following page, specifying your luncheon preferences along with a check made payable to "**Richmond AFA Chapter 243**" in the amount of \$8/each for yourself and any guests. *The form(s) need to be mailed no later than March 14, 2011.*

### MAP & DIRECTIONS

The Virginia Aviation Museum is located at the Richmond International Airport at 5701 Huntsman Road near Sandston, Virginia.

**From Interstate 64** take Exit 197A (Richmond International Airport (RIC) exit) and follow South Airport Drive and turn left to access Huntsman Road, following the brown Virginia Aviation Museum signs.

**From Interstate 295** take Exit 31B (RIC exit) follow South Airport Drive and turn left to access Huntsman Road, following the brown Virginia Aviation Museum signs.

**Parking.** There is ample free parking adjacent to the museum.



## Chapter Quarterly Meeting and Luncheon Box Lunch Selection Form

Please circle items on the following list to select the sandwich, bread, condiments, side dish and beverage you would like for the March 19, 2011 meeting and luncheon. If you have a guest attending with you, make a second copy of this form and complete the selection for your guest. Mail the completed forms with your check as outlined below.

<u>Sandwiches</u>	<u>Breads</u>	<u>Condiments</u>	<u>Side Dishes</u>	<u>Beverages</u>
Honey Ham & Cheese	White	Mayonnaise	Potato Chips	Coke
Turkey & Cheese	Whole Wheat	Mustard	Cole Slaw	Diet Coke
Egg Salad	Rye	Lettuce	Potato Salad	Pepsi
Tuna Salad		Tomato	Pasta Salad	Diet Pepsi
Chicken Salad		Amer. Cheese	Macaroni Salad	Bottled Lipton Tea
		Swiss Cheese	Fresh Fruit Salad	Bottled Water
				Dr. Pepper

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions please call David Hartley at 804-756-1563 or email at hartleydw@verizon.net.

Please send payment in the amount of \$8.00 per person.

Make checks payable to **Richmond AFA Chapter 243** and mail them to:

David Hartley  
11432 Long Meadow Drive,  
Glen Allen, VA 23059-5101

***Please mail no later than March 14, 2011. Thanks!***

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Harper Alford



Greetings Richmond AFA Chapter 243 Members!

We're well into the year 2011, and your chapter Executive Committee (EXCOM) has been planning activities for the year. Our first quarter luncheon will be on March 19 at the Virginia Aviation Museum and will be followed by a briefing from the director. See the article elsewhere in this issue of the JETBLAST for details and reservation information.

In the second quarter our big event is co-hosting, along with the Tidewater Chapter, the annual Virginia AFJROTC Drill Meet. This meet will be on April 30 at Atlee High School, right here in Glen Allen, VA, and brings most of the statewide high school AFJROTC units together in a drill competition. Our chapter provides support in several ways, so volunteers are needed to help staff the meet. This is an excellent opportunity to watch these young men and women, many of whom may serve in the Air Force.

Volunteer opportunities also abound in our community. The USO Welcome Center at Richmond International Airport always needs volunteers to work there or at fundraising events. The USO web site is [www.USOCentralVA.org](http://www.USOCentralVA.org), so visit this site and ask them what you can do to help.

I recently heard a briefing by one of the program assistants at the Fisher House located at the McGuire VA Medical Center here in Richmond. For those unfamiliar with this facility, the Richmond Fisher House, one of 53 around the country, provides support, respite and lodging for the family members of patients receiving care at the McGuire VA Medical Center. This briefing was so informative that I hope to have it given at one of our future quarterly luncheons. It was inspiring to hear how the Fisher House program started and what it does for families of our wounded military members.

Finally, I'd like to use this opportunity to welcome David Hartley who joins our EXCOM as Chapter Treasurer, replacing Steve Combs. Thanks, David, for volunteering to become more active in our chapter by assuming this important position. And I would also like to thank Steve for his service as our Chapter Treasurer and say that we all will miss you at our EXCOM meetings. There are other vacancies on our EXCOM, so chapter members, won't you please consider following David's example and participate in the Richmond chapter activities.

I hope to see you at our March 19 luncheon.

*-Harper*



## Virginia State Air Force Association

*Sixth Annual*  
Virginia Air Force JROTC State Drill Championships

Saturday, 30 April 2011  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

*Atlee High School*  
*9414 Sliding Hill Road*  
*Atlee, Virginia 23116*

### Categories:

**Color Guard, Armed Exhibition, Unarmed Exhibition, Armed Regulation, Unarmed Regulation, Inspection Team & *Individual Knockout (AS-I & Open)***



***SPECIAL PRESENTATION: The U.S. Air Force Drill Team will serve as Judges for the event and will also give a performance before the Individual Knockout competition at approximately 2:00 PM***

### **Volunteers:**

If you would like to be a judge, scorer, or serve on the Meet Staff, please contact:

**Chip Moran** at 800 296-1516 or  
Chip.Moran@Yahoo.com

## MEMBER PROFILE: DAVID HARTLEY

*This quarter's Member profile is on our new chapter Treasurer, David Hartley. David has really stepped up to the plate in the past few months to lend a hand with chapter activities. We especially appreciate him answering the call when we needed a replacement for our past treasurer, Steve Combs. Be sure to meet David at our next Chapter luncheon, and thank him for handling all the arrangements!*

**Full name, nickname, rank:** David Wayne Hartley A/1C (E-4)

**Where were you born?** Beaverdam, VA

**Where did you grow up?** Beaverdam, VA. Growing up on a farm I was very involved in planting/harvesting crops and raising livestock. Most of our neighbors lived in a similar environment or worked in the timber industry.

**Any military traditions?** Several cousins and a brother-in-law served during World War II. Lots of our neighbors served in World War II as well. Both of my Great Grandfathers served in the Civil War.

**What inspired you to serve in the military?** My first desire was to attend VPI (now Virginia Tech). I was accepted and received a small scholarship. However my family's finances were insufficient to supplement the scholarship and fund a college education. Opportunities for training in the USAF provided an attractive alternative. Later, my service had an added benefit with the Cold War GI Bill paying for my education at Southern Methodist University.

**How long have you been in the USAF?** I was in the USAF for 4 years.

**Active duty or retired, and when?** I was on active duty from August 1955 to August 1959. After that I was in the reserves until August 1960, when I was released from assignment as a Ready Reservist (due to employment in a Critical Civilian Occupation) and reassigned to Standby Reservist for the remainder of my 6 year obligation.

**Can you describe some of the highlights of your military career?**

Basic Training: August 1955 – November 1955

Sampson AFB, NY

Communications Machine Repairman School: November 1955 – May 1956

F. E. Warren AFB, WY

Cryptographic Equipment Repairman School: May 1956 – November 1956

Scott AFB, IL

Duty Elmendorf AFB, AK (Alaskan Air Command): December 1956 – November 1957

Duty AC&W Sites (10<sup>th</sup> Air Division), AK November 1957 – May 1958

Duty Offutt AFB, NE (SAC HQ) June 1958 – August 1959

Completed Radio Fundamentals Correspondence Course through Air University while stationed in Alaska.

My relationship with the USAF continued in my civilian occupation with AT&T. My experience with SAC led me to AT&T where I was project manager for establishment of the air to ground radio link to the SAC Airborne Command Post. I continued with this activity until October 1966 when I was transferred by AT&T to a Sales Supervisor position in Dallas, TX.





*(Member Profile: David Hartley, cont.)*

**Do you have a “fondest memory” or memorable experience you can share?**

My fondest memories are probably from my time in Alaska. The country was beautiful and I was able to travel over most of southern Alaska while installing and maintaining cryptographic equipment at the radar sites.

**If you are a pilot, what planes have you flown?** I was not a pilot, while I did take a few lessons at the flight club in Cheyenne, WY. While in Alaska I traveled in several different planes, mostly C-47 and C-123. I had one interesting flight just before coming back to the lower 48. I had been on assignment at Cape Romanzof, AK, on the Bering Sea, as I finished my duty assignment in Alaska. This was in May and the snow and ice began to thaw making the dirt runway impossible to use for a C-123. After waiting for several days to get back to Elmendorf the USAF sent an Alaskan Bush Pilot in to pick up me, two other folks and a weeks-worth of outbound mail. The runway was total mud, you would sink about 5 inches when walking on the runway. The bush pilot loaded us all on board and took off towards the Bering Sea. The end of the runway dropped about 90 feet to the sea but he was able to pull up about 100 feet from the end of the runway. From there we flew to Bethel, AK and transferred to a commercial flight back to Anchorage.

**Time to brag...What are your decorations? Campaign medals?**

Having served my entire time during the Cold War I was not eligible for medals earned by many service members. I did receive the Good Conduct Medal, was Airman-of-the-Month a couple of times, etc. I was awarded the Certificate of Recognition for service during the Cold War by Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen.

**What is your involvement with the Air Force Association?**

I have been an AFA member about 3 years. Last month I was appointed Treasurer of Richmond Chapter 243.

**Where do you currently reside?** Glen Allen, VA

**Are you married?** Yes, my wife Holly and I will celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

**Children?** I have 3 children from my previous marriage. My two sons live in Texas and my daughter lives here in Glen Allen.

**Any grown children in the military?** No.

**Feel free to add any ruminations you may have about your association with the USAF and the Air Force Association.**

I hope to assist the Executive committee in their effort to breathe new life into the Richmond Chapter and increase attendance at our quarterly meetings. Many of our members have missed very interesting and beneficial programs recently. In my new duties at AFA I plan to fully participate in discussions and plans to increase participation of the membership.

## VETERANS AFFAIRS by DAVE ELLIS



*A bit rough, but here is a couple of short shots for USAF retirees on the "fact of life" situation facing us with the 112<sup>th</sup> U.S. Congress, and another comment about where we are in realistic and practical terms.*

1. With the 112<sup>th</sup> U.S. Congress, we have a total of eighteen USAF veterans (15 Representatives and 3 Senators) looking after our interests and the national defense. Collectively, the U.S. Congress includes a total of one hundred and eleven veterans, eighty six in the House and twenty-five in the senate. Since 1973, the number of veterans in Congress has decreased 71%, and has the fewest veterans since WWII. For the Members of Congress, without prior military experience, is there any reason not to feel sympathetic with them as they struggle to comprehend the very scope of proposed legislation? With the recent comments of Sec Def Gates regarding increased TRICARE fees, deductibles and more copays, and proposed increased deductions for reimbursements to physicians providing care to military retirees and their families, USAF defense of our interests will not be easy in the long term.

*What this means in blunt terms: we will all have to be more vigilant about our interests and pro-active in reaching out to our own representatives and senators when it comes to weighing proposed legislative, policy and procedures changes.*

2. Given the current Ops Tempo, comments by the U.S. Government leadership regarding foreign affairs in the Near East, bigotry by a group from Kansas and their lack of civility on the occasion of a funeral in Maryland, and the subsequent opinion of the Supreme Court, written by the Chief Justice John Roberts, .....it all must have us all scratching our heads, and wondering what's next? We now know that what's next is that Stephen Spielberg, who has the rights to do so, will make a movie about how Julian "WikiLeaks" Assange engineered espionage and the publication of classified U.S. information! Chaos is becoming entertainment, and espionage reduced to minor Grade C amusement.
3. These circumstances recall an event in 1787, when Benjamin Franklin emerged from the negotiations over what became the U.S. Constitution; a lady asked, "Well, doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?" Ben Franklin paused for a split second and responded, "A republic, if you can keep it!"
4. Justice Roberts wrote: the free speech rights in the First Amendment shields the protestors who disrupted the funeral of an American hero. MG Childers, USA/Va.NG (Ret.) suggests that reading the U.S. Constitution from time to time is good for all us. The First Amendment reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." Can anyone seriously link Justice Roberts' point of view with the facts of the disruption of the funeral ceremony for a Marine killed in action???

*Editor's note: The recent decision by the Supreme Court makes it even more important that the funerals of our fallen are overflowing with grateful Americans. Maybe there won't be a "next one", but if there is, hope to see you there! -EHJ*

## USAF License Plate Update...

There's good news, and there's bad news....from Dave Kohlmer

The good news is that so far we've received 135 paid applications for the USAF plate and still have strong backing for the project by many delegates in the General Assembly; unfortunately, we don't yet have the requisite 350 in order for it to be considered on the floor this year. While this is disappointing to me, I'm not ready to give up! We've come so far and all the right pieces are in place...we just need more people to apply. I hope you and all the other folks who've sent in applications will be willing to hang in there until we reach our goal, and continue to help spread the word and twist arms!

Come be part of creating a plate for the greatest Air Force in the world by applying today, and please spread the word! Feel free to contact me at (804) 503-1180 or [dave.kolmer@yahoo.com](mailto:dave.kolmer@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.



### HOW TO APPLY

Complete, print and sign DMV Form VSA10 – License Plate Application found at:  
<http://www.dmv.virginia.gov/webdoc/pdf/vsa10.pdf>

- Check block for “Military” and enter “U.S. Air Force”
- Complete one form per plate

Attach check made payable to “AFA Richmond Chapter 243”

- \$10 for non-personalized plate
- \$20 for personalized plate (new or existing)

Attach photocopy of a document showing proof of service (DD214, Military ID Card, Retiree ID Card or Discharge Certificate)

Attach 3x5 card with your email address so we can send you updates

Mail completed form and attachments to:

AFA Richmond Chapter 243  
P.O. Box 2195  
Mechanicsville, VA 23116  
Attn: License Plate Application

*“For it has been said so truthfully that it is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us the freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the agitator, who has given us the freedom to protest. It is the soldier who salutes the flag, serves beneath the flag, whose coffin is draped by the flag, who gives that protester the freedom to abuse and burn that flag.”*

– Zell Miller

# USO Welcome Center at Richmond International Airport

By David Hartley

One of the activities identified by our local AFA Chapter's Annual Activity Plan for 2011 is support of the USO Welcome Center at Richmond Airport. This USO opened in late June 2010 and the number of troops moving through this center continues to increase each month. David Hartley and his wife Holly have been volunteering at the USO each week since it opened. Harper Alford volunteers when his schedule permits.



Most of us are familiar with how a USO operates. Just in case you have forgotten, let's review what the USO offers the troops moving through the Richmond Airport. First and foremost it serves as a home away from home. Any service member, their dependents and retired military are always welcome at the USO. The USO at our airport provides a place away from the hustle and bustle of airport activity where our service people can come in relax, have a sandwich, soft drink, coffee and, even more importantly, see a kind face, someone to listen and a chance to visit with fellow service folks from around the world. There are also easy chairs for watching TV, Wii games and internet access. David and Holly indicate that around 75 % of the folks moving through the Richmond USO are Army with the remainder being USAF, USMC, USN and a few Coast Guard folks. Fort Lee, as you most likely have heard, is undergoing a large expansion as part of the BRAC program. They expect to continue growing well into the next year. Fort Lee is training all branches of our military. Fort Pickett is being used primarily for training reserve troops. Traffic to and from Pickett has been mostly Army NG/Reserve and recently David and Holly have seen Navy personnel headed to Fort Pickett. They report their volunteer time at the USO is a most rewarding experience.

There is always a need for volunteers. If you are interested, contact Tricia Riggs, Director of the Richmond USO Center at 804-236-7234. The USO is funded entirely by donations. The Richmond Center comes under the Hampton Roads/Central Virginia USO and receives some funding from donations made to the overall USO organization. With the volume of traffic through Richmond we are always in need of food and drinks. Your contribution can best be used when it is in the form of gift cards to one of the local grocery stores.

If you haven't already, stop by the Richmond USO, introduce yourself and find out how you can become more involved.



We're on the web at  
[www.richmond-afa.org](http://www.richmond-afa.org)

Thanks to Julia Reisenwitz, our VP of Communication for the recent updates to our website. Be sure to check out our fresh, new look....and don't forget to come back often for current information and more updates!





## Honor Flight Plans April 30 Trip

Honor Flight Historic Triangle Virginia is planning their fifth trip to Washington, D.C. on April 30. If you know of any World War II veterans who might be interested in seeing the WWII Memorial, please let them know about this wonderful opportunity. Do it now...we are losing about 8,000 WWII vets each week! Also, HFHTVA needs volunteers to assist on the trip. Please visit their website at [www.HonorFlightHTVA.org](http://www.HonorFlightHTVA.org) for more information.

From the HonorFlightHTVA website:

“Honor Flight Historic Triangle Virginia (HFHTVA) is a Williamsburg-based non-profit organization established in October 2008 with one goal: To take every World War II and terminally ill veteran in the Hampton Roads and Richmond areas that is able and has not visited the World War II Memorial built in their honor on a charter bus day trip to Washington, DC. In addition to the WWII Memorial, other scheduled stops include Arlington National Cemetery and the Marine Corps War (Iwo Jima) Memorial, Korean War, and/or Vietnam War Memorials. Box meals are served for breakfast and lunch and there is a tour and sit-down dinner at the National Museum of the Marine Corps prior to returning home. All veterans on the trip are accompanied by a trained volunteer guardian, who will assist the veteran for the entire day, and a staff of certified Emergency Medical Technicians / Paramedics to ensure everyone’s safety throughout the trip.

There is no charge to the veterans as they paid for it through their dedicated service to our great nation more than sixty five years ago. We do not accept donations from our veteran participants, however, persons and/or organizations interested in donating to HFHTVA should visit our website at [www.honorflighthtva.org](http://www.honorflighthtva.org) and hit the \*Donations\* link on the main menu bar. HFHTVA is 501(c) 3 organization and all contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. We use 100% of the donations received for the expenses of the program.

HFHTVA does not have any paid employees and is staffed strictly with volunteers from the Hampton Roads and Richmond areas who are dedicated to honoring our nation’s veterans. For individuals and groups in the community that would like to assist or provide financial and/or in-kind donations, please contact Honor Flight Historic Triangle Virginia via EMAIL at [HonorFlightHTVA@cavtel.net](mailto:HonorFlightHTVA@cavtel.net) or by phone at 877-424-VETS (please note we do not have a live phone operator).

HFHTVA is a hub of the National Honor Flight Network, which was founded in 2004 and has almost 100 hubs throughout the United States. They have taken 63,000 veterans to the memorial as of the end of 2010.”

For more information, applications and a printable brochure, please visit [www.honorflightHTVA.org](http://www.honorflightHTVA.org)

***“We can’t all be heroes....  
some of us have to stand on the curb  
and clap as they go by...”  
-Will Rogers***



**Elizabeth Hart Jones**  
*Your Realtor with Heart!*

Dear fellow Members:

The Executive Committee of Richmond Chapter 243 strives to serve our membership, and we should give them kudos for all the time and effort they spend trying to keep our chapter alive and well. In order to better serve the membership's needs, your input is requested. Please take the time to fill out the Member Interest Survey on the next page and send it back to us. You can copy and paste it in an e-mail and send to **Richmond AFA243@gmail.com** or do it the old fashioned way, and mail it to **AFA Richmond Chap. 243 P.O. Box 2195, Mechanicsville, Virginia 23116**. This would also help us update our e-mail mailing list. Thank you in advance!

Since I became editor of the JetBlast, I have introduced a couple of new features to our newsletter...the *Member Profile*, so that we can get to know our individual members, and *Opportunity Knocks*, which is basically our "classified" section. Please be sure to peruse that list and take advantage of the opportunities to get involved. Another feature I am introducing in this issue is a book review. If you've read, or perhaps even written, a book that you think would interest our members, please let me know about it. It would be even more helpful if you are willing to submit a short review, but even a book recommendation is welcome.

Finally, I hope more of you will come to our next chapter luncheon on Mar. 19 at the Virginia Aviation Museum which should be a blast. I will be on a plane heading to Japan to visit my daughter, but will be with you all there in spirit!

Sayonara!

Elizabeth

## FlyLeaf Book Review: The Mullah's Storm

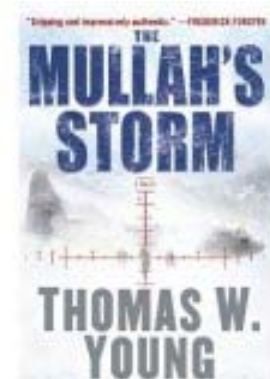
**The Mullah's Storm** is an exciting, fast-paced read by Thomas W. Young, a Senior Master Sergeant with the West VA Air National Guard who has served in Afghanistan and Iraq. The novel is a riveting survival story of crew members of a USAF C-130 shot down in the unforgiving Hindu Kush of Afghanistan. *The Mullah's Storm* has received high praise from those who would know:

"I found *The Mullah's Storm* captivating. Like Tom Clancy, Young has an eye for detail about military equipment, operations and thinking that will ring true with any veteran – something that is not often achieved by other authors – and his portrayal of Afghanistan is not only accurate but most relevant to current events and worth the read alone. Most of all, the story's suspense holds the reader in its grip. The extreme chase from hope to despair and back makes it impossible to put down."

–General Chuck Horner, USAF (Ret.), Former Commander, U.S. Central Command Air Forces

"*The Mullah's Storm* is the most realistic and compelling novel that I have ever read. It is suspenseful and electrifying from beginning to end, and as close to reality as it could possibly be. The knowledge, experience, and insights of the author and his ability in writing this book is amazing. It is a 'must read' – and once you start, you will not want to put it down. *The Mullah's Storm* will surely be a best seller."

–General Carl Stiner, U.S. Army (Ret.), Former Commander in Chief, U.S. Special Operations Command



## MEMBER INTEREST SURVEY

The Richmond 243 Chapter of the Air Force Association has over 500 registered members, but only a handful participate in chapter activities. To retain our status as an active chapter, we are obliged to fulfill certain requirements, including conducting quarterly chapter meetings. The executive committee has tried to hold the meetings in various locations throughout our geographical area (which is extensive). In November 2009, we went North to Fredericksburg, and in May '10 we went East to the Jones House in the Northern Neck. Attendance was still disappointing. We now ask for the membership's input as to what would make the meetings more convenient and enjoyable so that participation increases. Please take the time to respond to this questionnaire and return it to us via e-mail at richmondafa243@gmail.com or print and mail to:

AFA Richmond Chap. 243  
P.O. Box 2195  
Mechanicsville, Virginia  
23116

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### AFA CHAPTER 243 – RICHMOND, VA MEMBER INTEREST SURVEY

#### PROGRAMS

Please indicate the programs which are of most interest to you by ranking the following items 1-n.

Presentation by Veterans Services. \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation by AFA Members. \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

#### MEETING LOCATION

Please indicate which location is most convenient for you to attend meetings.

Richmond East End. \_\_\_\_\_

Richmond West End. \_\_\_\_\_

Richmond North Side \_\_\_\_\_

Richmond South Side \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please indicate) \_\_\_\_\_

#### MEETING TIME/DAY

Please indicate the meeting time and day that is most convenient for you.

Friday Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Dinner \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Luncheon \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Dinner \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

#### FACILITY TYPE

Please indicate the type facility you prefer for meetings.

Hotel with meeting rooms where meals may be slightly more expensive \_\_\_\_\_

Restaurant with meeting room where meals may be less expensive \_\_\_\_\_

Destination venues (museums, parks, etc.) with boxed lunches \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

#### ACTIVITIES

The Richmond Chapter sponsors or participates in a number of activities. Please check the activities shown below in which you have an interest.

JROTC Drill Competition \_\_\_\_\_

Golf Tournament Fund Raisers \_\_\_\_\_

Service as a Chapter Officer \_\_\_\_\_

## HELP WANTED = Opportunity Knocks



*In order to keep our official status as an AFA chapter, several requirements need to be fulfilled each year. If you have time, ideas or expertise to share, your input is encouraged.*

*Please contact us at*

**richmondafa243@gmail.com.**

- **SPEAKERS WANTED**— for programs on the understanding of national defense or aerospace issues. If you, or someone you know, is well-versed and willing to speak at a quarterly meeting, please let us know!
- **HELP WANTED**—Ideas and assistance on creating an outreach program for non-AFA audiences. This can be for all/any ages and can include any topic about aviation, the USAF, the AFA, etc.
- **TEACHER NOMINATION WANTED**—Richmond 243 is seeking nominations for the Teacher of the Year Award. Candidates should have made significant contributions toward aerospace, science, technology, engineering and/or math education.
- **AUDIENCES NEEDED**—AFA chapters are required to conduct or support aerospace educational programs to non-AFA audiences. This includes school groups, classrooms, scout troops, veterans groups, retirement communities, etc. If you know of a group that would appreciate a free presentation from the AFA, please let us know.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**—On the last Saturday each April our chapter hosts the Air Force JROTC Drill meet. It is a fun, and inspiring event. Volunteers are needed for judges and staff. If you are interested in helping, please contact Chip Moran at 800-296-1516 or e-mail [chip.moran@yahoo.com](mailto:chip.moran@yahoo.com)

- **ATTENDANCE URGENTLY NEEDED**—Members are urged to attend Chapter events and luncheons. Your Executive Committee tries hard to procure interesting speakers and enjoyable venues, but it's discouraging, and embarrassing, when attendance is pitifully low. It also affects our ability to attract those interesting speakers for future events.



***“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”***

***– Margaret Mead***



**We want YOU!  
We NEED you!**



## USEFUL WEBSITE LINKS:

For the latest news and related veterans issues go to the  
**Virginia Department of Veterans Services** website.....[www.virginiaforveterans.com](http://www.virginiaforveterans.com)  
Or [www.dvs.virginia.gov](http://www.dvs.virginia.gov)

Information on **TRICARE** and **TRICARE FOR LIFE**.....<http://www.tricare.mil/>

National Air Force Association.....[www.afa.org](http://www.afa.org)

Virginia Air Force Association.....[www.virginiaafa.org/VAAFA](http://www.virginiaafa.org/VAAFA)

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