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• ***QUARTERLY LUNCHEON AT BRANDERMILL  
June 11, 2011***

• ***VIRGINIA AIR FORCE JROTC STATE DRILL  
CHAMPIONSHIPS***

• ***USAF License Plate drive still going! See p. 7***

• ***JONES BUILDING Dedication at Andrews AFB***

• ***PLEASE fill out and return the Member Interest  
Survey on page 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





**LUNCH BY THE LAKE**  
**QUARTERLY CHAPTER MEETING**  
**JUNE 11, 2011**  
**11:30-1:00**

***Please join us for a leisurely lunch by the lake***  
***On the deck at***  
***The Lakeside office of***  
***Prudential Slater James River Realtors***  
***Brandermill, Sunday's Park***  
***4600 Millridge Parkway***  
***Midlothian, VA 23112***  
***(Right next to The Boathouse Restaurant)***

***Lunch will be catered by Padow's so pre-orders are required. Please see the form on the next page.***

*Bring a lawn chair  
if you have one...*



*And join the fun!*



## 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 June 11, 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 June 3, 2011. Thanks!***



## Virginia State Air Force Association

*Sixth Annual*

### Virginia Air Force JROTC State Drill Championships

## High School Students Take Tips from the Pros

by Airman 1st Class Tabitha N. Haynes, Air Force District of Washington Public Affairs

**Air Force District of Washington** -- "The goals are to be fair, consistent and efficient," said retired Lt. Col. Thomas Moran, host of the competition and the East vice president of the Virginia State Air Force Association, during the judges briefing. "However, be picky - very picky."

Following that note, members of the U. S. Air Force Honor Guard drill team volunteered to judge different portions of the Virginia AFA JROTC drill competition April 30 at Atlee High School, Mechanicsville, Va. The team judged the students in various areas of drill and armed drill. This was the sixth annual Virginia AFA JROTC drill competition, but this year the organization added some excitement, inviting the Joint Base Eustis-Langley, Va. Air Force color guard to present during an opening ceremony and having the USAF Honor Guard drill team perform for the crowd.

- Members of the U. S. Air Force Honor Guard drill team volunteered to judge different portions of the Virginia AFA JROTC drill competition April 30 at Atlee High School, Mechanicsville, Va.
- The team judged the students in various areas of drill and armed drill.
- This was the sixth annual Virginia AFA JROTC drill competition.
- Atlee High School hosted approximately 400 cadets from 32 units.

In-between judging, the drill team members would take the opportunity to give advice to the cadets.

"I can kind of relate to this because back when I was in high school I was in Junior ROTC, so I know exactly where they are coming from," said Airman 1st Class Christopher Martinez, member of the Air Force Drill Team, and native of Winter Springs, Fla. While Airman Martinez inspected cadet's uniforms, he was attentive of each cadet's discipline and presentation.

"You have a string there," he points to the cadet's uniform.

"Yes sir," the cadet responds.

"Make sure you fix it before your next drill, now do your best," said Airman Martinez.

The Virginia AFA leaders were at a meeting seven years ago and discovered they didn't have a state JROTC championship, and from there decided to create one, said Colonel Moran.

"You know what's great about this," said Colonel Moran. "You get to see young boys and girls acting like young men and women, and you know why? We [the Air Force] only get the best."

"Seeing a group like us perform is just really inspiring, especially at that age," said Airmen Martinez.

Atlee High School hosted approximately 400 cadets from 32 units. Two-thirds of the state's JROTC units participated.

"This is my first time getting to travel out with you guys, and I thought it was awesome," said Captain Hochstein, commander of the USAF Honor Guard's Drill Team. "With the crowds rolling...it was awesome."

Then, students flooded through the door anxiously waiting for the team's signatures. One student has the team sign her cast. Finally, every routine was scored to 100 and the winners were announced for each category. The overall winners were E.C. Glass High School of Lynchburg, Va. They defended their title and have now won two years in a row. Additionally, six medallions were handed out to the top performers at the competition.

The Virginia AFA currently has approximately 7,000 members and nine chapters. It is a non-profit organization open to anyone with interest in the Air Force, said retired Col. J. Randy Hobbs, president of the Virginia AFA. With present-day missions and assignments for active duty Airmen, the organization has seen more Air Force Veterans step up in leadership positions within the association and less active duty. However, anyone who supports the AF is welcomed to join.



*Senior Airman Cortez Willis, member of the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard drill team, warms-up for the performance April 30 at the Virginia Air Force Association's JROTC drill competition, Atlee High School, Mechanicsville, Va.*



*Airman 1st Class Andrew Winders, member of the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team, observes the JROTC cadet's armed drill portion of the Virginia Air Force Association's JROTC drill competition April 30 at Atlee High School, Mechanicsville, Va.*



*The U.S. Air Force Honor Guard drill team performs throw-backs April 30 at the Virginia Air Force Association's JROTC drill competition, Atlee High School, Mechanicsville, Va. Throw-backs are a drill movement where the team blindly throws their rifles back to the Airmen behind them.*



# VETERANS AFFAIRS by DAVE ELLIS

## JONES BUILDING DEDICATION AT ANDREWS

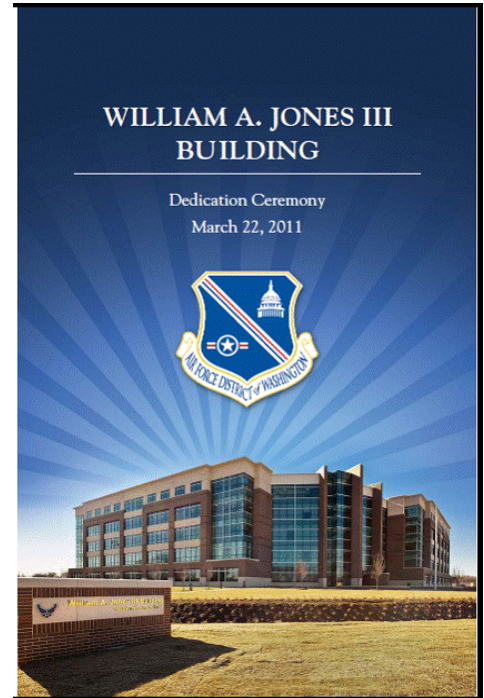


I was pleased to be able to attend the dedication of the William A. Jones III building on March 22 since not all of us would be able to do so; I am bold enough to make a report about the events of the day.

The last time I was at Andrews Air Force Base was when I arrived back from Operation Desert Storm in rumpled fatigues with the sand of Saudi Arabia in my boots. This time they may call the place Joint Base Andrews but it was all immediately recognizable. There is something difficult to convey to civilians who have never served in the military, but it was good to be among my own kith-n-kin again. The installation has an immaculate and brand new administration building and yesterday it was dedicated in honor of a true hero and in ceremonies that befit the times.

I'm uncertain which of the dignitaries mentioned it, but I think it was Secretary of the Air Force Michael B. Donley, when speaking of those who would be working in the new building, that they would do well to keep the name-sake of their building in mind. Colonel Jones was a man who had lived with the highest standards of professionalism in all that he did. (When I was in Vietnam, I knew about the 602d Fighter Commando Squadron, but I had rotated back to the ZI by the time Col Jones had arrived.) Under his command, the 602d became an elite organization, and provided escort for helicopters on SAR missions. He was not only a commander, but he flew Spads (the A1H Skyraider) into enemy fire, helping to save downed American pilots and others who were savaged and in harm's way. He earned the Purple Heart and the Medal of Honor for his selfless heroism; the MOH was presented to his widow by President Nixon in 1970.

My interest in attending the ceremonies was Elizabeth Hart Jones and her sister, Anne, were part of the party of dignitaries on hand, and the sisters were there to make sure due honors were presented their father. (Those who are affiliated with the Virginia AFA and Chapter 243 in Richmond know Elizabeth as a colleague who makes excellence seem to be the only standard in all that she does.) .....Continued on page 7





-Dear fellow members,

My sincere thanks to Dave Ellis for his exciting description of the Jones Building dedication which I had the honor of attending on March 22. That was truly a memorable day! I plan to bring some "show and tell" about it to the June 11 luncheon, so please come if you wish to learn more. Speaking of the luncheon, I want to thank Prudential Slater James River Realtors for offering the use of their lakeside office in Brandermill...it's a delightful spot, and promises to be a fun time, weather permitting. If the skies do not cooperate, we can move inside and still enjoy the view.

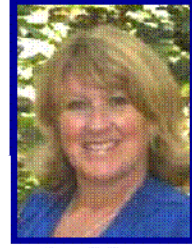
Folks, we do hope to see more of you there...attendance is painfully low. We are wondering if it's apathy, or perhaps word is not reaching you? PLEASE do us a favor, and send us an e-mail when you get the Jetblast. We are working hard to update the database and want to be sure all of our members are included.

Our VP of Technology, Julia Reisenwitz, is also working to put an on-line version of the JetBlast on our website. Be sure to look for that! If you've somehow come across this newsletter, but have not received one yourself, check your spam filters and clear us to get past your firewall.

We are also trying to make our quarterly meeting an event our members look forward to attending. Please, please, PLEASE fill out the Member Interest Survey on the next page, and send it in...out of about 600 members, we've only received ONE response! C'mon folks, we can do better than that! Let us know how we can make the Richmond Chapter of the AFA an organization you are proud to belong to! Hope to see you on June 11!

-Elizabeth

*PS You may recall in my last editor's note I bid you all "Sayonara" as I was planning to go to Japan to visit my daughter. The earthquake and tsunami changed those plans, but I am thankful to report that my daughter is fine. Her village of Oma, on the north coast of Honshu, was spared the devastation wrought just a few miles away. It was a scary time, but she takes after her grandfather, and insisted on staying at her post despite the urgings of her family to come home. The many well-wishes from my AFA friends are very much appreciated!*



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



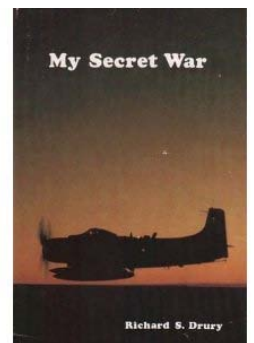
## FlyLeaf BOOK REVIEW: My Secret War by Richard S. Drury

"Puts you in the cockpit!" -Kyle Martin

"a must read for Viet Nam aviation buffs" -Robert C. Olson

"Not only is the author a brave and skilled fighter pilot, he is a gifted writer." -R. Harris

Our VP of Aerospace Education, Keith Shaffer, recommends My Secret War by Richard S. Drury...a riveting account of life, and all too often death, flying the A-1 Skyraider in Viet Nam. Drury served as a pilot stationed at Nakhom Phanom, Thailand from 1969-1970, flying the vintage but reliable single prop jet on combat search and rescue missions. Pilots, both real and wishful, will enjoy Drury's enchanting descriptions of flying through the clouds over Southeast Asia. Hearts will beat faster reading his harrowing tales of combat over the jungles of Laos and Viet Nam.



(Editor's note: Drury's tour at NKP was just a few months after my father's time there. A reader review by The Count 43 on Amazon.com says: "I appreciate the author's perspective about higher ranking officers which may have had their own career ambition dictate how they served instead of flying and fighting for their men. ...Of course I know not every commander fell into that category. I had a down to earth commander [Col. W.A. Jones III] who won the Medal of Honor for his USAF flying in SE Asia... If I met more officers like the former or men like Richard S. Drury during my time of service, I think an Air Force career would have been more worthwhile for me....the book was a pleasure to read and get an inside scoop on what life was like during the Vietnam War in the USAF.")

## 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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## Firebirds Honors the Men and Women of our Armed Forces

Firebirds would like to sincerely thank all the active duty military and veterans this Memorial Day. On Monday, May 30th show us your form of Military ID. When you buy one entree, get one for free!

### For serving our great country, we'd like to serve you!

*For everything that you do, we want to THANK YOU. Please join us on Memorial Day for lunch or dinner. Enjoy the flavor of Firebirds and let us take care of you!*

*Accepted forms of ID include:*

*U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card*

*U.S. Uniform Services Retired Identification Card*

*Current Leave and Earnings Statement (LES)*

*Photograph of you in uniform*

*Wear your uniform*

*Veterans Organization Card (i.e., American Legion and VFW)*

*DD214*

Complimentary entree must be of equal or lesser value. Dine in only. Not redeemable for cash or change. Offer valid from 11am-10pm on Monday, May 30th, 2011. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

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!



# 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.**

- **PLEASE send us an e-mail to confirm receipt of the JetBlast; check your spam filters and firewalls!**
- *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.

- *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.



***"Perseverance***

***is a great element of success.  
If you knock long enough and  
loud enough at the gate, you are  
sure to wake up somebody."***

*~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*



**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)

**Richmond AFA Chapter 243**.....[www.richmond-afa.org](http://www.richmond-afa.org)

Virginia Wounded Warriors.....[www.wearevirginiaveterans.org](http://www.wearevirginiaveterans.org)

General information on military and veterans issues.....[www.military.com](http://www.military.com)



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## ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

We are **REQUIRED** by AFA to send **ONE** newsletter each year via US Postal Service.  
If you have internet access and agree to receiving the Newsletter via e-mail **PLEASE** send us confirmation to our new e-mail address at

[RichmondAFA243@gmail.com](mailto:RichmondAFA243@gmail.com)

If you received this by e-mail we already have you in the data base, but you need to respond to us to make sure your address is entered into the data base at our new e-mail address. Thank you for taking time to either add or confirm your e-mail address, or to let us know you wish to receive the newsletter quarterly via USPS mail by calling Elizabeth Hart Jones at 804 763-9407 or Chip Moran (Toll Free: 800-296-1516).





### Things To Do

- Order my USAF license plate
- Send in my lunch order for AFA meeting
- Attend the June 11 AFA meeting
- Send in the Member Interest Survey
- E-mail [Richmondafa243@gmail.com](mailto:Richmondafa243@gmail.com) to confirm receipt of Jetblast
- Update my contact information

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 Mechanicsville, Virginia 23116

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The Force behind the Force.

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## 2009 Chapter Officer Roster and Vacant Positions

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Treasurer**	David Hartley.....804-756-1563..... <a href="mailto:hartleydw@verizon.net">hartleydw@verizon.net</a>
VP Aerospace Ed.	Keith Shaffer..... <a href="mailto:catsrr1@aol.com">catsrr1@aol.com</a>
VP Gov. Relations	<b>VACANT– Desperately NEEDED!!!</b>
VP Vets. Affairs	Dave Ellis.....H 540-891-7246..... <a href="mailto:david_sally@verizon.net">david_sally@verizon.net</a>
VP Comm.	Julia Reisenwitz ..... <a href="mailto:Juliar285@gmail.com">Juliar285@gmail.com</a>
VP Membership	<b>VACANT – Desperately NEEDED !!!</b>
VP Community Partners	<b>VACANT – Desperately NEEDED !!!</b>
VP Leadership Dev.....	Chip Moran.....Cell 800-296-1516 ..... <a href="mailto:Chip.moran@yahoo.com">Chip.moran@yahoo.com</a>

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Positions followed by \*\* are elected for two year terms, unless incumbent agrees to serve longer. ALL other positions are appointed by the elected officers to members who have shown a desire to serve in that position or on a specific committee. The Executive Committee meets every second Tuesday of each month at Martin’s (formerly Ukrops) in Glen Allen across from Virginia Center Commons. The meeting is held upstairs in the café. All are welcome to attend. You are the “ONE” member who can help us grow !!