

Air Force Association Richmond Chapter 243

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OUR NEW E-MAIL IS: RichmondAFA243@gmail.com

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 Luncheon

All members and their guests are encouraged to come enjoy some good old Air Force camaraderie at our next quarterly chapter luncheon.

- Where: Hilton Garden Inn at Rich
441 International Drive, Sandston
- When: Saturday, Dec. 4, 2010 from 11:30-1:00
- Speaker: **Robin Davis**, Admissions and Marketing Director for the **Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center** in Richmond. This is one of two Department of Veterans Services Veterans Care Centers in Virginia (the other is in Roanoke and a third one is planned for Northern Virginia). She will give us a presentation on the types of care provided, and how veterans can take advantage of this benefit.
- Lunch will be from the menu and priced from \$12-15, including coffee, tea, tax and tip.
- Reservations are requested but not required as it is helpful to know in advance how many will be attending. Please call Elizabeth at 804 763-9407 or Chip at 800 296-1516 or e-mail RichmondAFA243@gmail.com.
- PLEASE COME...it's informative and fun *and if we get 25 to attend they waive the room fee*. The more the merrier! And while you're out there, you might make a visit to the **Virginia Aviation Museum** too. It's right there!



Chapter News → → → → → → → → → →

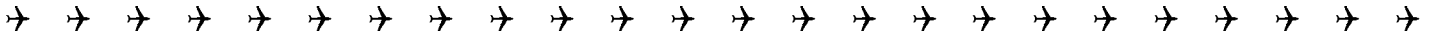


AFA Memorial Wreath Richmond Chapter 243 and the Leigh-Wade Chapter have pooled resources to purchase a reusable memorial wreath for presentations at veterans' ceremonies. **Al Pianalto** of Leigh-Wade, and our own **Steven Combs** presented the wreath November 11, Veterans Day, at the Virginia War Memorial. We will continue to work with Leigh-Wade to represent the Air Force



Association at future events. If you are interested in volunteering for future events, please contact Col. Carl Bess at 804 217-9724 (home) or 804 314-8933, or e-mail at cbess@comcast.net.

“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a gift and not giving it.” -William Arthur Ward



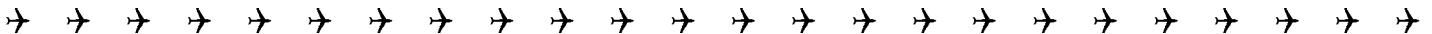
STATE AFA MEETING HELD AT DULLES HYATT

The fourth quarter state AFA meeting was held Nov. 6 at the Dulles Hyatt in Northern Virginia and was hosted by the Gabriel Chapter. Richmond 243 was represented by Chapter Secretary **Elizabeth Hart Jones**. A presentation on creating chapter websites was made by Richmond's VP of Communications and Technology, **Julia Reisenwitz**. Richmond 243 has a website already, thanks to Julia. It is in the process of updating, but be sure to check it out at www.richmond-afa.org.

Discouraging news was shared by **Kevin Lavin** of the William A. Jones III Chapter in Charlottesville. Kevin has served as that chapter's President for 8 years, and for the last few has been the only active member of the executive council. Kevin has made repeated pleas for assistance from fellow members, but those have gone unanswered. One man cannot carry a chapter alone, so the dissolution process has begun, and unless an 11th hour cavalry appears, the William A. Jones III Chapter will be no more. Several chapters, including Richmond 243, also reported a lack of participation from the membership. Members who want their AFA chapter to survive are strongly urged to get involved.



WE NEED YOU!



Crash and Burn?

David Kolmer and Richmond Chapter 243 continue the drive to get a Virginia License plate approved honoring the United States Air Force. At least 350 orders are needed by this **December 15** for the bill to go forward...we have only about

80 so far. Will this initiative crash and burn before it gets off the ground? It's up to you! If you want to show your support for the USAF, ORDER TODAY! Food for thought: there was enough support to get a "Friends of Tibet" plate approved...surely we can muster enough support for our own United States Air Force! See p. 10-11 for all the details.



MEMBER PROFILE: Keith Douglas Shaffer, VP Aerospace Ed.



Full name, nickname, rank (serial number not necessary!) Keith Douglas Shaffer, TSgt (E-6)

Where were you born? Fort Bragg, NC, when my father was in the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg.

Where did you grow up? Rural Western PA, North of Pittsburgh (Steeler Country)

Describe your family background. I come from a family of hard-working factory workers, coal miners, farmers, office workers, restaurant personnel, and stay-at-home mothers.

Any military tradition?

- In the mid-1950's, my father served in the U. S. Army 101st Airborne and the 82 Airborne as Medic –Paratrooper.
- My uncle enlisted and served in the USMC in Vietnam and later retired from the PA Army National Guard.
- My father-in-law served in the US Army in Korea during the Korean War.
- My grandfather served in a Transportation Company in the US Army during World War II in Europe Theater of Operation & received the Purple Heart.
- Great Uncle served in the US Navy in the Pacific Theater of Operation.
- Great Uncle served in the USAAF in the Pacific Theater of Operation as a bomber aircrew member. He was shot down and was a POW at the end of the war & received the Purple Heart.
- Grandfather-in-law served in the US Army in World War I in Europe.

What inspired you to serve in the military? My family's tradition of service and love of

country. Also, one day when I was a young boy, I was playing in my family's backyard. I heard a loud noise and looked up-- in the distance I saw three shiny aircraft at fairly low altitude flying towards me. The trailing pilot waved (I waved back) and after the aircraft passed he rocked his wings. I knew at that time I was hooked on military aircraft, especially Air Force. It took me until my Air Force years, but I did some research. I discovered that the aircraft were F-100 Super Sabers from the 171st Fighter Wing (ANG) from Pittsburgh IAP

How long have you been in the USAF? I was in the USAF for 14 Years.

Active duty or retired, and when? I was on active duty from March 1978 – March 1992.

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

After Basic Training at Lackland AFB, TX, I attended my first tech school at Shepard AFB, TX during the late winter and spring of 1978.

I was then assigned to Kadena Airbase, Okinawa, Japan as an Air Cargo Specialist from July 1978 – July 1981. Cheryl joined me in Okinawa on the 1 September 1978, and both of our children were born in Okinawa at the U. S. Naval Regional Medical Center.

As a volunteer spotter for the 33rd Air Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Kadena AFB, I flew as a secondary crew member on HC-130. I was privileged to observe in-flight refueling of HH-53 aircraft and on one occasion was able to sit on the ramp door with the loadmaster with our feet dangling in the slipstream at 100 ft off the Pacific Ocean and then the East China Sea.

After returning to the US in the summer of 1981, I was assigned to Loring AFB, ME, as an Airborne Camera System Maintenance Specialist, and I was sent to Lowry AFB, Denver, CO for my second tech school for retraining. Once completing my course and returning to Loring AFB, I was notified that I had earned an "Honor Graduate" certificate. I quickly earned my technician status and became the Photo Shop chief.

During the summer of 1986, I volunteered to become an instructor at Lowry AFB, CO. I earned my basic instructor cookie in October of 1986, and went on to become a master instructor, and eventually became the assistant course supervisor.

I enlisted in the USAF as an E1 and was Honorably Discharged as an E6.

Do you have a "fondest memory" or memorable experience you can share?

I supported the Boat People Airlift from South East Asia through Kadena AFB to the USA and other countries. I was a part of a team that serviced four commercial wide-bodied passenger aircraft seven days a week for eighteen months.

While touring Lowry AFB, the ambassador from Saudi Arabia, a Royal Saudi Prince, visited my classroom. The ambassador and I had a brief discussion on the importance concerning our course and international students.

Also, while at Lowry AFB, Cheryl and I invited six airmen into our home to share our Thanksgiving Dinner. These six airmen were students taking the Airborne Camera and Sensors Maintenance Course. It was one of my family's more memorable holidays during my time in the Air Force.



If you are a pilot, what planes have you flown?

While I was not a pilot, my two career fields were both on the field line.

My first assignment was Air Cargo and I serviced the following types of aircraft: C-9A, C-130E, C-141A/B, C5A, HH-3, HH-53, HC-130, E-3A, MC-130, E5A/B, T-39, DC-8, DC-10, and 747's.

My second assignment was for Airborne Camera, Video, and Sensors Maintenance, and I maintained camera and video systems on B-52G and was the 42nd AMS Photo Shop Chief.

I also served as a master instructor and assistant course supervisor for camera, video and sensor systems at Lowry Technical Training Center.

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

Occupational Instructor Certificate, CCAF, February 1992

Aerospace Management Certificate / January 1992

Technical Training Teaching Practicum Certificate (Certificate), Lowry Technical Training Center (LTTC), Lowry Air Force Base (AFB), Denver, CO December 1991

Master Instructor Certificate, LTTC, August 1990

Instructor Certificate, LTTC, October 1986

Aerospace Photographic Systems Specialist Course Certificate with Honors, LTTC, Denver, CO October 1981

3420th Technical Training Group Junior Enlisted Instructor of the Quarter / October-December 1988

42nd AMS Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) of the Quarter / April-June 1983

42nd AMS (NCO) of the 1983 Month / May 1983

Air Force Commendation with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Good Conduct Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Longevity Award Ribbon with two oak leaf Clusters

Non-Commissioned Officers Professional Military Education Graduate Ribbon with one oak leaf cluster

What is your involvement with the Air Force Association?

I am life member and member of the Richmond Chapter's executive committee, recently appointed as VP for Education.

Where do you currently reside?

Hanover County, North of Richmond, near the Hanover County Airport (I have a need to be near aviation activity).

Are you married? Yes, Cheryl and I have been married 34 years this past April. Children? Yes, two

children, our daughter, Hillary is 32, and our son, Keith, Jr., is 30. Both live outside of Denver, CO with their spouses.

Any grown children serving in the military? No, but both were in AF JROTC in high school and Hillary was a student cadet squadron commander.

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

First, I miss working the flightline at Kadena and Loring AFB's. The sounds, smells, and ground vibrating due to F-4E's, R-4C and later F-15A/B running -up engines, taxiing and take-off at Kadena. Secondly, working on B-52G aircraft with engines running or other B-52G aircraft operating nearby at Loring. B-52G's like other large aircraft have a unique smell, which is different from fighter-type aircraft. However, I miss both experiences.



R-4C

Cheryl and I miss camaraderie with Air Force personnel and their families, especially in base housing. I also miss the sense of accomplishment of having your aircraft fly successful missions or watching your students graduate from tech school.

After only attending several EXCOM meeting and volunteering to be a judge for the April 2009 AFA/AF JROTC State Drill Competition at Atlee High School, Chip Moran, other EXCOM members, and Richmond Chapter members responded with cards and emails to the news, I had been diagnosed, battled cancer and defeated cancer last winter and spring. With their support, best wishes, and understanding, my wife and I felt we were part of a larger family again, like the USAF so many years ago.



B-52G



VADVS eNEWS
Virginia Department of Veterans Services

Forwarded on behalf of the DoD; contact information below.

Deadline for Retroactive Stop Loss Pay extended to December 3, 2010

The deadline for eligible service members, veterans and their beneficiaries to apply for Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay (RSLSP) has been extended to Dec. 3, 2010, allowing personnel more time to apply for the benefits they've earned.

To apply, or for more information on RSLSP, including submission requirements and service-specific links, go to <http://www.defense.gov/stoploss>.

The deadline extension is included in the continuing resolution signed by President Obama yesterday, providing funding for federal government operations through Dec. 3.

"It's important that all those eligible for this benefit take the opportunity to apply for what they've earned," said Lernes Hebert, acting director, Officer and Enlisted Personnel Management. "We encourage those eligible to apply as soon as possible, to avoid the last minute rush, which can increase processing time."

RSLSP was established to compensate military members whose service was involuntarily extended under Stop Loss between Sept. 11, 2001, and Sept. 30, 2009. Eligible members or their beneficiaries are required to submit a claim to their respective military service in order to receive the benefit of \$500 for each full or partial month served in a Stop Loss status. The original deadline for claims was Oct. 21, 2010.

When RSLSP began on Oct. 21, 2009, the services estimated 145,000 service members, veterans and beneficiaries were eligible. Because the majority of those eligible had separated from the military, the services have engaged in extensive and persistent outreach efforts throughout the year. Efforts including direct mail, engaging military and veteran service organizations, social networks and media outlets, will continue throughout the period of eligibility.



MESOTHELIOMA INFORMATION FOR VETS

Veterans who have been exposed to asbestos during their time in military service can access information about Mesothelioma at this website:

<http://www.mesotheliomaweb.org/symptoms.htm>.

Christmas Cards for Troops

From the NAUS Weekly Update:

For the fourth year in a row Pitney Bowes and the American Red Cross have again teamed up to provide Americans with the opportunity to extend holiday greetings and thanks to service members and veterans through the Holiday Mail for Heroes campaign. Since its inception, the program has received three million holiday cards from generous Americans in every State. They are hoping that many Americans all over the country will help continue the campaign's success and reach the goal of one million holiday cards.

Send cards to the address below;

Holiday Mail for Heroes
PO Box 5456
Capitol Heights, MD
20791-5456

All cards must be postmarked no later than **Friday, December 10th**. Cards postmarked after this date will unfortunately be returned to the sender. This deadline ensures enough time to sort and distribute cards before Christmas.



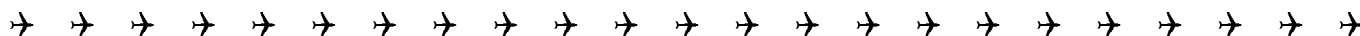
Guidelines:

Do...

- Include your heartfelt sentiments and sign all cards.
- Entitle cards with generic terms such as "Dear Service Member, Family or Veteran."
- Limit cards to 15 per person or 50 for school class or business group.
- Bundle groups of cards in single, large envelopes.

Don't...

- Send letters, care packages or monetary gifts.
- Include personal information such as home or email addresses.
- Use glitter – excessive amounts can aggravate health issues of wounded recipients.
- Include inserts of any kind as they must be removed in the screening process.



DECEMBER 15 IS THE DEADLINE TO ORDER THE USAF LICENSE PLATE. Did you know there is a "Parrothead" license plate? (That's fans of Jimmy Buffet). No offense to Margaritaville, but surely there must be at least as many fans of the USAF! "It's 5 o'clock somewhere." Time to order your plate!

EDITOR'S LETTER



Hello fellow chapter members,

We are moving into a very busy time of year, but our armed forces do not get to slow down, so our support groups cannot slack off either. We need folks to participate now more than ever. Our AFA chapter here in Richmond endeavors to support our troops and their families through fundraisers for Operation Homefront and the Families of the Wounded Fund. We also support the new USO Welcome Center at the Richmond Airport through encouraging individuals to volunteer and contribute whenever they can. It's nice to see all the yellow ribbons on cars around town, but please put those words into actions and lend a hand to our troops and their families. Remember, so many of them are just youngsters, and are away from home over the holidays for the very first time.

In this issue you will read that a lack of participation has been detrimental to our neighboring AFA chapter in Charlottesville. President Kevin Lavin has informed the State AFA "that the William A. Jones III chapter will be deactivating in early 2011". Kevin has been running a one-man show for quite awhile now, and just can't continue without help. Repeated pleas for assistance have gone unanswered. This is personally sad to me since the Charlottesville chapter is named after my own father who was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously in 1969. That is the very reason why I am involved with the AFA myself.

Can this happen to our own chapter here in Richmond? Absolutely, and we've come too close for comfort. Even though we have almost 800 registered members, we have only a handful of folks who step forward time and again to help out. Eventually, they, like Kevin Lavin, will fade away, and if no one replaces them, then our chapter could be deactivated too.

"Many hands make light work." "The more the merrier". So please, join us at our events. Our quarterly luncheons are a fun way to socialize with Air Force comrades, and we've been hosting them at some interesting venues like the Virginia War Memorial, Old Towne Fredericksburg and the Jones House in Warsaw. We welcome your suggestions for other locations as well. We did not host the Air Power Open Golf Tournament in 2010 due to a lack of interest from volunteers and players alike. If you are interested in reviving this fundraiser, you need to get involved. In addition to manpower (and woman power) we need ideas. On page twelve of this issue you'll see some "wanted ads" for some help that we need. If you don't have the time to volunteer, you might still have contacts and resources that could be helpful so please share them.

Make your new year's resolution to support your AFA chapter a little early this year and come to our luncheon on Dec. 4 at the Hilton Garden Inn by the airport. Combine it with a trip afterwards to the Virginia Aviation Museum nearby, and I guarantee a great day. I hope to see you there...and bring a friend!

Elizabeth Hart Jones



P.S. And don't forget to order your USAF license plate now! The deadline to get our pre-orders is Dec. 15. If we don't get 350 orders, the bill will not go forward. The license plate will not be approved! Did you know there is a Butterfly Heritage plate? Are there really more butterfly enthusiasts in Virginia than Air Force supporters? Say it ain't so!



Elizabeth Hart Jones
Your Realtor with Heart!





FINAL FLIGHT: WE REMEMBER BOB NOZIGLIA

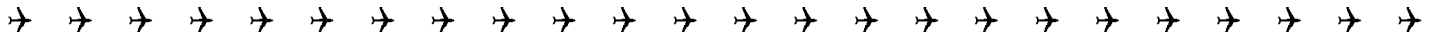
We regret to report that our friend and fellow member, **Robert E. Noziglia**, age 89, died Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010 at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. The Richmond Times Dispatch reports that Bob was “an Air Force lieutenant colonel who retired as deputy director of aircraft maintenance at HQ 2nd Air Force Barksdale AFB, LA, and was a WWII Army Air Forces and Berlin Airlift veteran, a retired pilot and planning program administrator with the Virginia Division of Aeronautics.”

“We’ve lost one of the truly good guys.” -**Jack Allison** “Bob was truly one of the best, and a mentor to many of us in AFA.” -**Col. Carl Bess** “Bob was a past president of the chapter and the guy who got me started as a chapter officer in 1987...he was a really great guy.” -**Chip Moran** “Bob was a stalwart and unflagging advocate of the USAF, the AFA, and the Richmond Chapter. He was a good man.” -**Jon Donnelly**

Bob is survived by many family and friends, including his wife of 64 years, **Mae H. Noziglia**. Cards can be sent to her at The Fairfax, 9002 Belvoir Woods Parkway, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia 22060

Burial will be at Arlington Cemetery on Feb. 4. at 3 pm.

Richmond Chapter 243 extends our deepest sympathy to his family, and our most sincere gratitude for his many years of service.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES AT THE USO

The new USO Welcome Center at the Richmond International Airport has been a great success since it’s opening in the summer of 2010. An average of 1800 troops come through the center each month, and that number is expected to rise. Volunteers are always needed to staff the center, and to work at various fund-raisers for the center. Donations of bottled water, drinks and snacks are always encouraged. If you or your company would like to contribute, please contact **Pat Jordan** at 804 236-7234 or Pat@usohr.org. You can visit their website at www.USOCentralVA.org.



Funds are always needed to pay for the center overhead, including phones and internet for troops to use, insurance, etc. The USO runs concession stands at many Richmond area events to raise money. Volunteers are always needed. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact **Donna Labree** at marinemomVA@gmail.com. Upcoming events include:

- Arena Racing, Nov. 20, 5pm
- Disney on Ice, Dec. 16-19
- Harlem Globetrotters, Dec. 26

And be sure to patronize the USO concession stands if you attend any of these events. Every little bit counts!

“My net worth is measured by the number of lives I’ve touched.”

-Pat Jordan

MORE NEWS...AFA License Plate

**From: Dave Kolmer,
AFA Richmond Chapter 243**

The General Assembly reconvenes soon to consider new legislation! We now have EIGHTY applications for the new Air Force license plate...we still have a long way to go to get 350 but we're definitely making progress! We have until Dec. 15, 2010.

A few comments and my answers:

"I'll wait to see if we get enough before I apply."

Please don't wait! If everyone waits till everyone else applies then we'll never get an Air Force plate. YOUR applications will help achieve the magic 350 without which the plate will not happen. You have a chance to help make this a permanent part of the DMV offerings. Remember, any money you send it will be reimbursed if the effort fails so there is no risk of loss. **ORDER BEFORE DEC. 15, 2010**

"I don't like the new Air Force logo." Like all logos, some like it and some don't. I sense that older airmen tend to not like it, while younger airmen do and readily identify with it. Regardless, since 2000 it has been the official logo of the USAF so that's why we used it...the public recognizes it and it bears semblance to the Hap Arnold logo and the Medal of Honor. I hope you will consider getting it even if it's not the logo you would have chosen.

"I prefer one of the other military plates." I can understand this, especially with so many offered by Virginia DMV including ones for medal recipients, participants in specific wars, and various sub-organizations. But would you consider the USAF plate for at least one of your vehicles?

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 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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S)

Who is eligible for this plate? Anyone who has served or is still serving (or surviving spouse) honorably in the U.S Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve or Civil Air Patrol will be eligible for to receive this plate.

What is the timeline of activities?

Dec 15, 2010: Suspense for raising 350 paid applications

Jan 2011: Draft bill will be submitted by Del. Anderson to General Assembly

Mar 2011: General Assembly votes on the bill; if passes, it goes to Governor

Apr 2011: Governor signs bill into law which will be effective July 1

July 2011: AFA submits the applications, payments and plate design to DMV, who will then review the entire package, develop the plates and mail them out.

Dec 2011: Anticipated date of mail delivery of the plates

Is the design final? Although the design complies with the basic requirements of DMV, it will not be submitted to or approved by DMV unless the bill becomes law; therefore, the design is subject to minor change.

If 350 applications are not collected, will I get my money back? Yes. Your application check will be deposited into a non-interest bearing bank account. If the 350 applications are achieved, a single check will be made to DMV to go along with the applications; if not, the applicants will be refunded.

How much will it cost? \$10 for non-personalized or \$20 for personalized, *per plate requested*. These fees are annual and will be included in your Vehicle Registration Renewal.

Who will be handling the money I send? The Treasurer of AFA Richmond Chapter 243, Mr. Steven Combs.

May I order more than one Air Force plate? Yes, you may order them for any or all of your motor vehicles; however, it is not available for motorcycles, trailers, or trucks over 7,501lbs.

I currently have a personalized plate; can I keep my personalization? Yes, the plate will hold up to six characters (including spaces, dashes, and ampersands). Simply include your current personalization on the DMV application form.

I don't currently have a personalized plate, but would like to get one with this new plate; can I do this? Yes, the plate will hold up to six characters (including spaces, dashes, and ampersands). Simply include your desired personalization on the DMV application form; *but, be sure to check for availability on the DMV website first*. We will not do this for you.

How will I know if the bill passes? AFA Richmond Chapter 243 will send out regular updates, so it is very important that you *include your email address (or mailing address if you don't use email) with your application*.

Who is running this project? This is an official project of the Virginia Branch of the Air Force Association. The Richmond Chapter 243 is the OPR, and Dave A. Kolmer, Lt Col, USAFR is the POC.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!



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

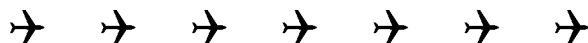
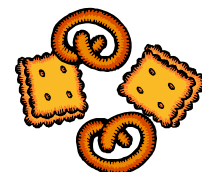


HOLIDAY DECORATIONS WANTED —

The USO Welcome Center at the Richmond International Airport is asking for donations of holiday decorations. The theme is red and white. They suggest wreaths, tree ornaments and poinsettias. Please bring your items to the center by Nov. 30. The center is located on the lower level past the main escalator and to the left.

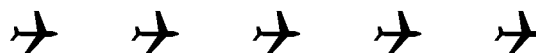
SNACKS AND SODAS WANTED —

An “Exodus” of 3000+ troops is expected to come through the Richmond Airport USO Welcome Center on Dec. 17-18. Donations of snacks, nabs, chips and sodas are needed. Contact Phil at Phil21Joy@aol.com.



“As we express our gratitude we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

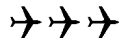
-John F. Kennedy



Remember the USAF license plate deadline is December 15, 2010!!!!

Order NOW!





USEFUL WEBSITE LINKS:

For the latest news and related veterans issues go to the
Virginia Department of Veterans Services website.....www.virginiaforveterans.com
Or www.dvs.virginia.gov

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

National Air Force Association.....www.afa.org

Virginia Air Force Association.....www.virginiaafa.org/VAAFA

Richmond AFA Chapter 243.....www.richmond-afa.org

Virginia Wounded Warriors.....www.wearevirginiaveterans.org

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