



WELCOME TO OUR AFA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

What to Expect from Our Quarterly Newsletters

Quarterly Updates: Stay in the loop with the latest news, events, and chapter highlights.

Insights: Gain access to articles and resources tailored to your interests. We aim to educate our members on the most relevant topics affecting our industry and community.

Opportunities to Engage: Discover how you can get involved with ongoing projects, events, and initiatives that align with our chapter’s goals. Whether you’re looking to advocate, educate, or support, there’s a place for you to make a meaningful impact.

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While we prepare these exciting newsletters for you, read about how our Chapter Members Are Setting the Pace for AFA.

Virginia AFA Teacher of the Year

Nathan Sekinger, teacher and librarian at Gayle Middle School in Fredericksburg was selected as the AFA Virginia Teacher of the Year and will now compete for national honors.

F2 Supporting Airmen, Guardians and their Families

The chapter has partnered with the 11th Wing at Bolling to provide \$1,000 in non-perishable food items for the newly established Food Pantry.

D.W. Steele Sr. Chapter Officers

President: Lloyd Swede

Vice President: Mike Maxwell

Treasurer: Miles Sawyer

Secretary: Bob Hill

VP for Aerospace Education: Melissa Pore

VP for Community Relations: *Vacant*

VP for Advocacy: Bob Hill

VP for Silver Wings: Christian Williams



Bob Hill visits College Park to speak with Cadets about AFA membership at the University of Maryland AFROTC on May 2, 2024.

AFA National Award Winners

Steele Chapter earned the Aerospace Education Achievement Award. **Lloyd Swede** and **Mike Maxwell** were honored with Medals of Merit.

Newly Elected Virginia AFA

Chapter Executive Vice President **Mike Maxwell** was elected Virginia State President. His term of office begins in October.

Saluting CAP Squadron Superstars

The Chapter honored "Cadets of the Year" at several Civil Air Patrol units to include the Challenger 1 Squadron, Alexandria City High School, the Burke Squadron and North Stafford High School.

National STEM Leader

Melissa Pore, Vice President for Aerospace Education, was honored at the White House for her national STEM education leadership during National STEM Week in April.

ROTC Drill Teams Compete for Virginia's Best Honors

The Chapter sponsored the Arlington Career Center Space Force Junior ROTC Drill Team which competed in the Virginia AFA state-wide drill meet held in May. The chapter provided food gift cards to each of the 18 team members. More than 350 cadets and 18 teams competed for honors.

