



Joint Alumni Association

Arnold Air Society, Angel Flight and Silver Wings



Fall 2011 Newsletter

From the President's Desk

Dear Alumni -

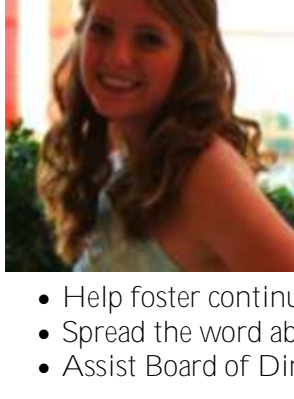
The past few months have been extremely busy for the JAA and its Board of Directors. We were very glad to announce the confirmation of our 1 and 2 Year Trustees. They have already proven to be valuable assets to the JAA BOD. Next on our agenda was the Code of Ethics which passed the general membership vote recently. In September we had a member of the Board of Directors give a JAA briefing to the AAS and SW Executive Board in Washington DC during the annual Air Force Convention. We have also successfully held two round tables with the general membership, with another one scheduled for the 23rd of October.

Currently, we are in the midst of ARCONs. Please visit our website for more information on ARCONs and instruction on how to register if you'd like to attend one. We are also currently working on incorporating the JAA, which is currently under the umbrella of the Executive Management Center. Also our CFO is working diligently on securing our 501(c)3 status, and looking into fundraising ideas and the possibility of the Combined Federal Campaign.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth C. Stiegman
JAA National President

Meet the 1- and 2- Year Trustees

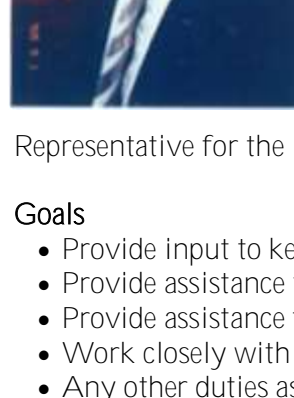


Alexandra Kuehnle
One-Year Trustee

Alexandra Kuehnle graduated from the University of Connecticut in May 2011 with a double major in International Security and Political Science and a minor in Human Rights. After becoming medically disqualified from the United States Air Force Academy in 2007, and from UConn ROTC in 2008, she founded the Mary Anne Thompson chapter of Silver Wings at UConn. She served as President of her chapter for two years and then served as the 2010-2011 Region 1 President. She currently serves as a Teach For America Corps Member in New Orleans, Louisiana, working as a Special Education Teacher with the Crescent City Schools Charter Association at Harriet Tubman Elementary School.

Goals

- Aid in the support/development of local chapters/squadrons.
- Help foster continuing relationships between alumni and current AAS/SW members.
- Spread the word about JAA to recent SW/AAS alumni.
- Assist Board of Directors as needed.



William Lipscomb
Two-Year Trustee

As a member of the Andrew D. Turner Squadron, AAS, Howard University, Washington, DC, I held several positions from 1963 - 1967: Squadron Parliamentarian; National Conclave Staff Administrative Officer; National Executive Officer; and Liaison to Commandant of Cadets. We hosted the National Conclave in 1965, and held National Headquarters, 1965-66. I was a member of the ADT Basic Drill Team, and held positions through 130th Wing Executive Officer. I was part of the initial AFROTC/AAS task force to help implement 2-Year AFROTC program. I graduated with a BS in Zoology, and was commissioned a 2LT in the Air Force in June, 1967. After completing Munitions Officer School at Lowry AFB, CO, I was assigned to the 39th Munitions Maintenance Squadron, 306th Bomb Wing, McCoy AFB, FL. I became Squadron Commander as a 1LT. In the Reserves, I was an AFROTC/AF Academy Liaison Officer for 22 years. Currently I live in Philadelphia, PA. I retired early from 3M Company as an Account Representative for the Industrial Abrasives Division after 27 years with sales territories in Los Angeles, CA, and New York, NY.

Goals

- Provide input to keep older AAS, Angel Flight and Silver Wings alums in the loop
- Provide assistance to other Board members, as necessary
- Provide assistance for establishing local cadres
- Work closely with AFROTC Detachment Cadre, AAS Squadrons and Silver Wing Chapters
- Any other duties assigned by Board of Directors

2011 ARCONs and NATCON 2012

ARCONs 2011

The ARCON season of 2011 has finished up. If you were able to attend an ARCON please consider submitting an article to Stephanie Westcott, Director of Public Affairs by e-mailing jaa.publicaffairs@gmail.com.

NATCON 2012

This year NATCON will be held in Detroit, MI and hosted by the Lt. Philip Louise Bek Squadron at Michigan State University and Western Michigan University. The dates are 6-10 April 2012. Watch for more information to come out in our Winter Newsletter, on our Facebook Group, and on the website.

Time to Look Back Through Your Old Photos

Please take a moment to locate your photos from your college years and find any fun NATCON photos. Can't find them? Please take a minute to write up a little story about your favorite part of a NATCON that you were able to attend. In order to spark the interest in Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings members to host NATCON and to generate new ideas and fun activities for NATCON, we are hoping the Alumni can offer "good of day" stories and information about how NATCON used to be. Please send photos and stories regarding your favorite NATCON to regan.lyon@silver-wings.org

Current Happenings: AAS & SW Updates

JAA Involvement at Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings Executive Boards

Heather Sealover, JAA National Chief Financial Officer

The AFA Convention, Air and Space Conference, and Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings Executive Boards were an outstanding success. The Arnold Air Society cadets and members of Silver Wings had a great time. They had the opportunity to discuss the plans they have for the future of their organizations and decide how they would like to carry out their goals.

Jennifer Condon-Pracht gave an excellent briefing on the Joint Alumni Association. General Bundy also spoke to support the JAA and their mission. He mentioned that the organization is a great resource for the cadets and SW members to utilize. He was glad to see several members of the JAA present at Executive Boards. We also had the chance to sit down with many of the cadets for dinner. They seemed to really enjoy having the opportunity to talk with us about life on active duty.

Additionally, I had the opportunity to speak about finances, fundraising, and financial management. Money is a continuing struggle for many organizations. The defense budget was a very hot topic during the entire conference. The students were very interested in seeking fundraising, grant, and other financial assistance. Funding for NATCON travel was a recent cut to the AFROTC budget and it will be a continuing project for the students to acquire funding to support attendance to the conclave.

Overall, it was an outstanding opportunity to attend the conference and a portion of exec boards. The students definitely benefited from their experience in Washington, D.C. They are excited and ready to embark on the journey to lead their outstanding organizations.

Resolutions Passed at NATCON 2011

Arnold Air Society

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| A1 | Anderson Sq (Clemson) National HQ Bid | |
| A3 | New AASMAN Organizational Charts | Revision to embody current workings of AAS |
| A6 | Training Staff Test | Requires test of squadron training staff on HOLM Center Training Guide and AASMAN-1 Training Guide prior to the beginning of candidate classes |

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| A10 | Area Bylaws Submission | Submission of Area Bylaws to the NBC after ARCON |
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Silver Wings

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| S1 | Signature Silver Wings National Project | Changed the SNP to 3 years instead of 1 year |
| S2 | David Plamondon Legacy Award | Best embodies humble service, academic achievement, and extracurricular involvement, sponsored by the Mary Anne Thompson Chapter |

Joint AAS/SW

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| J1 | NATCON HQ Bid - Bek Sq (Michigan St) | 2012 NATCON to be held in Detroit, MI |
| J5 | Outstanding ARCON Award | Capt Gentz Memorial Award sponsored by Area X HQ |
| J6 | JNP - Active America | Nutrition education, community fitness involvement |
| J8 | Removal of Joint National Positions | Clarification on removing members from positions |

2010-2011 Separate National and Joint National Projects

Mark Gymiski, 2009-10 SW National Public Affairs

Nothing else in Silver Wings culture can be best considered as the most intrinsic value than the Separate National Project (SNP) and the Joint National Project (JNP). Every year Silver Wings and Arnold Air Society come together for a Joint National Conference (NATCON) and decide on the year's JNP. SNP, on the other hand, is decided solely by Silver Wings since it is not performed by Arnold Air Society. This year's SNP is dedicated to Multiple Sclerosis an autoimmune disease that affects the brain and spinal cord. All efforts have been towards promoting the awareness of the disease and research with groups like the National Multiple Sclerosis Society that may someday discover a cure for this terrible illness.

However, as important as the SNP may be, the JNP this year is taking on priority, called STEM, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The program is part of an Act passed by Congress to strengthen America's youth in these technical fields, as we enter into a world with ever increasing global competition. Silver Wings and Arnold Air Society's joint organization, the Air Force Association, also created a similar program, spurred by the actions of congress. This is called Elementary STEM Orientation (ESO) its goal is to instill the fundamentals of STEM in elementary grade students. Being taught by young adults and students themselves, the members of Silver Wings and Arnold Air Society have the upper hand in grabbing the young student's attention because they can better relate on the topics being taught by the members.

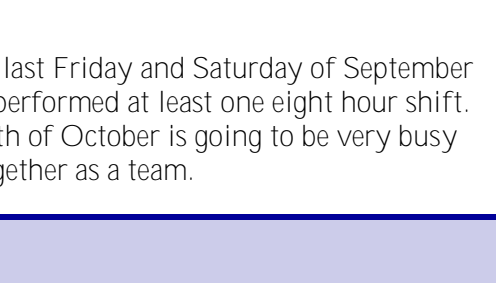
The topics can range from flight, to robotics, to space, and so much more, and as long as the lessons being taught are done so in a fun and constructive atmosphere the students will benefit greatly. Curriculum is given to the Silver Wings and AAS members who request the materials from Civil Air Patrols Aerospace Connections in Education Program (ACE). The materials include multiple lesson plans and fun activities to be taught by both the classroom teachers and SW/AAS members. But not all of the learning has to take place in the local elementary school: in fact members can reach out to Boys and Girls clubs, STARBASE, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, just to name a few. With motivated SW/AAS members, help from the AFA and CAP's ACE program the sky is the limit, and hopefully we will be able to continue with this project for many years to come. Although the JNP normally lasts only one year, ESO cannot be completed in such short amount of time. If Silver Wings and Arnold Air Society are to have any impact on this generation's youth the program needs to continue for many years to come.

Hopefully, when we do decide to continue out Long Lasting STEM and as we get older we can recognize how much influence we had. The members of Silver Wings and Arnold Air Society can make a difference in America's tomorrow, just one classroom at a time.

September Events (2010)

Samuel Blassingame, Col. Andrew J. Dougherty Squadron, Rochester Institute of Technology

As members of Arnold Air Society, we are called to make a difference. Whether it's building stronger relationships among cadets or furthering the traditions of the United States Air Force, it is our hope that we are helping our neighbors and making the world we live in a better place. For the Colonel Andrew J. Dougherty Squadron, at the Rochester Institute of Technology, service is one of our greatest duties.



On September 18, 2010, airmen around the world celebrated the 63rd birthday of our beloved Air Force. We celebrated the history of air power; we celebrated those who have selflessly served our nation; we celebrated fallen airmen, those who made the ultimate sacrifice in giving their lives in our defense; we celebrated our heritage and fruition as the future leaders of the United States Air Force; we celebrated our growth.

On this day, the Dougherty Squadron had the wonderful opportunity of helping at the 2010 Rochester River Challenge, an outrigger canoe race held for disabled veterans of the U.S. military. This is also the largest outrigger canoe sprint race (400 meters) on the east coast of the United States. In attendance was U.S. Army Major General Dennis Lutz, who addressed the audience. He expressed his deepest gratitude towards the soldiers, veterans and cadet who were present.

Special Events (October 2010)

Ornella Bricoune, Lt. Richard H. Shaddick Squadron, University of Miami

This semester is very promising as far as volunteering events go. We have had two so far and have many more planned for the month of October. Our first event was a beach clean-up at John U. Lloyd State Park at Dania Beach on 11 Saturday, 2010. This event was not mandatory; however most candidates and actives showed and helped clean the beach, and contributed to help our environment (see figure 1). The event went on from 0845 to 1300, after which we all had a barbecue to thank everyone for their efforts and encourage cadets to keep participating in volunteering event.

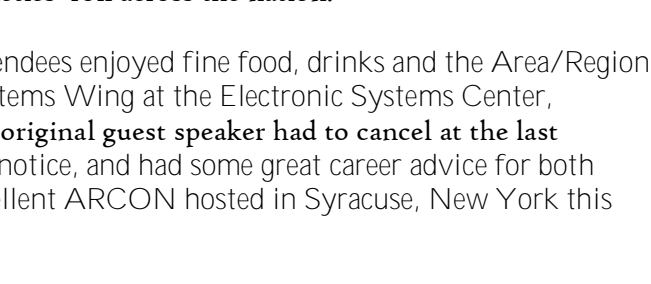
Also, the squadron organized a fundraiser at the Homestead speedway for Speedjam on the last Friday and Saturday of September to help the most involved actives attend ARCON. Everything went very well as all cadets performed at least one eight hour shift. Motivations are high, and everyone is showing their support by getting involved. The month of October is going to be very busy but exciting as far as our squadron going out and helping our community while working together as a team.

Blast from the Past

I'mOnABoatCon, Area-Region XI 2010 ARCON

Summer Folsom, National Technology Officer

Your eyes are not playing tricks with you, my GPS is displaying correctly. I have not driven in to a lake, but am standing on a boat in beautiful Coeur D'Alene, ID. One of the best icebreakers I have ever seen since my many ARCONs and NATCONs attended. I was wary at first because I only saw eight people waiting to board the boat, but through the next twenty minutes the number increased to around forty. It was a great social where students, cadre, and other DVs could mingle together. The scenery was beautiful with the night sky, lights, and cruising on Coeur D'Alene Lake. If you were to want to be at the top level of the boat a/oalant was required.



The following day was jam packed with the usual meetings. As always, I was very impressed with the Area XI HQ and the whole area's support for Silver Wings. The Arnies and Silver Wings in Area/Region XI are energetic and motivated young individuals and will be great leaders in the future.

Next years ARCON will be at the same location. This promises for an even better ARCON. There are hopes to have the social next year at Silverwood Theme Park. Who doesn't love a theme park? There will be good times, and hopefully a large Alumni presence that can offer career advice and stories of the past.

MANCHCON, Area-Region I 2010 ARCON

Alexandra Kuehnle, One-Year Trustee (Region I President 2010-11)

MANCHCON 2010 in Manchester, New Hampshire was a product of transparency, joint relations, and great planning. Attendees arrived in Manchester, New Hampshire on 5 November 2010 to find ARCON Hocky that was on point and ready to handle last minute logistics and questions. Attendees enjoyed a Manchester Monarchs Hockey Game together and spent the evening exploring the social scene of autumn in New Hampshire. Attendees dove into business sessions early Saturday morning where major goals of both Silver Wings and Arnold Air Society were twofold- communication and continuity. Both Area I Commander and Region President had a clear vision of chapters and squadrons walking away from the conclave with ideas about increased communication between chapters and squadrons concerning meetings, conclaves, and both societies' roll across the nation.

MANCHCON culminated with a successful evening banquet in which all attendees enjoyed fine food, drinks and the Area/Region 1 Awards Ceremony. Lt Col Bruce Hevey, Director of the 653rd Electronic Systems Wing at the Electronic Center, Hanscom Air Force Base, MA, served as the evening's guest speaker when the original guest speaker had to cancel at the last moment. Lt Col Hevey delivered an excellent speech, especially on such short notice, and had some great career advice for both cadets and civilians alike. Region and Area 1 is looking forward to another excellent ARCON hosted in Syracuse, New York this coming fall.

AMERICAN, 2011 NATCON

Alexandra Kuehnle, One-Year Trustee (Region I President 2010-11)

The Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings National Conclave "AMERICAN" was held in New York, NY on 22-26 April 2011 at the New York City Sheraton Hotel and Towers in Times Square. Hosted jointly by the Maj. William V. Holohan Squadron and Col Guion S. Bluford Chapter, AMERICAN staff, working with the largest NATCON budget in history, produced a conclave of the highest quality. Attendees had the opportunity to enjoy the sights and sounds of New York City while also accomplishing a great deal of business.

Highlights of business sessions included outstanding guest speakers, presentations and a plethora of resolutions. "Active America" was voted on by the General Assembly as this year's Joint National Project, which promotes nutrition education and community fitness involvement. All attendees also took part in a wreath laying at Ground Zero to commemorate the tenth anniversary of September 11th. New National Staffs for both Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings were voted in and as organizations' new leadership seek to further the mission of AAS and SW, by expanding their national impact through joint relations, community involvement, and alumni relations in the year to come. Next year's NATCON will be held in Detroit, Michigan. Overall, both organizations are looking forward to a successful and productive year.

Alumni News

Major Zak Blom (AAS, Ohio State 2001) is a member of the Crew of Woody 27, 9th Special Operations Squadron, Eglin AFB, Florida who received the Brigadier General Ross G. Hoyt Award at the Air Force Association Air and Space Conference for the best air refueling crew (Active, ANG or Reserve) in the United States Air Force.

Allison (Campo) Matherne (SW, University of Alabama / University of Southern Mississippi) was married on 24 June 2011 to the man of her dreams... Joshua "Perry" Matherne.

Captain Emily Brand (AAS, University of Arizona 2006) received the Medal of Merit at the Air Force Association Air and Space Conference.

Lieutenant Jessica Gruver-Koefod (AAS, University of Idaho 2008) is the president of the Company Grade Officers Council at Buckley AFB who just won the Western Region CGOC of the quarter award, for the first time in Buckley CGOC history.

Lieutenant Dan Whalen (AAS, West Virginia University 2009) received the Medal of Merit at the Air Force Association Air and Space Conference.

Amber (Keyes) Wusterbarth (SW, University of Nebraska at Omaha 2010) was married on 10 September 2011 to Allen Wusterbarth.

If you have an event in your life (honors, advancement, retirements, awards, advanced degrees, elections, relocations, weddings, anniversaries, babies, etc) that you would like to announce please fill out the form at <http://aasswjaa.org/nl.php>.

Newsletter Articles

Please submit articles to Stephanie Westcott, Director of Public Affairs by e-mailing jaa.publicaffairs@gmail.com.

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Remember to Update Your Info!

Have you moved recently? Changed your e-mail or phone number? Got married? Please remember to update your information when you have any life changes so that we have an accurate picture of our membership numbers. This can be done by filling out the form at <http://www.aasswjaa.org/update.php>

Currently we have requests from active members in Arnold Air Society or Silver Wings to be connected with alumni in the following areas but our database does not show anyone in these areas. If you or an alumni member you know currently resides in one of them please update your information so that we can provide help to the actives.

- Nashua, NH (AAS, AnF, or SW)
- Austin, TX (AnF or SW)
- Cincinnati, OH (AnF or SW)

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We use Google Groups to manage our e-mail lists. Please sign up for the group(s) you would like to receive e-mails from.

- JAA Quarterly Updates <http://groups.google.com/group/jaa-quarterly-updates>
- JAA News (Monthly) <http://groups.google.com/group/jaanews>
- Website Updates <http://groups.google.com/group/jaa-site>

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