



Joint Alumni Association

Arnold Air Society, Angel Flight and Silver Wings



Summer 2011 Newsletter

From the President's Desk

Dear Alumni -

This has been an amazing year of growth and redefinition for our Joint Alumni Association. Your Board of Directors has been working hard to listen to you, our members, as best as we can and to move our Association in the direction you've expressed and implement member ideas. One of the biggest accomplishments that have been achieved was the passing of the Joint Alumni Association Constitution and Bylaws. While this is a living document which will continue to be redefined as we grow, it was one of the major steps we needed, and still need, to take in order to apply for and be granted our 501 (c) 3 classification. Other accomplishments this year included the election of our new board of directors, formerly our executive board, and the institution of the 1 and 2 year trustees.

While we have made huge strides forward as an organization this past year, we are not done. Currently, the Board of Directors is working on the drafting, revision, and adoption process for a Code of Ethics document. This document will help us to define expectations and guidelines for our behavior when interacting with each other, the active members of Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings, and other organizations. We are also in the process of preparing to present our candidates for the 1 and 2 year trustee position to you, the membership, for your vote. Also upcoming will be our next quarterly round table. This discussion will take place on August 14, 2011, at 1500MDT via Skype. We are also working on some fundraising ideas. It is our hope to have these ideas well defined so that we can start out running as soon as we have received our 501 (c) 3 designations. These fundraisers will allow us to help provide financial assistance to the active members of Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings.

As we move forward through the rest of this year, the members of the Board of Directors will be actively working to prepare for the various ARCONs. We look forward to growing our organization with input from each of you while welcoming new members to the JAA.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth C. Stiegman
JAA National President

Meet the New Board of Directors



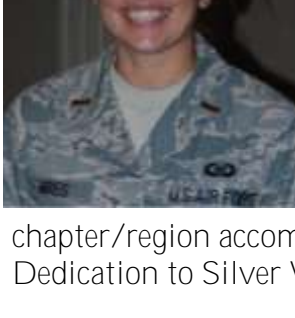
Elizabeth Stiegman
President

As a prior Silver Wings member, Region Executive Officer, Silver Wings National President, and JAA Vice President, I feel that these experiences give me an unparalleled understanding of how Arnold Air Society, Silver Wings, and the Joint Alumni Association operate and how these organizations can interact with one another. I joined Silver Wings in August 2000 as a member of the Frank S. Hagan Chapter at Louisiana State University, after holding many different positions within my chapter. I was elected the Region IX Executive Officer for 2004-2005. As a result of my dedication and hard work as the Region IX Executive Officer, I was honored as the Air Force Association's Outstanding Region Executive Officer at MEMORIALCON 2005. During MEMORIALCON, my staff and I were elected as the 2005-2006 Silver Wings National Staff. My staff and I worked tirelessly, to increase membership, charter and re-charter chapters, and improve SW-AFA relations all while facing the effects of Hurricane Katrina in our personal and academic lives. After graduation, I ran for and was elected the JAA National Vice-President at SALTCON 2007. I served in that position until just prior to SEACON 2010 when I assumed the office of President after the office was vacated, and was recently re-elected to the position after AMERICON 2011.

Goals

- Working closely with the JAA Board of Directors and a CPA to achieve 501(c)3 status for the JAA.
- To continue to listen to what members have to say regarding their desires for the JAA and try to incorporate that into the activities of the JAA.
- Work with all of our members to assure we act in ways that are helpful and not a hindrance to their involvement with the organization. I plan to achieve this through creating a Code of Ethics.
- Find new and improved methods to ensure that all members have the opportunity to have a voice and a vote on important JAA matters regardless of their attendance at events. This is especially important during this time of recession when members may not have the financial ability to travel. We do not wish to disenfranchise any member of the organization.
- Work with other members of the Board of Directors to create a guide for establishing local JAA chapters.
- Focus on increasing donations to the JAA so that we can provide more and larger scholarships for Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings members.
- Continue holding quarterly round tables so that members can have an opportunity to interact with their Board of Directors as well as having an opportunity to voice their concerns, opinions, and desires directly to the Board.
- Continue to improve JAA/AAS and JAA/SW relations
- Work on establishing opportunities for JAA members to provide mentorship in different areas to the active members of AAS and SW (i.e. professional development, career networking, fundraising)
- To provide networking opportunities for JAA members
- To establish a lost alumni committee, whose purpose would be to help us re-establish contact with JAA members whose contact information is out of date, as well as to search for former Arnold Air Society, Angel Flight, and Silver Wings members who may not know of the JAA.
- To establish committees to research/investigate other aspects of growth for the JAA. (i.e. verifying contact information for member, new record keeping options, member directory)

Erin Mires
Vice President



Erin Mires (maiden name, Fredricks) is a 1st Lieutenant and Section Commander of the 311th Training Squadron at the Defense Language Institute, Presidio of Monterey, California. As a prior member of both Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings she brings a unique perspective to the table. She understands the inner workings of both organizations, and not only was an active member of AAS for two years, but also rebuilt the Richard I. Bong Silver Wings Chapter from scratch and resuscitated it into a thriving organization at the University of Wisconsin. Only a year after reestablishing the chapter, the group was dedicated and strong enough to run for and be elected as Region VII Headquarters, with Erin as the Regional President. In addition to her chapter/region accomplishments, at SALTCON 2007, she received the Anne T. Hawkins award for Outstanding Dedication to Silver Wings.

Erin has a Bachelor of Science in International Relations from UW, a Master of Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma and is a PhD student in Organizational Development and Leadership at the University of the Rockies that all provide her with a solid foundation for working with various types of organizations, as well as personalities. Alongside JAA, she is an active member of the CGOC and AFA, having held the Secretary position. With her personality, perspective, drive and ability to work well with people, she believes that she will continue to be a solid asset to the team and provide a unique perspective to JAA's new focus.

Goals

- Code of Conduct to better explain the attitude and posture that our members should have while working with AAS and SW members
- Chapter creation, however, as a member who considered creating a chapter in my local area, I found it difficult to find the resources to do so. This is a problem that needs to be promptly fixed in order for the organization to grow.
- Better general membership communication to improve:
 - Attendance at Round Tables
 - Input from our vastly experienced population
 - Support of AAS/SW
- Create unique and fun fundraising projects
- Create networking opportunities for AAS/SW members, both military and civilian
- Provide guidance and structure to the organization

Peter Mask
Development Officer



I received my commission in 2003 as an Acquisition - Program Manager, assigned to Hill AFB, UT in the ICBM Wing. In 2006, I was selected as a Flight Commander for the USAF Honor Guard. From 2006-2008, I led Training and Resources, Firing Party, Body Bearers and Titan Flights. In 2008-2009, I served as the Assistant Director of Operations. During my time at the Honor Guard, we dedicated the Air Force Memorial, buried former President Gerald Ford, performed White House arrivals for the Presidents of Japan and Germany, the Queen of England and the Inauguration of President Obama. In addition to these duties, I was selected as a White House Social Aide for former President Bush and President Barrack Obama. In 2009, I PCS'd from the AF Honor Guard to the GPS Directorate at Los Angeles AFB, CA. Upon arrival, I deployed to Baghdad, Iraq where I served for seven months as the Chief of Budget and

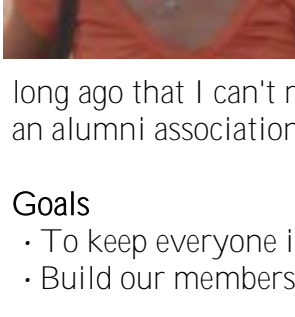
Procurement with the Army. Currently, I am the Chief of the Director's Action Group for the GPS Directorate at Los Angeles, AFB, CA. I live in Torrance, CA with my girlfriend and two dogs, Kodi and Kylie. I love to play paintball, skydive, cross-fit, P90X and cycle.

I was an AAS candidate in 1998 when I was initiated into the Thomas H. Borders Squadron, University of Alabama. From there, I served as the Public Affairs officer and created a website for the squadron. In 1999-2000, I rechartered the Silver Wings chapter with 40 new members. The following year I was elected as the Region Executive Officer for Region V (AL, TN, MS, FL). In 2002, we placed a bid for National Headquarters where I was appointed as the National Development Officer. I attended four NATCONs during my five years of college.

Goals

- Lay the foundation for a fun, positive and professional JAA/AAS/SW relationship
- Reinvigorate & maintain the current JAA membership and increase membership by 20%
- Open 3 new JAA Chapters with the assistance of AAS/SW squadrons/chapters
- Work to provide JAA representation at 75% of ARCONs
- Organize a fun, entertaining and memorable Senior - JAA alumni mixer & recruitment drive at NATCON
- Work to ensure records are 100% accurate and updated by the following year

Jennifer Condon-Pracht
Secretary



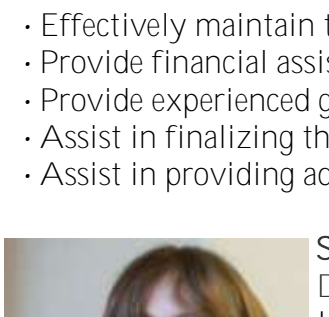
I am currently serving as a Captain in the position of maintenance officer at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ however my trade in the Air Force is an acquisitions officer. I was previously stationed at Tinker AFB, OK where I served as a program manager for the B-2 and Iraqi Aircraft Program. I am also an active member of the Air Force Association serving as Chapter President and State Secretary, as well as active in the Logistics officers Association and the Base Company Grade Officers' Corp.

During my years at Kansas State University from 2000-2004, I was an active member of the AAS. I helped with ARCONs and held a few positions in the chapter, unfortunately that was so long ago that I can't remember the exact positions. I had an absolute blast in my chapter and was glad to hear there was an alumni association once I commissioned in the Air Force. I look forward to the future of JAA.

Goals

- To keep everyone informed on what is happening with JAA
- Build our membership through recruiting at my base

Heather Sealover
Chief Financial Officer



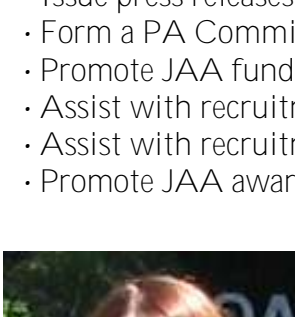
I commissioned in May of 2009 and headed to Vandenberg AFB for missile training shortly thereafter. After training I headed to F.E. Warren AFB, WY where I am currently a missileer. I enjoy spending time in the great outdoors and outdoor activities like running, skiing, kayaking, cycling, and mountain biking. I am thankful for the opportunity to work as a part of the JAA staff and hope to be an asset for the team.

I was a member of the Charles E. Yeager Squadron of AAS at West Virginia University from 2005-2009. While there I held the position of Financial Manager from 2005-2008 and National Director of Financial Management from 2008-2009. During my time in financial positions, I headed fundraising projects leading to over \$30,000 being raised for the squadron/national staff.

Goals

- Effectively maintain the budget for the JAA
- Provide financial assistance to the members of AAS and SW
- Provide experienced guidance to the JAA as well as AAS and SW on fundraising opportunities
- Assist in finalizing the 501.c.3 tax status
- Assist in providing additional financial advice wherever it is helpful

Stephanie Westcott
Director of Public Affairs



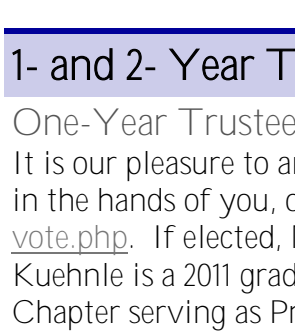
I graduated in May 2009 from Washington State University with a B.S. in General Physical Science, minors in Chemistry and Mathematics, and several secondary education classes. Within the month my husband and I moved to Vandenberg AFB, CA for about 5 months of space training. Currently we live in Colorado Springs where I am a stay-at-home mom to 15 month old Melodi and wife to 1st Lt William Westcott, who is stationed at Schriever AFB.

As an associate member of Silver Wings during the 2006-2007 school year I organized the reactivation of the Colonel Galileo Bossio Chapter at Washington State University and the University of Idaho. I then served as the first Region XI Executive Officer after the region was reactivated. Following that I was the SW co-commander for ARCON.

Goals

- Publish a quarterly newsletter with JAA, AFA, and active AAS and SW information
- Improve communications regarding ARCON and NATCON information and registration
- Issue press releases and updates to the AFA, bases and universities promoting the JAA
- Form a PA Committee to assist with the press releases and seeking articles for newsletter
- Promote JAA fundraising efforts in coordination with Vice President and Financial Officer
- Assist with recruitment efforts through distribution of flyers to ARCON, NATCON, and bases
- Assist with recruitment efforts by submitting articles for publication in AAS and SW newsletters
- Promote JAA awards to active members of AAS and SW

Summer Folsom
Technology Officer



I went to UGA for computer science and have been in the IT industry for over 10 yrs. Recently I decided to leave the IT field and am currently studying medical transcription.

I am a Silver Wings Alumna from University of Georgia. I started Silver Wings in 1997. While in the organization I served as Assistant Chair to NATCOP, NBC, NPAR, REO (now Region President) for 4 years Region III (formerly Region C), and acting Region II REO. In the chapter I served as President, Vice-President, and Secretary. From college I got active in JAA right away. I served as National President 2005-7 and currently am the National Tech Officer.

Goals

- Keep site up to date with local events for Alumni to attend and current news
- Work with AAS & SW on information concerning chapter and squadron fundraising activities to where Alumni can contribute
- Help Chapters and Squadrons with any help they may need in developing their own websites

1- and 2- Year Trustees

One-Year Trustee Position

It is our pleasure to announce the BoD recommendation of Ms. Alexandra Kuehnle to this Honorary position. It is now in the hands of you, our general membership, to vote her into this position. Please vote here: <http://www.aasswjaa.org/vote.php>. If elected, Ms. Kuehnle will hold a voting position within the BoD for a one year term (2011-2012). Ms. Kuehnle is a 2011 graduate of the University of Connecticut where she founded the Mary Anne Thompson Silver Wings Chapter serving as President of the Chapter and Region I President.

Two-Year Trustee Position

It is our pleasure to announce the BoD recommendation of Lt Col William Lipscomb, USAF (ret) to this Honorary position. It is now in the hands of you, our general membership, to vote him into this position. Please vote here: <http://www.aasswjaa.org/vote.php>. If elected, Lt Col Lipscomb will hold a voting position within the BoD for a one year term

Looking Ahead

ARCONs 2011

While we do not have firm dates for any of the ARCONs that will be taking place this year, we do have locations! ARCONs normally held in October and November based on each Area-Region, but it appears that one may be in September this year. As such, prices and dates vary and are will likely not be confirmed until after the Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings Executive Board meetings take place in mid-September. Watch for e-mails, the Fall Newsletter, and check the JAA website often for updates.

A-R	Host	Location
I	Syracuse University	Syracuse, NY
II	Howard University	Washington DC
III	UNC - Charlotte	Charlotte, NC
IV	University of Florida	Gainesville, FL
V	Samford University	Birmingham, AL
VI	Ohio State	Columbus, OH
VII	North Dakota State University	Fargo, ND
VIII	University of Utah	Salt Lake City, UT
IX	University of Houston	Houston, TX
X	Cal State - Sacramento	Sacramento, CA
XI	University of Idaho	Coeur d'Alene, ID

NATCON 2012

This year NATCON will be held in Detroit, MI and hosted by the Lt. Phillip Louise Bek Squadron at Michigan State University and Western Michigan University. Look for more information to come out in our Fall Newsletter.

Current Happenings

NATCON Host Recruiting Video

Regan Lyon, AAS-SW NAC

Remember how much fun you had at NATCON? Was NATCON different than what it is now? We would love to hear about it and have you share photos. In order to spark interest for hosting NATCON and generating new ideas and fun activities for NATCON, we are hoping the Alumni can offer "good ol' day" stories and information about how NATCONs used to be. For example: In Houston in 2003, we had a music and food off-site that served Freebirds burritos as a fun included activity as well as going to NASA. Please send photos and information regarding that NATCON to regan.lyon@silver-wings.org

Alumni News

In the future we would like to highlight our members' accomplishments and life changes. It is a common practice in other alumni organizations to publish "Class News" regarding honors, advancements, retirements, awards, elections, relocations, weddings, anniversaries, babies, and other exciting news in their members' lives.

The first full printing of these events will occur in the Fall 2011 Newsletter. You can submit your "Note" by filling out the submission form found at www.aasswjaa.org/excitingnews.

Elizabeth (Rouillier) Steigman (SW, Louisiana State University 2006) celebrated her first wedding anniversary to Scott Steigman on 16 July 2011. She resides in Baton Rouge, LA and teaches at St. Stephen Central Catholic School in New Orleans, LA.

William Westcott Jr (AAS, Washington State University 2009) was promoted to 1st Lt in the USAF on 27 May 2011. He is assigned to the 1st Space Operations Squadron as a Payload Systems Operator and instructor at Schriever AFB, CO.

Teresa "Tiki" Scott (SW, Washington State University 2009) will marry Zach Crampton (AAS, Penn State 2009) on 20 August 2011 in Cannon Beach, OR. They are both Logistics Officers in the USAF stationed at Fairchild AFB, WA and Spangdahlem, Germany respectively.

Newsletter Articles

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

For publication in the	Submit by
Fall 2011 Newsletter (ARCON & NATCON articles)	15 September 2011
Winter 2012 Newsletter	1 December 2011
Spring 2012 Newsletter	15 February 2012
Fall 2012 Newsletter	15 May 2012

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.

Sign Up for E-Mails

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.

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JAA News (more e-mails)	http://groups.google.com/group/jaanews
Website Updates	http://groups.google.com/group/jaa-site

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