



JOINT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Spring 2010 Newsletter



From the President's Desk

BY: ELIZABETH ROUILLIER
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

The mission of the Joint Alumni Association (JAA) is to foster a spirit of loyalty and kinship among former Arnold Air Society, Angel Flight, and Silver Wings members and to achieve unity of purpose and action in promoting the best interests of the Joint Alumni Association. As part of our mission, the JAA's larger vision is preserving the integrity of Arnold Air Society, Angel Flight, and Silver Wings through providing scholarship, mentorship, and networking opportunities to members and serving as an advocate between the organizations and the Air Force Association. We hope to accomplish these goals and to improve our relationship with the national community by reaching out, not only to Arnold Air Society, Silver Wings, and the Air Force Association, but also by reaching out to other national organizations,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce my staff for this upcoming year; Katrina Tabinowski, Chief Financial Officer; Leanne

Babcock, Development Officer; Ashley Agacki, Marketing and Communications Officer; and Summer Folsom, Technology Officer. We are currently working to fill the vacancies for the offices of Vice President and Secretary, and hope to have those filled by the end of NATCON 2010.

It is my strong hope and belief that this will be an amazing year of growth for the Joint Alumni Association. The JAA Executive Board always welcomes suggestions and feedback for our members. As such, please be sure to visit our website at <http://www.aasswjaa.org/>, and check back periodically to learn about our current JAA news, local events, and how to chat with the community. Also, please feel free to email me with any questions, suggestions, or feedback at jaa.pres@gmail.com.

Welcome to SeaCON 2010!

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PCOLACON 2009

By: Leanne Babcock
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Hitting the Gulf Coast in Pensacola in October was a great treat for me coming from Peterson AFB where winter hit early.

During the weekend of 2-4 October; AAS-SW members from Area/Region V (Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, and Tennessee) met at the Hilton on Pensacola Beach, FL for the first ARCON of the year. PCOLACON was hosted by the cross-state detachment of University of South Alabama and University of West Florida.

Area/Region V is unique in that it intersects with Area/Region IV via the panhandle of Florida due to the cross-state detachment of University of West Florida and University of South Alabama. Both schools are considered part of Area/Region V while the rest of Florida from Hurlburt Field east is all Area/Region IV.

AFA briefing was given by AFA National Director and AAS alum Max Friedauer. Mr. Friedauer educated the general assembly on the STEM program and how AFA interacts with AAS-SW.

The first JAA Graduating Senior Social and Membership Drive was held prior to the banquet. I had the chance to meet and greet with seniors from all over the Area/Region, learn about their jobs and what their educational goals were. The seniors also helped me with learning how to operate our new online payment system! Once graduating seniors are registered, I track them until graduation ensuring that JAA can provide them the networks for when they PCS or enter graduate school. Alumni offer a great support network to graduating seniors during the year so when they enter the real world; we are there to help them.

The banquet featured Col Robicheaux, Maintenance Group Commander from Hurlburt Field as the guest speaker. Notable attendees were Florida State AFA President Jim Connors and his wife.

In addition to Col Robicheaux's interactive speech, the ARCON staff and ARCOP had a truly unique appetizer at the tables-goldfish in bowls! I found out they were not in fact appetizers, thankfully before I was dared to eat one whole.

Next years' ARCON will be headquartered at Tennessee State University. They are already in the planning process jointly with AFA and JAA in addition to chartering a Silver Wings Chapter.

If you want to be a local JAA point of contact for the ARCON staff and you live near Nashville please contact me.

SNOWCON Minus the Snow

By: Ashley Agacki
National Marketing & Communications Chair

The luckily inaptly named Area/Region VII Conclave had success in gathering it's members for the annual fall meetings. The AFA had their fall meetings in the Twin Cities as well. This allowed for some wonderful interactions among not only Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings but also the Air Force Association and the Joint Alumni Association.

Despite low attendance of JAA at this conclave, we were still able to reach out to the younger organizations and provide support.

The outstanding area and region leadership did a great job of hosting us, so much so that they scared everyone else from running for higher office as they set the bar so high. But the Charles Lindbergh Squadron decided that they are up to the challenge of running ARCHCON 2010.

So to my fellow Area/Region VII Flying Squirrels I say Meet me in St. Louis next fall for what should prove to be another great ARCON.