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From The President's Desk...

Fellow Alumni,

As the Joint Alumni Association goes forward, it helps if we are following a map so we all end up in the same location. At the beginning of the trip, we had both the Arnold Air and Angel Flight Alumni organizations, each moving in the same direction, but going about the trip separately. Necessity dictated these groups join and thus the JAA was born. Many of our current members reading this joined knowing only this organization. To keep moving forward, I think we should look even farther back to see where we started.

In September '07, the USAF turned 60 having been created in 1947. A few years later, AFROTC was finally allowed to stand-up and soon after the beginnings of what would be AAS was formed. In my mind, this is where we need to look to find our starting point. 50 plus years of Alumni are out there, and unlike today, ROTC was compulsory at most of the land-grant schools where there could be as many as 2000 underclassmen cadets in a unit. Those members are out there and I think we need to find them as we move forward.

This year is my last year as President, and I had two goals when I came in: 1- Grow membership to 10,000; and 2- Create local chapters nationwide to work more closely with the cadets. To get us there, we need to reach out and find other Alumni – many do not know we exist. So, I am asking each person on active duty to contact their Company Grade Officer Council or O' Club and get the word out. If any of you can, try and attend an AFA meeting and let them know we are out here. Additionally, contact your school and make sure they know you are Alumni and that you belong to JAA. To help each of us, we have a wonderful new website where you can get member applications or direct potential members to.

Lastly, to stay on a path you need a good road and the right tools to get there – the map I mentioned a mere three paragraphs ago. Whether walking, biking, driving or flying, I want us all to get there. We got the website, and now we are ready to update and finalize our manual – one that can be duplicated to create those local chapters near bases, ROTC Dets or in large cities. Next, I want us to come up with a good Mission Statement. Clear and precise, it will keep us focused on our destination – assisting and mentoring cadets. Finally, we will follow that up by listing our goals in such a way so that it is easy for any of us to speak about the JAA to others. I welcome and solicit your input.

This '08-'09 school year, the next rest stop on the trip is Phoenix Arizona over Easter weekend. Cruise on in and let's get out our map and see where we are going to next.

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Find us on the Internet!

As a member of the Joint Alumni Association, you will be receiving newsletters throughout the year. This newsletter serves as one of the many tools we use to keep members up to date with events and news involving the JAA, Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings.

Another vital tool that JAA is taking advantage of is the Internet. We

have a new website, <http://www.aasswjaa.org>, which is there to serve you with the most up to date information concerning the organization.

We also have online communities on the websites that you frequent for online networking. This includes groups on Facebook, LiveJournal and Google Groups. You can find

the quick links to join our communities on our website!

If you have the time, please be sure to take a minute to check out our online resources. If you have any new communities you would like to see or suggestions to the current communities, please let us know!

Upcoming Activities...

If you are interested in attending your region's ARCON, please email jaa.pres@gmail.com.

Here is the list of the ARCON's with their dates:

ARCON I: Durham, NH
TBA

ARCON II: Philadelphia, PA 21-23 Nov

ARCON III: Raleigh, NC
24-26 Oct

ARCON IV: Daytona Beach, FL 21-23 Nov

ARCON V: Mobile, AL 7-9
Nov

ARCON VI: Lafayette, IN
14-16 Nov

ARCON VII: Milwaukee, WI 24-26 Oct

ARCON VIII: Colorado Springs, CO TBA

ARCON IX: College Station, TX 24-26 Oct

ARCON X: Tucson, AZ 31
Oct-2 Nov

ARCON XI: Spokane, WA 24-26 Oct

If you are interested in

attending NATCON next year, please email jaa.pres@gmail.com.

NATCON for the year 2009 will be held in Phoenix, AZ April 10-14.

More information on ARCONs/NATCON, as it becomes available, can be found on the JAA website: <http://aasswjaa.org>.

Get more involved!!

If you are interested in getting more involved with JAA, just send an email to jaa.org@gmail.com.

Have an article for the newsletter?

Any member of JAA, AAS or SW can submit an article to be put in our newsletter!! Just send your article to jaa.publicaffairs@gmail.com.

Important Resolution Changes from CHICON

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

- 2008 NATCON will be called Fiestacon and be held in Phoenix, AZ
- JNP 2008-2009 focus on using their resources to help overcome all the terrible effects of cancer on society called "Courage to Overcome".

AAS RESOLUTIONS

- 2008-2009 National Headquarters is Charles E Yeager Squadron @ WVU
- Col. Raymond Roesler Area of the Year Award
- Candidate Knowledge Guide Creation

SILVER WINGS RESOLUTIONS

- 2008-2009 NHQ Stephen M Scherp Squadron @ Embry Riddle Aeronautical University - Prescott
- 2008-2009 SNP DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND AWARENESS - working with disaster response organizations to prepare Silver Wings members to respond and assist during emergency situations.
- Region Executive Officer is now known as Region President
- An interview process and a professional workshop be added to the active member requirements and be made part of the associate process.

Local Information

We are currently in the process of starting local (statewide) chapters for the JAA. With this, we hope to allow for more social functions throughout the year so we can all touch base with local alumni!!

Current local chapter information can be found on our website at: <http://www.aasswjaa.org/local>.

Don't see your state there yet? We are looking for alumni who

want to start local chapters around the nation and even internationally!!

If you are interesting in starting a local chapter, email us at jaa.org@gmail.com.