

Dear Distinguished Alumni,

Welcome to our fourth annual alumni update. We know our current organization stands on your shoulders and will never forget the things you did to make Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings what it is today. On behalf of our 3,500 members enrolled at 131 colleges and universities across the Nation, THANK YOU! This will always be...your organization!


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2018 ALUMNI UPDATE

Before we dive into the past year, we are pleased to announce two relatively near-term focus areas of significance:

FOCUS AREA ONE: 400 DAYS TO COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN AND \$40,000.00

As some of you may know, the Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings Educational Fund (ASEF) will become eligible for the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) beginning in the fall of 2019. That is just 400 days from now!

The CFC affords federal employees, including members of the Air Force, the opportunity to make tax-deductible donations directly to Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings through ASEF, and we've decided to target \$40,000.00 in donations in our first year.

Every nickel donated will provide scholarships, internships, fellowships and tremendous professional development opportunities (more information below) the generation that will fill your shoes in just a few years. If just 500 former Arnies and members of Silver Wings/Angel Flight give \$80.00 per year or around \$8.00 per month, we will blow through our goal. PLEASE PLAN TO HELP!!! 400 days to \$40,000.00...and counting!!!

FOCUS AREA TWO: ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS TO STRENGTHEN AND SUSTAIN

In the past, some of you have asked..."what can I do to help." The truth is, financial support does matter, but your experiences, intellect, education, dedication and motivation are priceless and largely untapped resources, as well. So, in the next few months, we will unveil a short set of guidelines that will help provide opportunities for those of you interested in spending a bit more direct time with current members of Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings. While we've not finalized things yet, key program attributes will include:

- A squadron or chapter request
- An Alum volunteer located close to the requesting squadron or chapter
- AFROTC or USAFA cadre approval
- Alum agreement to comply with guidelines provided by AAS/SW including a cooperative partnership with National Administrative Consultants

This initiative remains under development...more information will follow in the next couple of months.

The 2017-2018 academic year continued a string of highly successful years of professional growth and development, community service and servant leadership. We were fortunate to have four great teams lead our efforts, and as always, extend special thanks to our host universities at Mississippi State University (AAS), Auburn University (SW), The University of Tennessee at Knoxville (NATCON Co-Command), and doing double duty, Auburn University (NATCON Co-Command).

Special thanks to:

- *Cadet Courtney Conway (Arnold Air Society National Commander)*
- *Ms. Tate Hall (Silver Wings National President)*
- *Ms. Jaime Ragos (NATCON Co-Commander)*
- *Cadet Nate Lowmiller (NATCON Co-Commander)*

NOTE: We mention only the top of each leadership team here, simply due to space available. Many extraordinary leaders and followers behind the scenes made every success during this year...a reality, and there is no doubt that the leaders we mention would agree that without their incredible teams, they would never have achieved what was achieved during the year.

Perhaps the greatest highlight of the year was our National Fundraising Effort, which produced over \$12,500.00 for the Air Force Aid Society, bringing our two-year (over the last three years) total to nearly \$30,000.00. The 2018 Conclave delegates modified our National Fundraising guidance to include two other charitable options for future efforts, The Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings Educational Fund (ASEF) and The Air Force Association. Under this construct, the Conclave will approve a National Fund-Raising effort every other year for one of the three authorized non-profits, with no organization being eligible for consecutive years.



Cadet Kevin Reardon and Cadet Brian Santana at the Air Force Charity Ball with General and Mrs Goldfein (left photo); our donation check to the Air Force Aid Society (center); Cadets Reardon and Santana with General Wilson (right photo)...Cadet Reardon and Cadet Santana represented the largest donor AAS Squadron and SW Chapter

Arnold Air membership increased slightly, continuing a gradual trend in the right direction, with several smaller detachments expressing interest in starting programs. One great example is Duke University, which will serve as a template for other small detachments going forward. Of 145 AFROTC detachments, 130 have squadrons, bringing our total to 131 when we include USAFA. This represents the largest number of squadrons we've had on-board in at least the last five years.

SW membership also stabilized, and we saw gradual growth in our active chapters. To help strengthen our chapters, we've renewed our emphasis on support for our presidents by providing monthly leadership modules designed to help them conduct productive meetings, and we've started a new focus on building post-graduation employment opportunities for civilian students. In addition, both Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings students created videos designed to aid squadron commanders and chapter presidents in recruiting.

The Fall 2017 Executive Board was very well executed, and we welcomed another fantastic set of speakers including General Wilson, Air Force Vice Chief of Staff, General Rand, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, General (Ret) McNabb (our Chairman) and former Air Force Secretary and current AFA Chairman, Mr. Peters.

To strengthen our ARCONs in the future, we instituted a new policy effective with the 2018-2019 ARCON cycle that includes a leadership planning teleconference early in the planning cycle, designed to emphasize proper ARCON coordination. In addition, we established new guidance that will further involve the detachment cadre when planning concerns seem to be developing, and that will result in ARCON cancellation if planning milestones are not met.

More than 900 attended the National Conclave at The Marriot Downtown New Orleans and guest speakers included Lt Gen Brad Webb, Commander, Air Force Special Operations Command, Retired Lt Gen Dave Deptula, President of the Mitchell Institute, Ms. Heidi Grant, Deputy Under Secretary (International Affairs) and General Darren McDew, Commander, US Transportation Command. In addition, we continued our partnership with the Profession of Arms Center of Excellence, which conducted focused leadership training for our Silver Wings students. Our next Conclave will be our 72nd and will be located at The Milwaukee Convention Center over Easter weekend 2019. Please join us for what will be an incredible event!

While at NATCON, Cadet Jake Marino from Purdue University was selected to command AAS and Mr. Everest Berggren from Northern Arizona was selected as SW President. Our 2019 NATCON Team is from the University of Cincinnati and from Michigan Technological University and our Co-Commanders are Caroline (Niki) Harrison, and Noah Hart (MTU).

Our partnership with the Air Force Association remains strong and support for our Area and Region Conclaves was again exceptional. The Alabama AFA also provided a flight scholarship and support for our Air University Fellowships while attending our National Conclave in New Orleans and we placed four interns with the AFA HQ in Washington.



***Our 2017 Air Force Association
Interns meet with Congressman Bacon***

We distributed fifteen academic scholarships (+6), twenty-two flight scholarships (+7), and six (+1) parachute scholarships. Our Pentagon Internship Program grew to fifteen slots (+1) and included International Affairs, Legislative Affairs, Financial Management, Judge Advocate (Legal), Operations, Logistics and Strategic Plans. In addition, coordination with Public Affairs and The Office of the Inspector General may lead to internships with them in 2019. We will be meeting with Pentagon leadership later this year to further explore funding options to help our interns defray expenses. The USAFA placed two (no change) Cadets in our program.

Nicholas Chobor Jump Scholarship Recipient



Cadet Youngjun Park is congratulated by General McNabb and Ms Mary Anne Thompson as he receives his Academic Scholarship



For the third year, we also placed three funded interns with IronNet Inc, a tremendously supportive cyber security firm and next year, we are targeting 30 flight scholarships including six \$1,000.00 scholarships designated for women as part of our Women's Empowerment Flight Program.

Our Air University Fellowship program continued with four slots (+2) and was approved by the new Air University Commander for continuation. To help chaperone our students and further enhance the program, our Senior Director, Ms Marianne Williams accompanied our Fellows at Maxwell for their full week.



Our 2018 Air University Fellowship students during a C-130 aircraft tour

Finally, we completed our first Congressional Internship in the summer of 2017 and are placed two this year. In addition, we will be adding four partially funded Internships with The Woman in Service Memorial located at Arlington National Cemetery.



**ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY-
SILVER WINGS**
*Executive Management Center
Scholarships and Internships*



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
AFA Internships	2 (2 week)	3	5	4	4	4	4
Pentagon Internships	-	1	4	12	13	16	17
AU Fellowships (Civ)	-	-	-	2	2	2	3
Flight Scholarships	-	-	2	14	15	21	30
Skydive Scholarships	-	-	-	2	5	5	5
Trustee Scholarships	2	2	3	3	3	3	3
Acad Scholarships	9	9	5	5	5	5	8
IronNET Internships	-	-	-	2	2	2	3
Congressional Intern	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Woman's Memorial	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
ASEF Internships	-	-	-	4	4	4	4
Smart/Palace Acquire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opportunities	13	17	21	51	59	68	83

Our programs continue to grow...representing an almost insatiable appetite by our growing student membership

Our National Administrative Consultants continue to serve with selfless dedication and commitment. It is impossible to express adequately our appreciation to them. They are:

- Capt Dan Whalen (AAS)
- Allison Gross (SW)
- Capt Hannah Richmond (Conclaves)
- Chris Behr (Conclaves)
- Chhandashiki Das (Protocol)
- 1Lt Joey Fitzpatrick (Technical)
- Tate Hall (SW)
- Capt Gabbe Kearney (AAS)
- 1Lt Kevin Long (AAS)
- McKinnon Pearse (SW)
- 1Lt Marissa Poje (Conclaves)

In addition, our Trustees serve with great dedication and work tirelessly to ensure our organization continues to flourish. They are:

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Our Trustees pose for a photo during our National Conclave

*And to you...our distinguished alumni, thank you again for your past service to our fantastic organization. We hope you enjoy these updates and always remember that we know...
we stand today on the shoulders of giants like all of you!*