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Silver Wings National Newsletter Is Here!

Message From the National President

Fellow Silver Wings,

Hopefully by now you're well into a successful fall semester for both you and your chapter. Your National Staff is continuing to work with your Region Presidents to provide you with the best materials possible to ensure that each of your chapters is successful throughout this year and to keep up the motivation across the nation! We will be maintaining this publication throughout the year to keep you informed and provide you a direct link to the National Level. Also look out for our National Staff Videos!

An integral component this year is the promotion of our Joint National Project – STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics). STEM is a program that is very near and dear to the AFA, specifically ESO (Elementary STEM Orientation). There is a program and curriculum called ACE (Aerospace Connections in Education) through the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). This is an invaluable resource that makes participating in ESO incredibly easy! Please review the Activities materials and work with our National Activities Officer to request your ACE package ASAP!

This year we're going to focusing on developing some major changes to the Silver Wings Organization as a whole using the '8 Change Step' Method by John Kotter as presented in the book *Our Iceberg is Melting*. It's a great book that is a short read with fun pictures that has a strong and powerful message. I highly recommend grabbing a copy – you can read it in less than an hour!

Our National Staff looks forward to meeting you all are your ARCONS and seeing you all in NYC for AMERICAN in April! We really want to see representation from every chapter – this will be an unforgettable event!



*Samantha Robertson Silver
Wings National President*

Executive Boards Adjourned!

We held our yearly Executive Board meetings again this year in Washington, D.C. It was great to meet all of the Region Presidents, and what a staff we have this year! It was held at the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center in National



Picture Courtesy of Alex Kuenhle

Harbor, Maryland. The Exec's spent 5 days in countless board meetings and business sessions to get ready for the upcoming year. It was not all work though; everyone was able to attend the Airmen of the Year banquet, the AFA dinner, a tour of Washington, D.C. and much more during their off time! Brigadier General Bundy was very impressed in how the Executive Boards went and how prepared everyone was. He is, as we



Silver Wings National Staff and Region Presidents



ARCON Dates and Locations

Region I

Manchester, NH Nov. 5-7

Region II

Morgantown, WV Nov. 5-7

Region III

Charleston, SC Oct. 29-31

Region IV

Orlando, FL Nov. 12-14

Region V

Nashville, TN Oct. 15-17

Region VI

Cincinnati, OH Nov. 5-7

Region VII

St. Louis, MO Nov. 5-7

Region VIII

Denver, CO Oct. 15-17

Region IX

San Antonio, TX Nov. 19-21

Region X

Honolulu, HI Oct. 22-25



Picture Courtesy of the NATCON staff

NATCON 2011: Americon

This years NATCON (National Conclave) will be held in NYC this year! We are going to be staying at the Sheraton Hotel right in Times Square. It is being held from April 22-26, 2011. This is going to be a great way for anyone that wants to meet people from around the country, seek higher executive and national staff positions, have direct influence on the organization and to meet employers! This year at NATCON there will be the first ever NATCON Job Fair. This is why we have been gathering info of people's majors recently; this way we can get a representative group of employers that seek diverse students! Not only that, but we will be taking part in a wreath laying ceremony at Ground Zero. This will be a very inspirational vigil of remembrance of those who died in the World Trade Center attacks. If you have never been to New York City, now is the time to go! Our NATCON staff has worked tirelessly to make sure that our members pay a fraction of the cost for someone who would be spending 5 whole days in the Big Apple. As ARCONs come to a close, and the NATCON date draws nearer, we will be sure to update you on what is in store for this big event!

What to Look Forward to in the Next Issue

- National Staff Biography
- How the National Staff and the Paul LaBarre Chapter became to be
- Silver Wings Member of the Month
- Region President of the Month

What are the Regions up to?

Region I

Region I Review Newsletter is out! Working at Starbase once a week. Sending out 200 Donation letters as well

Region II

Plenty of ARCON prep to keep everyone busy!

Region III

The Colonel L.G. Duggar chapter donated \$250 to the SNP from a Dinner and a Movie Fundraiser

Region IV

Successful Fundraiser at Apple Bees for the Seminole Chapter. Selling Yellow Ribbons on Veteran's Day for a NATCON Fundraiser

Region V

"Boo at the Zoo" giving out candy while dressed up in costumes as a community service project

Region VI

The Iven C. Kincheloe Chapter recently participated in a Multiple Sclerosis walk and members from the Tammy L. Blubaugh chapter were participants in a breast cancer awareness trike race

Region VII

Upcoming Basketball Tournament Fundraiser and Video Game Tournament

Region VIII

Holding a Model Airplane Workshop for the JNP at their ARCON

Region IX

City Wide 1 and 5k Run to Support Underdeveloped Schools

Region X

Activated another chapter and plans for 3 more activations by the end of the semester. 9/11 Memorial hike by the Robinson Chapter and JNP fulfillment by the Jeannette Garcia Chapter