



Welcome to the Fall 2008



# Arnold Air Letter

*Greetings!*



Welcome to the 60th edition of the Arnold Air Letter! Whether you are an experienced Arnie or have just completed your candidate training, I hope you've had an exciting and rewarding Arnold Air Society experience so far this year!

This letter is designed to let everyone in the Society know what is being done by Arnies from around the Nation. Take advantage of this resource to raise your own standard of excellence!

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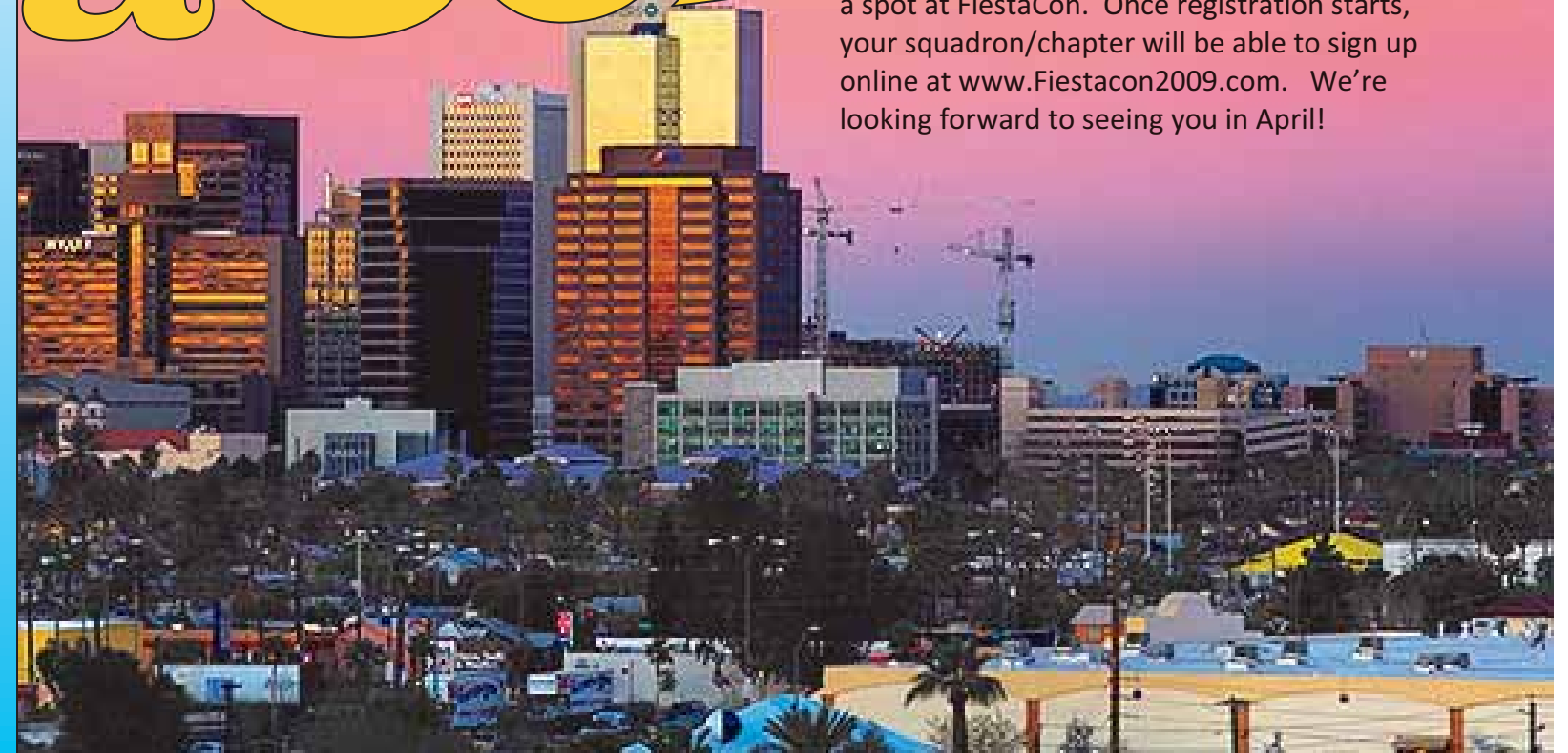
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Conveniently surrounding the hotel are many attractions to keep you busy when the meetings end. Copper Square offers a full square mile of shopping, restaurants and nightlife all within walking distance of the hotel. The hotel is also situated near the America West Arena, Bank One Ballpark, Phoenix Museum of Art, and Arizona Science Center. And as previously mentioned, you are only a short lightrail trip away from the college town of Tempe, home of the Sun Devils!

Taking advantage of the gorgeous spring weather in Arizona, our off-site activity will utilize this perk and offer an outdoor concert. This event will feature local bands in an amphitheater located across the street from the hotel. Food will be provided and the surrounding restaurants will be opening their bars exclusively for FiestaCon attendees (who are of age!). The concert will be a fun and festive way to start your evening as well as provide you with some food and energy before heading out on the town.

Now, to address the most important part: registration! Announcements will be sent out soon informing your squadrons and chapters of the exact opening date and required procedures. It is extremely important that your squadron/chapter signs up participating members as soon as possible. This will serve as an affective part of potentially driving the overall costs down. The more money we know we have, the more we can do for you. All members and candidates—as well as members of the Joint Alumni Association—are welcome to attend. Also, registering early will guarantee you a room and a spot at FiestaCon. Once registration starts, your squadron/chapter will be able to sign up online at [www.Fiestacon2009.com](http://www.Fiestacon2009.com). We're looking forward to seeing you in April!

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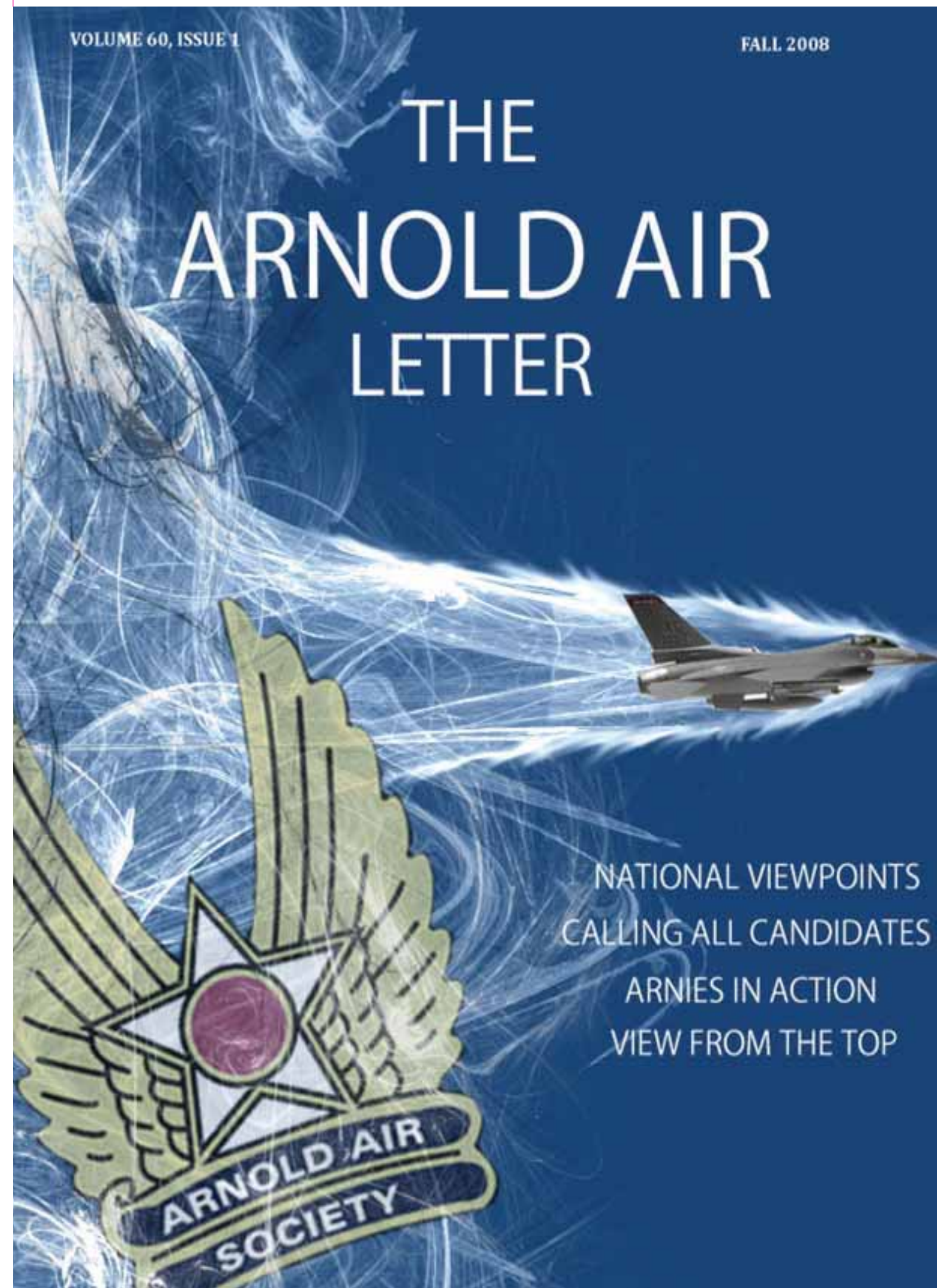


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# NATIONAL VIEW



**Your 2008-2009 Arnold Air Society National Staff**



## THE NATIONAL ADVISOR Colonel Edwin T. Parks

Ladies and gentlemen,

One of the attributes of a great leader is the ability to lead in the face of adversity. There are many examples of this in aviation history, but none as impressive as the story of the Tuskegee Airmen...at least in my opinion. We can and should learn from their example, and I believe I've seen that first hand here at West Virginia University—more on that in a few moments.

The Tuskegee Airmen were dedicated, determined young men who enlisted to become America's first black military airmen. It might be hard for you to believe, given the results of the 2008 Presidential election, but these men lived in a time, not so long ago, when there were many people who thought that black men lacked intelligence, skill, courage and patriotism. The black airmen who became single-engine or multi-engine pilots were trained at Tuskegee Army Air Field (TAAF) in Tuskegee Alabama. From 1941 through 1946, nine hundred and ninety-four pilots graduated at TAAF, receiving commissions and pilot wings.

The Tuskegee Airman flew 1,578 combat missions, flying a total of 15,533 sorties. As bomber escorts, the Tuskegee Airmen lost very few bombers to enemy fighters—far fewer than any of their "white" counterparts—which earned them the nickname "Red Tail Angels". This outstanding record was accomplished by heroic men—each one accepting the challenge, while suppressing internal rage from humiliation and indignation caused by frequent experiences of racism and bigotry, at home and overseas. These airmen had to fight two wars—one against a military force overseas and the other against racism and bigotry. The Tuskegee Airman truly led in the face of adversity.

While their story is not quite as heroic, the cadets who form you National Headquarters Staff have also proven that they can lead while in the face of adversity. During the 2007 Area II ARCON a group of talented and motivated cadets from WVU's Charles E. Yeager Squadron presented their case to host the 2008 Area II AR

CON in Morgantown, WV. Their hopes and dreams were shattered during the deliberations and voting process—they lost their opportunity to "the City of Brotherly Love."

Once back in Morgantown this same group of cadets took stock of their situation. The "easy" response would have been to get angry and put their full efforts on their squadron, forgetting the Society who "stabbed them in the back" so to speak. However, this group of cadets chose to turn their "loss" into a new source of motivation and eagerly began the challenging process of building a package to bid for National HQ Staff. I believe you now know how that effort turned out at CHICON.

So why do I choose to tell you this story, and try to make the link between the Tuskegee Airmen and the men and women of the Charles E. Yeager Squadron? Besides the fact that I enjoy bragging about my cadets—good commanders relish these opportunities—I wanted to make the point that there are MANY life and leadership lessons to be learned while serving in Arnold Air Society or Silver Wings. And I strongly urge you to take advantage of these opportunities whenever they present themselves. The future of our Air Force, and our nation, depends on how well you learn and apply these lessons.



**Col Ed "Doc" Parks, Colonel, USAF  
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# THE ARNOLD AIR LETTER

Welcome fellow Arnies and Swingers! It's almost that time of year again and NATCON is just around the corner. The Tex May Squadron and Capt. Carmen A. Lucci Chapter of Det 025, Arizona State University, would like to invite you to come and join us at FiestaCon 2009 in sunny downtown Phoenix. Phoenix is our nation's sixth largest city, offering a vast array of activities, sights, and sounds to keep you entertained and busy during your time here. More impressively and importantly, the average temperature for the week of FiestaCon ranges from a daytime high of 84 to a refreshing nighttime low of 58 degrees! This year, NATCON will be held from April 9<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>, essentially offering an opportunity for a second spring break escape from the cold weather around the country. Mark your calendars now, April will come before you know it!

Every year, NATCON provides Arnold Air squadrons and Silver Wings chapters across the country the chance to come together to discuss policies, debate ideas, and socialize together as a cohesive, national unit. You will have the opportunity to meet new people and reunite with old Field Training friends. Returning and new members alike will have the chance to come together over a common experience that includes hearing from important guest speakers, networking with familiar friends or new faces, and the thrill of visiting a new city – or returning to one of your favorites!

After you've made your decision to join us at FiestaCon, you will be responsible for securing your own transportation. Finding a flight from your hometown should be a relatively easy process as Sky Harbor International Airport (PHX) is one of the largest in the nation and also serves as a hub for both Southwest and US Airways. Once you arrive, the city's brand new light rail system—opening officially on 27 December—will provide easy and inexpensive transportation to the hotel that is located approximately 15 to 20 minutes away from the airport. Most of the city's sights and attractions are located within walking distance of the hotel, but the light rail will serve as a convenient, supplemental mode of transportation to get to locations further away (i.e. Mill Avenue, Arizona State University, and downtown Scottsdale).

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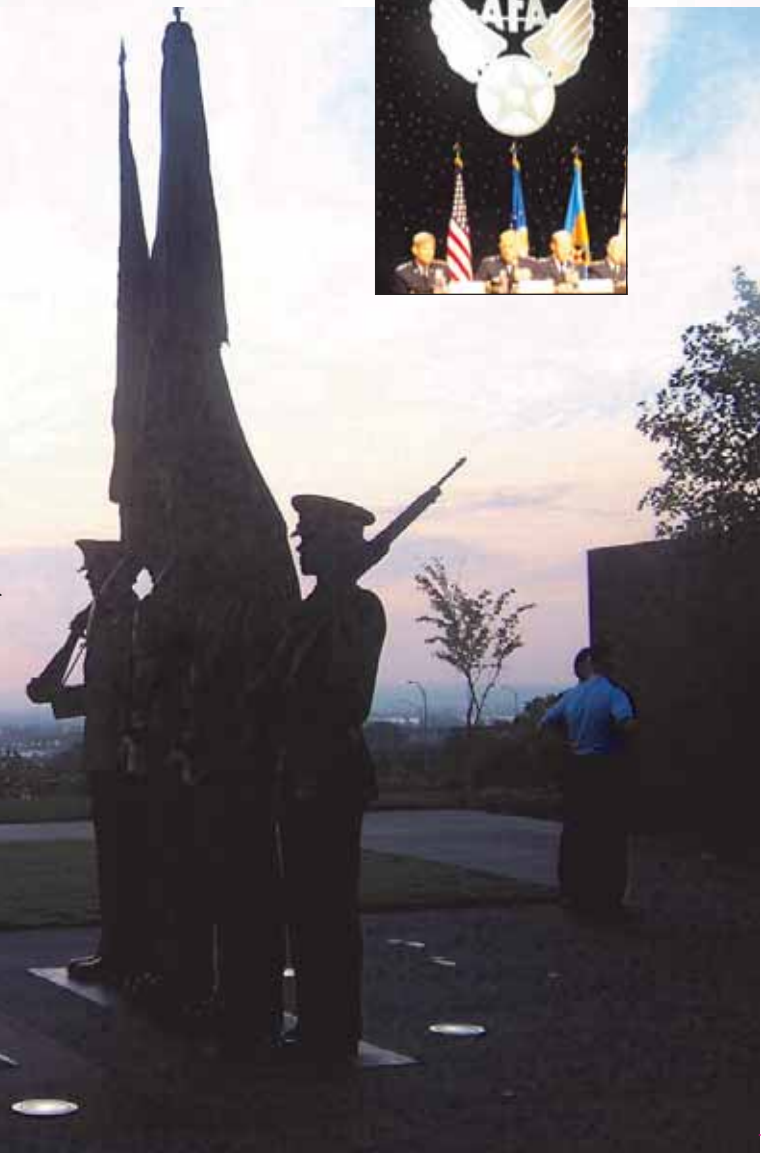
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6 do a ton of good. There are countless organizations that we can team up with for this fight, and squadrons have already been doing so. Keep up the good work!

Ever since our first NATCON the Air Force Association has been helping AAS organize (and fund) great events every year. Since we have been an organization the AFA has played a huge role in our existence. Around the turn of the millennium

AFROTC was questioning whether or not they should be affiliated with AAS. AFROTC HQ felt that since we were a non-government entity that we should be completely separate and they shouldn't support us in any way. This caused fear that without the support of HQ, Det CC's would no longer see the benefit of having an AAS squadron within their detachments, and AAS would die out. The AFA went for bat for us, and literally saved AAS. They let the Air Force leadership know that AAS plays an integral part in officer training. It is time for us to repay them for their years of dedication to us. The Silver Wings National President and I have promised the AFA that we will promote AFA membership from AAS/SW. Try it out, see what it has to offer; you won't be disappointed.

We are off to a great start of the year. I believe that your squadron and area leadership have set this society up for the best year we have ever seen. Let's get out there and show what our society can do!

**AAS C/Brig. General Dan Whalen  
National Commander**



Greetings AAS members! I'm looking forward to another year in Arnold Air Society and serving as your National Vice Commander for this year. Big items that I will be pushing this year are the AFROTC Affairs Committee, Joint Relations, and the IDEAS program.



These are three items that most of us are aware of and I'd like to see continue to improve this upcoming year.

The AFROTC Affairs Committee is an excellent opportunity for every cadet in AFROTC to voice their suggestions on ways to make this program better. Suggestions start with your Squadron Deputy Commanders and your suggestions are sent up through the chain of command to me. I compile these suggestions and at the end of NATCON, submit them to the AFROTC Director of Operations for Headquarters to review. Previous increases in book money and stipend were originally suggestions through this committee. I strongly encourage you to submit suggestions through your squadrons and reach out to other cadets in your detachment that are

not in AAS. Remember, all cadets can submit suggestions.

Joint Relations have been improving over the past couple years and I'd like to see our society continue the trend. Get in contact with your local AFA chapter and look for opportunities to work with them or attend their meetings. Don't forget to make them a part of your squadron as well by inviting



them to projects and events. If you are having trouble contacting an AFA chapter, please engage your chain of command and let me know. I will try my best to provide every squadron an opportunity to work with the AFA. Silver Wings is another great organization to get involved with while in AAS. If your squadron doesn't have a chapter, I strongly suggest seeking out ways to start one. The SW National Development Officer and I are available to help in any way if you are interested in starting a chapter. Additionally, there are resources available on the national website to answer any questions about starting a chapter. If you already have a chapter, seek out opportunities to do joint activities, whether it be through meetings or actual events. This year's Joint national Project is perfect for this!

## CONCLAVES and You

Area-Region conclaves (ARCONs) assemble but once a year in the fall term while our national conclave (NATCON) meets in the spring. If you have previously attended a conclave, you already know the benefits one receives which keep you going back for more. If you have not yet had the privilege, continue reading for a few solid reasons on which you will not want to miss out.



Connections. Meeting students from your Area-Region, visiting with generals, discussing issues with AFROTC commanders on all levels, listening to accomplished guest speakers, and fostering working relationships with cadets you will see at Professional Development Training programs, Field Training, inter-detachment activities, and on active duty, are a few advantages you won't find anywhere else during your cadet career.

Understanding business structure and procedures. At conclaves, you receive priceless first-hand organizational insights to the Air Force Association, Joint Alumni Association, Silver Wings, and Arnold Air Society. Depending on your position in AAS-SW, you may easily find yourself leading business sessions, briefing the general assembly, setting professional standards for the weekend, or vying to host one of several future headquarters; so be sure to take mental notes.

Experience formal protocol. Knowing how to act while coordinating with hotel staffs, what to do when you are first seated at a professional banquet, or what attire to wear for specific occasions is a must for every professional inside, and out of, the military. Conclaves afford you a starting point and unique opportunity to learn and practice proper protocol which you can then reference and improve upon the rest of your life.

Fun. Annihilating each other in laser tag, watching a rodeo, lobby mixers before dinner, and unofficially doing 'the things they do' in the backwoods of Montana are examples of Ice Breaker Socials tailored to start a conclave out on the right foot and keep morale high. Conclaves also give you free time to become culturally immersed and explore the highlights of a city into which you might otherwise only fly.

As leaders, we have a responsibility to each of the above listed elements. So to further your professional development, make new connections, share experiences that will last a lifetime, and have fun doing it—attend a conclave! Look sharp, act sharp, be sharp, and I'll see you at the next formation.

C/ Lt Col Luke Reardon, AAS  
Area-Region XI Chief of Protocol

# SERVICE MEANS GETTING THE HEAD START YOU'VE EARNED.



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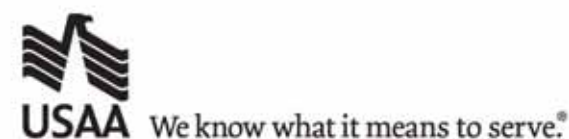
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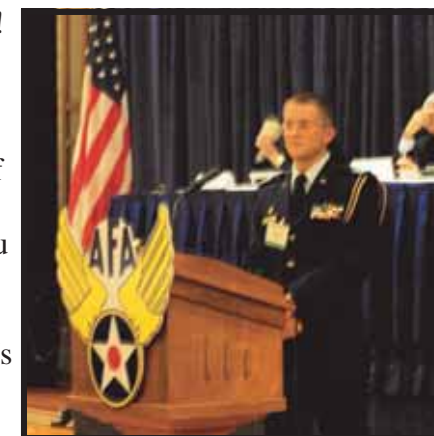
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# POINTS

## Arnold Air Society,

It doesn't seem that seven months have passed since CHICON does it? Although time has flown by, Arnies around the country have stepped up to show what our organization can do. We were given the unique opportunity to have a couple months to get squadrons squared away after NATCON and before schools let out. Having this extra time has enabled the whole society to become accustomed to their jobs early and sit down and plan this semester far ahead of time. The benefits of this have already been noticed. In September our society completed 10% of our hourly goals for the year, in a month where most squadrons were only back in school for a few weeks. This is just the beginning of a great year!

Now that we are back in school it is time that everyone becomes re-motivated about Arnold Air Society. I know most of you have already attended your ARCON, and upon returning, you are excited to start doing great things within your squadron, school, and community. ARCONs are perhaps one of the greatest benefits of AAS. They give an unparalleled opportunity to network with a hundred of your peers and knock out some business ...and please don't forget to have a good time. This is an opportunity you will rarely find on active duty (unless you join the AFA and go to their functions). While attending these ARCONs



you will see the bigger picture of your area as well as have a chance to meet people you will see even after school is over. At ARCON, you'll have the opportunity to vote for your new Area headquarters and next ARCON location as well as seriously consider stepping up to fill the positions for the soci-

ety. I encourage you to run for the Area staffs and take part in one of the greatest learning opportunities in ROTC. Organizing a large scale event is something that can benefit you in the very near-term on active duty. There are also



opportunities to become the ARPAP or ARCOP, each of these present new challenges. Don't feel like you are limited to an Area position either. Every year there are numerous unique and challenging opportunities on the national level.

These positions are truly life changing and attainable by any Arnie that has the drive to improve him or herself! I urge you to step up, help out the society, and develop yourself in the process!

Another excellent way to make the most out of Arnold Air is growing your squadron. A larger, more diverse society will enable our members to lead and develop more cadets. With that in mind let's make recruiting a

priority for us this year. Let's grow our society so we can help develop future leaders for the Air Force. While recruiting, let the future members know that they can make an impact within the society and on their careers. They want to be part of something bigger, something important, and something great. Also, make sure as we are training these future members that we are treating them with the respect they deserve. We should not be holding these candidates to any higher standard than what AFROTC holds us to.

This year Silver Wings and Arnold Air Society are going to make an impact on cancer treatment, prevention, and research. We have set this year's service hour goal high in absolute faith that our society can attain it. "The courage to overcome: the fight for cancer" is a great cause, and provides a chance to

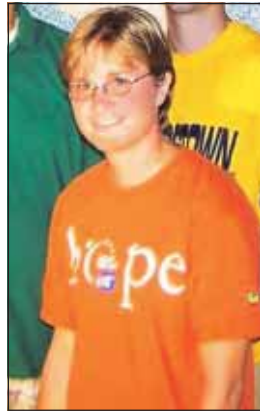
Financial stability can be tough for squadrons to achieve. It takes a great deal of time, energy, and dedication to become comfortable financially. There are many different possible routes one can take to earn money; some easier than others. But all require resources and hard work. One of the major questions I hear as National Director of Financial Management is how to make money. I have a few suggestions that may be helpful—from asking your university for support to working in concession stands at sporting events.

In many cases there is money available from your university to help student organizations; the easiest way to find out is to ask the right people the right questions. Work with your advisor to network within the university and work with the student government association as well. Create a presentation for why you are requesting funds; usually if you can put a good reason for the need, the university will be supportive. Don't forget to tell them what this "investment" will bring to the university—make it a win-win approach, not just a handout. Some other routes to take are to work in concession stands and event staffs within your university or larger event complexes in your area/cities. This type of fundraising takes involvement from many members, but can be a lot of fun and a great morale builder.

Hosting events like golf tournaments and 5k runs have been popular fundraisers for many squadrons across the Nation. These events usually require sponsors from local businesses or individuals. Large corporations also offer sponsorships, but usually require several months notice.

Another popular fundraising idea has been merchandise sales. Many squadrons sell POW/MIA bracelets and t-shirts. These can be productive as long as you take orders before you purchase the items—and don't forget copyright infringements for artwork/logos. Snack sales in detachment cadet

lounges tend to be a good fundraiser as well—a common approach for many active duty units!8



Look for updates on the website for additional fundraising ideas from around the Nation.

### AAS C/Lt Col. Heather Sealoer National Director of Financial Management

By this point I am sure that every squadron's candidate class is excitingly underway. I am also quite confident that every one of you is doing your best to help your candidates to become great members of Arnold Air Society. If you are not helping with your squadron candidates, then you are wrong. Proper training is not just the work of your squadron candidate training officer. Proper training is the responsibility of every active member. Don't forget



about these tools that will help your training class along the way: The Holm Center Training Manual, AASMAN-1, The Candidate Knowledge Guide, and The National Test.

With the recent formation of the Holm Center, formerly known as AFOATS, comes a new manual to govern training. I recommend that every active in the society take a look at the manual because it will only better you as a trainer, an active member in AAS, and as a cadet in AFROTC.

AASMAN-1 is also a very useful guide to training. AASMAN-1 is a very good publication that says what we can and cannot do in AAS. You should take it upon yourself as a member of AAS to find a copy to review. Remember that all of AASMAN-1 is important, but the specifics governing training are located primarily in Attachments two and seven.

The Candidate Knowledge Guide (CKG) is something that is new to the society this year (passed at CHICON 2008). The CKG is a publication that supplements your squadron's already existing candidate guidebook. It is not meant in any way to replace what you already have. The only difference is the CKG has all of the information required to pass the National Test, except for the five individual squadron questions. It is a really good source of information that gives a little assistance on just about every subject related to AAS. Check it



National Staff members Jonathan Hansen, Holly Thompson, Heather Sealoer, and Rich Bielecki stand in front of the Air Force Memorial.

Outstanding Airmen of the year and showed that the enlisted force in the Air Force is one to be proud of. Then at the AFA Anniversary Dinner cadets got to see the AFA honor its members as well as the legendary Colonel Bud Day. Throughout the five days, members of the AFA were eager to speak with cadets and many cadets took the opportunity to learn from some of the

great leaders that are a part of the Air Force Association.

Also coinciding with the Exec Boards was the Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition. This event brings together many different companies from across the world that are looking to promote their newest developments in technology. Air Force personnel from every corner of the Air Force came to take part in the conference which allowed for even more opportunities for cadets to ask questions and speak with current Air Force leaders.



The Four Star Forum was an impressive sight for all the cadets.



Cadets admiring the Washington Monument

In addition to the AFA conference and the Air and Space Conference and Technology Exposition the AAS and SW cadets were able to go to the Four-Star-Forum. The forum consisted of every four star general in the Air Force including the current Air Force Chief of Staff General Schwartz. All of the generals were asked different questions, let everyone know what they are doing in their current role, and where they were taking their respective major command. After the forum the cadets were able to stay and talk with the different generals and truly learn from the top leaders in our United States Air Force.



**General Schwartz, AAS C/Brig. Gen. Dan Whalen, and four Area Commanders stand outside the Air Force Memorial.**

At the close of Exec Boards cadets left Washington D.C. with a clearer picture of the future .C. with a clearer picture of the future and a new excitement for the year ahead. Many lessons were learned from the meetings and even more lessons were learned from the great Air Force leaders that were a new excitement for the year ahead Many lessons were learned from the meetings and even more lessons were learned from the

Even with so many events going on everyone was able to travel to the Air Force Memorial and witness the awesome structure. While there, several fallen warriors were honored in a ceremony remembering those who had passed on and thanking them for what they gave to this country. The ceremony was powerful, inspiring, and one that many of the cadets in attendance will not soon forget.



**Cadets found time to go out in Washington D.C.**



**Members of the West Virginia University National Staff at the WWII Memorial.**

great Air Force leaders that were met. Both AAS and SW cadets worked hard while in Washington D.C. and are now sharing what they have learned so that they can create a brighter future for Silver Wings and the Arnold Air Society.



**Written by AAS C/Lt Col Evan Grinstead**

Cadets took advantage of time between events and meetings to travel around D.C. and see some of the many exciting structures including; the World War II Monument, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, the F.D.R. Monument, and many others. With many different events going on and many great leaders walking around cadets had no problem filling their days and certainly no problem filling their cameras with pictures.

While the AFROTC Affairs Committee and Joint Relations are important, the IDEAS program is important as well. In the past this program hasn't been stressed, but I think it gives us a great opportunity to share ideas on ways to improve AAS. This program is composed of a compilation of suggestions of ways to make AAS better. This can be anything from fundraising ideas to reporting, and is broken down by officer position. These suggestions can also be submitted through your Squadron Deputy Commanders and the suggestions then go up the chain of command to me. These suggestions are then compiled and displayed on the national website as a resource to anyone in the society.



We have a great year ahead of us and a great deal of exciting possibilities on ways to improve AAS and AFROTC. I look forward to the upcoming year and working with all of you. Together we can make this the best year AAS has ever had!

**AAS C/Col. Holly Thompson National Vice Commander**

As we begin a new year in Arnold Air Society we are faced with many challenges, as you already know. However, what you may not know is that the Joint National Project we passed at CHICON, "The Courage to Overcome", has given the society a unique opportunity that we have not always had in the past. As many of you are aware, in the past the JNP hasn't always been as easily accessible to all squadrons as we may like it to be. This year we have a special obligation, which I'm sure hits close to home for most



**AAS C/Lt. Col. Jeremiah Johnson National Director of Operations**

of you, as it certainly does for me. This obligation is to reach out to those agencies, hospitals, organizations, individuals, and families who are either fighting the disease personally, along side a family member, or are helping to treat those who are battling this horrible disease. Due to the overwhelming number of Americans fighting cancer, there are a vast number of opportunities for us to capitalize on. We cannot be remiss in the fact that we've presented ourselves with some awesome prospects, and with these in mind, our staff has set the national goal at 60,000 total hours! This is a goal that I truly believe can be met.

With the first few rounds of hours already in, and the next one quickly approaching, the hard work that you are all doing is extremely visible. But, I cannot stress the importance of every member putting in their optimal effort. Squadron operations officers, you must realize your importance to the society. Without your reporting of hours to the Area Directors of Operations on time, we cannot track the progress we are making. This is relevant not only throughout the year, but at the end of the year when we want to sit down in Phoenix, and hear stories of the great impact we've had and how we've made a huge difference across the United States. Keep up the hard work, ensure that you are recording and reporting your hours, and have a great time in the process!



Welcome to the world of Support! We are barely halfway through the semester and there has already been a great deal going on. Squadrons throughout the nation have been racking up those Professional Development hours by coming up with new and innovative ideas to develop their AAS cadets.

With that being said, never forget the importance of reporting.

Don't deny cadets from other squadrons the opportunity to learn, develop, and have a great time by not reporting your Professional Development ideas. Reporting is one of the key parts that keeps this society running—personal accountability.

I'll leave you all with this; always do more than what is asked of you. We are to always be striving for excellence and by doing more you are not only bettering yourself, but the society and everyone around you as well.

**AAS C/Lt. Col. Richard Bielecki  
National Director of Support**



we were able to have at the Exec Boards in Washington D.C. A lot of resolutions and changes



Greetings, This has been an exciting semester so far and looks to be an even better Spring semester with FIESTACON just around the corner. The National Staff and Area Commanders have been hard at work since August and it really showed with the success

were enacted during the week that you will see in the upcoming months and again at NATCON.

Your Executive Board is focused to help change this Society for the better, but that can only come with your help. Although Area Commanders serve as the senior leadership and the voting members of the Exec Board, the power of the Society rests in the hands of you, the Squadrons. As we start to get closer to NATCON your Squadrons will have the opportunity to use this power and have an active role in making a difference. I would encourage all members in all Squadrons to create ideas for resolutions to be presented at NATCON as well as to think about running for higher headquarters like Area, National, or NATCON staff or some of the many individual positions. Make sure you come to NATCON prepared by being familiar with the AASMAN-1 and the procedures for Robert's Rules of Order.

Use the opportunities this fall at your ARCONs to get to know the other cadets in your Area and to create lasting relationships that you will see again on active duty. Arnold Air Society affords cadets opportunities that they normally would not get the chance to have in ROTC. Use it to your advantage and enjoy it along the way. Your ARCON will serve as great practice for what is to come at NATCON, use it to generate ideas for higher headquarters, resolutions, awards, and JNPs. That way we will have more squadrons running for staff positions and more resolutions to better the Society. At the end of the fall semester, I will send out information about how and when to submit these resolutions to me.

A final note; since last year's gavel stealing was a big failure, I would like to challenge everybody out there to try and steal my gavel. Bring it.

See you all at FIESTACON!

**AAS C/Col. Christopher Bair AAS/SW  
National Business Chair**

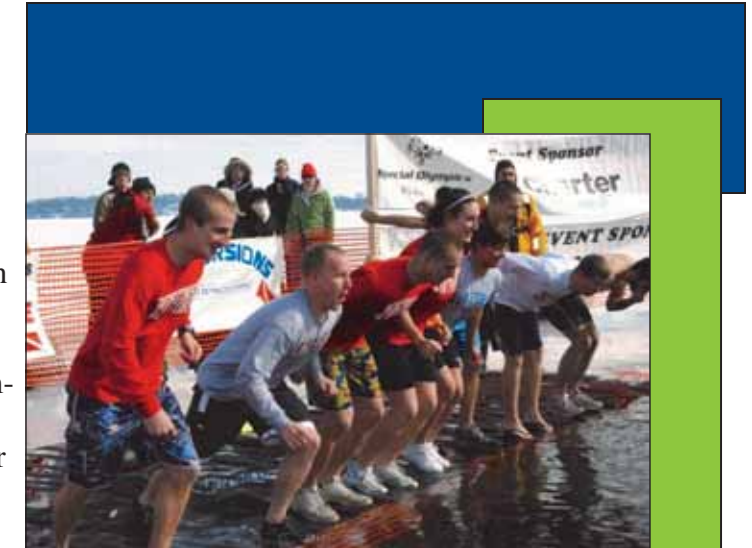


Being in a remote part of Oregon, it is hard to find willing and outstanding college students to rise to and take on the demanding job of being a member in Arnold Air Society. However the 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. James L. Badley Squadron of Oregon State University has shown the nation that they have the strength to be a part of AAS. They continue to benefit their local community and improve the area. The James Badley Squadron continually shows semester after semester that they know what AAS is about.

At their first meeting for the year, it was all about how to improve the program. They discussed activities that were held over the summer and potential community service project they could be doing this year. Living in such a small community, the squadron has had to come up with creative and original ideas in order meet their Joint National Project service hour's goal. They have set a goal for themselves of one project a week for the year. Setting this high goal will take the participation of every squadron member to help out and participate in any way they can, but with a high confidence in themselves, it will be no problem to exceed their initial goals.



Members of the 1st Lt James L. Badley Squadron find new ideas for service projects



Members of the newly formed squadron at UWM take a Polar Plunge.

Here at Detachment 925 at the University of Wisconsin Madison, we are just beginning our Arnold Air Society. We have had it over the last few years but it has been small and only within our detachment, fulfilled with community service and volunteering. This year, we have decided to expand our horizons and move outside of our own detachment, becoming involved in the larger group of Arnold Air Society. We did this because we want to be able to interact with other detachment's societies and increase the availability of individuals to compare societies with. This way we can also discuss things that go beyond AAS and talk about our detachments as a whole and improve more than just our society.

**AAS C/1st Lt Sarah Z. War**



# The Fall Joint Executive Board Meetings



The National Staff, Area Commanders, and the NBC pose with Lt. Gen. Lorenz

gion Presidents, both AAS and SW National Business Chairs, the webmaster, and the AAS National Chief of Protocol. Cadets pushed through many meetings in the first few days and were able to discuss many important topics as well as vote on resolutions that will be seen again at the National Conclave (NATCON). Even with all of the important cadet business to attend to everyone was given a chance to take part in some of the other activities going on in Washington D.C.

This September members from Arnold Air Society (AAS) and Silver Wings (SW) gathered in Washington, D.C. for this year's edition of the Fall Executive Boards (Exec Boards). The Exec Board meetings last for five days and bring the AAS and SW leadership together to discuss all the important issues surrounding our societies and get everyone on the same page for the upcoming year. It is also a time for everyone to meet one another and to see each other face to face before going back to our respective detachments. Those at this years meeting included; the AAS and the SW National Staffs, AAS Area Commanders, SW Re-



AFA Chairman of the Board Bob Largent presents an award to Colonel Bud Day.

One of those activities was the annual Air Force Association (AFA) conference. Cadets were able to attend some conference events including the Airmen of the Year Dinner and the AFA Anniversary Dinner. The Airmen of the Year Dinner celebrated the 12



General Schwartz speaks with the AAS National Business Chairman Chris Bair.

At CHICON, a board convened to change the national test. We re-worded or took out a couple questions that were not correctly listed, or that we found to be a little confusing.

We replaced the two ambiguous questions with individual squadron questions because we felt that squadron-specific knowledge is also very essential to a candidate's training. This also gives the squadron's more flexibility.

There is a lot of reading here, but trust me—it's worth it. The reading is actually interesting material, and can only help you better yourself. Again, I urge you to become active in your squadron's candidate class; don't forget to help your friendly neighborhood CTO out. If you have any questions about training don't hesitate to contact me. I hope all of you have an exciting year in AAS and I look forward to meeting you at FIESTACON!



AAS C/Lt Col Bradley Shoulders National Director of Training



First off, I'd like to recognize all of my Area IMs. Their determination and fantastic work ethic make my job as the National Information Manager easy. They are (in order of their respective Areas): Mark Lamson, Terry Wu, Donnie Hill, Robert Whitthauer, Rebecca Beckett, Angela Ames, James Green, Chris Lundin, Daryl Miller, Mark Montes, and Ryan Shoemaker. It has been an absolute privilege working with all of them and getting to know each of them on a more personal level. Thank you all for the hard work and time you've put into our society.

The National Director of Information

position has afforded me many great opportunities thus far. Opportunities like "picking the brains" of several Generals and Command Master Sergeants at Executive Boards, meeting new people at the ARCONs and NATCON, and of course the opportunity to work alongside some of the most dedicated and driven people in our organization.

This year I've used my position as NATIM to test out a webcam concept. Rather than brief my area counterparts by phone, we briefed using the webcam. I've found it to be a tremendous tool. I got to know my counterparts so much better, both professionally and personally. Briefing by webcam was a lot better versus just communicating by other means (i.e., phone or e-mail). Even though the Area IMs and I are separated by hundreds of miles, the webcam allowed us to close the gap to "virtually" nothing. That kind of capability has a great deal of potential—one that could be incredibly beneficial to Arnold Air Society if properly implemented. I also noticed more unity within my team after we used the webcam.



Finally, I would like to thank all of you for affording us the opportunity to be National Staff. It has been both fun and challenging, but overall, a great leadership opportunity. If anyone would like to learn more about my position or what I've experienced this year, please feel free to contact me. I would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

AAS C/Lt. Col Hansen National Director of Information Management



# Arnies in Action

The Arnold Air Society of Syracuse University has adopted a mile stretch of highway just outside of Jamesville, NY on route 173. As many of our Squadron's ragtag band of only fourteen members that were available pulled together on the morning of Saturday, 4 Oct 08 and rallied at our section of highway with a solitary mission: DO WORK! We arrived at 10 a.m. geared with sweatshirts, latex gloves and plastic bags ready to make big moves. We took an eventful hour and a half march down a mile and back enjoying the company of our companions and the do-good feeling of community service. The short escape turned out to be quite the adventure characterized by the excitement of a pumpkin farm, horses, and of course the minor mishap of getting stuck in the bushes.

When our highway was pristine, we gathered in front of our highway sign with pride and reflected on our pile of garbage. We concluded the morning with a pit stop at Dave's Diner in Manlius, NY and discussed our possible future plans for the semester, including the Breast Cancer Walk to be participated in the following morning.

It was an enjoyable experience and a good way to kick off our semester and get us pumped and ready to tackle bigger projects as the weeks roll on.

**Robert P. Halloran Squadron**



Members of the Halloran Squadron after cleaning-up their highway.



The Atlanta Two-Day Walk for Breast Cancer was attended by members of the Cornell C. Houston Squadron

Members of the Cornell C. Houston Squadron of Georgia Tech volunteered at the Atlanta 2-Day Walk for Breast Cancer. Participants were decked out in all shades of pink. There was even an inspirational choir of survivors. All of us enjoyed our time at the end of the walk.

**AAS C/1st Lt Kim Niemantsverdriet**



Citadel Squadron members help build houses for Habitat for Humanity



The Citadel Arnold Air Society, in a joint venture with Air Force Detachment 765, recently participated in service projects surrounding the Charleston area. The cadets volunteered their time with the Habitat for Humanity organization. On one Saturday, the Cadet Wing and Arnold Air Society were divided into three groups and worked in three separate communities. These included Mt. Pleasant, John's Island, and Goose Creek. The Cadets worked on a variety of jobs from laying foundations, to framing, to pouring cement for walkways. The cadets in Mt. Pleasant were commended for finishing their designated jobs two hours under the expected time. Habitat for Humanity was very pleased by the work ethic and quality of work by the - cadets, and look forward to more volunteering in the future. Look for more quality community service in the future from the cadets of The Citadel Arnold Air Society.

**AAS C/1st Lt Kevin Colson**

The Iven C Kincheloe Jr. Squadron out of Purdue University is off to a great start as far as community service, training and fun. Although our spring semesters are traditionally more service oriented than the fall the Boilers have already racked up some major hours from a number of different service events. These events include Feast of the Hunters Moon, Cancer Awareness Kickoff, Special Olympic Bowling, Boo at the Zoo and a 5K run for cancer.

Most actives are dedicated to making the most of their time by helping out their wingmen and the community whenever an opportunity is presented.

We have been working closely with other organizations such as Colleges against Cancer and Silver Wings. The cancer kickoff was a week ago and included booths to help inform people about various types of cancer, selling cancer awareness shirts, and playing PIG against members of our squadron for a chance to win a free shirt. There was also food and drink for anyone who walked by.

Boo at the Zoo was the most recent event, and by far the most fun yet. AAS Cadets stood by members of Silver Wings at our local zoo and filled a variety of positions for children to enjoy. Some helped with games some acted out skits on a stage and others just dressed up and handed out candy. This is the third year that AAS has been involved in this event and we are already excited to sign up again next year.

Overall the year has been going well with many opportunities for community service, and we are just getting started. Between the Candidate Training Program, ARCON and community service it has been a hectic yet rewarding start to what will surely be a successful year.

**AAS C/Maj Ben Smallman**



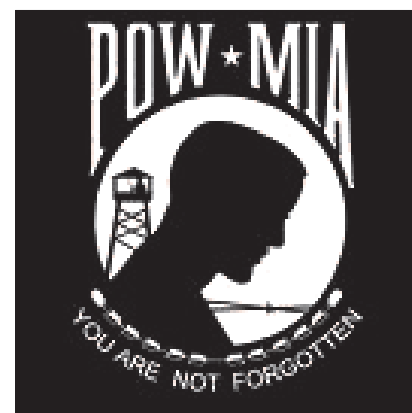
Cadets Smallman, Bergren and Sowder greet Sponge Bob and Patrick at Boo at the Zoo

**Harper Squadron and Souther Illinois University Army ROTC cadets honor veterans with t a24 hour vigil**



Every Year on Veteran's day, the Harper Squadron of Southern Illinois University of Carbondale and Army ROTC put on a special vigil to remember those who served before us. We spend a full twenty-four hours paying tribute at the flag pole rotating cadets in half-hour to hour shifts at the flag pole, as pictured to the left. The above picture was taken from our local newspaper, "The Daily Egyptian." The cadets really enjoy participating in this event and taking part in the honor and tradition of the military. Our service is also greatly appreciated by the community and many veterans in the area, who are all invited out to a special service that is held that Sunday morning including a twenty-one gun salute.

**AAS C/ILT Scott Blechle**



The Charles A. Lindbergh Squadron of St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri, is comprised of seventeen actives. The officers in our squadron and the actives work hand in hand to finish tasks, promote Arnold Air Society, train candidates to be future actives, and most importantly help make our communities a better place through our service projects. This semester so far has been a very exciting and rewarding one. With many newly initiated actives as well as new officers, everyone has been eager to get our squadron, and the semester, off to the right start.



**Cadets of the Charles E. Lindbergh Squadron were happy to help at "Making Strides against Breast Cancer"**

We have recently completed two of our service projects for the semester. The first one was completed on October 4, 2008, and was a Joint National Project related service project. Our operations officer was able to get in touch with a representative from the Breast Cancer Foundation and schedule us to volunteer at a fundraising walk. The walk, titled "Making Strides against Breast Cancer," was a major success, and we were very happy to help out. It was an enlightening experience to see how many people turned out to support their loved ones and stand behind finding a cure for breast cancer.

The protocol world within Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings is one that not many people see, but is something that is always needed. Coming off of a year as the AAS National IM, I could not understand more the importance of communication between all levels of each organization, as well as between the THREE organizations, AAS, SW and the AFA.

Throughout the summer and into this fall semester, I have already seen the tremendous amount of planning from each of the 11 Area-Regions towards their respective ARCONs. From the suspenses that I have received so far and from talking with the ARCOPs, Area Commanders, and Region Presidents at Exec Boards, I can honestly say that I can't wait to see how this ARCON season will pan out. I can surely tell you that we have some exciting events planned, from a military banquet being held on the deck of the U.S.S. Alabama to various guest speakers such as, Brig Gen Bundy, a retired Major General, and a couple of the AFROTC Region Commanders.

Also during the ARCON festivities, there are some very important higher headquarter elections that occur. Although National Headquarters isn't elected until NATCON, many future upcoming members within Arnold Air Society and Silver Wing take one step closer to the highest level. Not only are the next Area and Region Headquarters voted on at each of the ARCONs, but the proceeding ARCON Headquarters, Area-Region Parliamentarian, and Area-Region Chief of Protocol. In the past, there have been a very small amount of applicants for each of those positions, but all too often, a member or school has run unopposed and awarded the higher position by default. With this said, I can encourage all members to at least look into these higher positions within Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings. You might be worried that your time commitment will be greater, but your understanding of your organization and personal reward from making a difference will surely outweigh anything negative.

As always, any of the current Area or Region HQ, ARPAs, ARCOPs, and National Staffs are always open to answering any questions that you may have. I sincerely hope you contact these people and open your lines of communication, or at least read AASMAN-1, SWM-1 or JPM-1, to learn something that you did not know before. I can be contacted via e-mail at michaeljvallone@gmail.com, protocol@arnold-air.org or protocol@silverwings.org, with any questions, comments, or concern

**AAS C/Col. Mike Vallone AAS/SW  
National Chief of Protocol**

