

Silver Wings, University of Illinois

# On Silver Wings

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## Executive Boards 2006

Once again, Silver Wings' and Arnold Air's executive staff was invited to join the AFA at their conference in D.C.

The REOs, Area Comanders and both National Staffs, were able to come together with General Bundy and discuss expectations for the upcoming year. It was a very productive weekend for both groups.

With the formation of a new committee and working out the ideas for Vision 2012 both organizations are looking to have an amazing year.

Outside of the standard business meetings, all attendees were able to explore the Air Force Association's Air and Space conference.

This included being guests at the AFA's banquet where some members of the organizations were able to meet some of the higher ranking officers of the Air Force. Distinguished guests included General Mosely, Chief of Staff of the Air Force and Michael Wynne, the Secretary of the Air Force

One of the main highlights for both the AFA members and the Exec boards attendees, was the trip to the Air Force memorial. All were able to experience the memorial a few weeks before its official dedication ceremony.

All in all it was a week to remember.



REOs and National Staff at Exec Boards



Members of SW with General Moseley

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## ARCONS! We want your stories!!!



With all the ARCONS currently underway, or soon to be occurring, we want your stories! Submit pictures and stories to your National Public Affairs officer and your Area/Region Conclave could be featured in our National Newsletter!! Be it general recaps, National

Staff tales, or helpful tips for those who are running them next year, your National PA wants to hear from you!!

Send pictures and stories to SWNationalPA@gmail.com.



Silver Wings National President, Ms. Megan Stark.

## Welcome to Silver Wings! By: Megan Stark, Silver Wings National President

I'd like to begin by welcoming you to Silver Wings, thank you for joining one of the most amazing organizations that your college/university and AFROTC Detachment has to offer. I'd like to begin by introducing you to your 2006-2007 Silver Wings National Staff: Kait Henderson – Vice President, Jamie Crews – Development Officer, Bryce Hartranft – Treasurer, Kora Lazarski – Secretary and Ren Anderson – Public Affairs Officer. My staff and I have been working extremely hard since Fall 2005 when we began discussing running for higher headquarters. Our biggest goal of the year is **Joint Relations!** We have been working exceptionally hard at the national level to promote joint relations. We feel that by demonstrating that national staff CAN get along both on a professional and personal level, people will follow suite!

### *Vision*

*“Igniting Passion, Diversity and Creativity”*

### *Mission*

*“To evoke professionalism and enhance community service through education, dedication & motivation”*

**Passion:** All too often we join SW with a rush of excitement only to have it die off a few months later. We need to focus on *professional development* and relate it to our members and future member's majors. We are preparing future civilian leaders and we are just as important as our future officers from AAS. Stress the importance of a well written resume, ideal interviewing skills and networking. This will not only assist in retaining your membership but also in recruiting. Show future members the *passion*, excitement and *dedication* you have for Silver Wings and they will want to join.

**Diversity:** We are one of the most unique organizations one can find on a college campus. Not only do we promote giving back to your *community* but we also generate fantastic civic awareness. With that said it is vital to SW that we promote all aspects of our organization to future and current members as well as your community. Help your community help you and visa versa. Establish consistent contacts with only a few organizations rather than inconsistent contacts with multiple organizations. This will allow you to build a positive relationship with that organization as well create reliable projects to work on. Allow your chapters to become the “go to” organization for these businesses.

**Creativity:** Motivate, *motivate*, motivate! I cannot stress this enough. You need to be creative and open to new ideas in order to generate *dedication* and *motivation* throughout SW. Hold special meetings, ie: themed meetings (costumes, sock hop, etc), socials or tours of your community organizations. Make it fun and *educational*, this is what makes our organization so unique, we have so much freedom that goes untouched every year because people are afraid to step out of the traditional boundaries.

**Vision 2012:** This is huge this year! For the first time SW, AAS and the AFA will be working on a joint vision which will encompass all of our goals and objectives and how we will obtain them.

I know this is lengthy but I appreciate you reading it in its entirety. This is the heart and soul of our *dedication* and *motivation* as both Silver Wings members and as your national staff. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns through email at [president@silverwings.org](mailto:president@silverwings.org) or by phone at 630-341-9799. My staff and I are here to help you!

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Silver Wings National Staff:  
(from left to right)  
Bryce H, Ren A, Kait H, Megan S, Jamie C  
and Kora L

Thanks again, keep on smiling and we'll see you at SALTCON!

*Megan Stark*

## Knoxville's moving up!

Submitted by: SYDNEY D.A. SQUIRE, Chapter

Secretary, Detachment 800, University of Tennessee

With new members almost doubling the size of our organization and new officers determined to uphold our commitment to community service, it has been a successful start to the year for our Silver Wings chapter here at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. We are continuing volunteer traditions such as our Fireman's dinner, held in honor of September 11th and Cadre Breakfast, our way of thanks to our ROTC leaders. On September 28<sup>th</sup> we

worked along side Arnold Air Society at the Lost Sheep Ministry's fundraising dinner. The Lost Sheep Ministry is a large-scale outreach to the city of Knoxville. It provides the homeless with a meal, clothing items, and toiletries weekly. The project was a wonderful way to get involved with the community and to build our relationship with the Arnold Air Society.

Though we have many other exciting events coming up, none compare

to the long awaited and highly anticipated ARCON, which is being held here in Knoxville at the end of October. Our President, Robyn Davis, is getting everyone pumped and ready for the conference. The event will be a great opportunity for all the Silver Wings chapters in our region to build friendships, learn from each other, and grow as a nationally united organization.



Region/Area V

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## Region X "overseas" expansion!

This past March Region X expanded "overseas" and picked up a new chapter in Hawaii!

From the Region X "X Files":

Joining Region X at NATCON was the newly organized Hickam Chapter. Hail-

ing from the University of Hawaii, this small, but fast-growing chapter, made a loud introduction! The Hickam Chapter has settled nicely in its role in the Region and hopefully a future ARCON will be in the future. Welcome!



Hickam Chapter, University of Hawaii

## Region X Remembers:

### Detachment Holds a Candlelight Remembrance for POW/MIA

Det. 075, San Diego State University, California

By Anna-May A. Naanos (San Diego, CA) æ

Each year, the President issues a proclamation honoring and recognizing the sacrifices of America's Prisoners of War and Missing in Action, both those returned and those still missing, along with their families, further designating the third Friday in September as National POW/MIA Recognition day.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is notably significant for many American families. It reminds us of the men and women who endured great hardship while imprisoned by our Nation's enemies; and it reminds us of those still missing and of the loved ones lost at war but whose fate is not yet fully known. We will not forget these patriots who were willing to give their all to uphold and protect our freedoms.

"If you are able, save for them a place inside of you and save one backward glance when you are leaving for the places they can no longer go. Be not ashamed to say you loved them, though you may or may not have always. Take what they have left and what they have taught you with their dying and keep it with your own. And in time when men decide and feel safe to call the war insane, take one moment to embrace those gentle heroes you left behind.."

*Major Michael O'Donnell, January 1, 1970, Dak To, Vietnam. O'Donnell, a helicopter pilot, went Missing In Action on March 24, 1970, during a rescue attempt. His remains were returned in 1995, and identified in 2001.*

On Friday, September 15, 2006, three organizations, Arnold Air Society, Honor Guard, and Silver Wings all of which are affiliated with Detachment 075 AF ROTC, held a candlelight remembrance at the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center. The event started out with a beautiful presentation of the colors by Det. 075's Honor Guard, followed by an inspiring presentation of the Missing Man Table. The night was then highlighted with speaker Arthur Neil Black, Major retired USAF, who spoke about his personal account of being a POW for 7<sup>2</sup> years in North Vietnam. Mr. Black's experiences as a prisoner of war was not only educational, it was very moving. After Mr. Black spoke, a candlelight remembrance ceremony began. Cadre, cadets, and San Diego community members lit their candles from the single candle on the Missing Man Table and then shared quotes, poems, and stories. Some even did a personal reflection because they had no previous education on POWs and MIAs.

The event was a huge success, with about 100 in attendance. Rear Admiral Melendez, USN/Ret., the director of the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center hopes that this will be an annual event since San Diego is a predominantly military city and there were few events that acknowledge National POW/MIA Recognition Day.



Candlelight remembrance for POW/MIA

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Missing Men Table in front of those taking part in the ceremony.



## Submissions

Did your Chapter do something awesome for Halloween? Is there a really amazing member in your chapter/region? What do you think of your REO? Want to stump people with those crazy Sudoku puzzles?

On Silver Wings isn't possible without submissions. We need YOU to help make this newsletter great. Anything from quotes, to, shout outs, to pictures ,to articles, to chapter updates we'll

take it all!

Submissions are due in to the National PA by the 15th of every month. Send everything to [SWNationalPA@gmail.com](mailto:SWNationalPA@gmail.com)



**“On Silver Wings”  
needs YOU!**

## Say What??

Everyone uses acronyms. U.S.A, A.S.A.P, R.S.V.P, these are things the general public knows and understands. What happens when we bring in new ones? LOL, BRB, and other assorted internet speak were confusing at first. People have to learn how to use acronyms and what they are for.

It's no different talking about our organizations. The Air Force has its acronyms and Silver Wings and Arnold Air have their own. Each month a new list of acronyms and their meanings will be posted to keep everyone speaking the same language.

It's hard to work on Joint relations when the Arnies get in a group and say something along the lines of “ Man, that extra PT to get the candidate ready for the FTX sucks. I had to do that with my PFT this week. At least UOD is BDUs !”

It is going to start off with some basic ones, so these may be familiar.

AFROTC: Air Force Officer Reserve Training Corps

OTS: Officer Training School

AAS: Arnold Air Society

SW: Silver Wings

UOD: Uniform of the Day

PT: Physical Training

PFT: Physical Fitness Test

SWM: Silver Wings Manual

JNP: Joint National Project

SNP: Separate National Project/  
Silver Wings National Project

BDUs: Battle Dress Uniform  
(Camo)

ETE: Extended Training Exercise

FTX: Field Training Exercise

Region X Silver Wings with the bunny chicken mascot.





## SURPRISE FROM ANGEL FLIGHT!!

A special treat this year is going to be an ongoing section working with original Angel flight members. Mrs. Mary Thompson and friends are going to help us out by relating stories and sending pictures. We will try to get these in every newsletter. For this one we have pictures to share. Hope you enjoy and we look forward to telling the tales of the original girls!

Picture and Greeting Card Courtesy of General Bundy and Mary Anne Thompson



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