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FIND US ON THE WEB

Welcome! As a Joint Alumni Association member, you will be receiving our newsletter four times each year. We hope that this newsletter will serve as a communication tool for you and your fellow alumni members to remain in contact with each other and informed about news relating to both Silver Wings and Arnold Air Society.

In an attempt to make communications even more

accessible, we have become a part of the digital age. We now have communities on Facebook, Livejournal, and Myspace. Also, we are keeping our home page off of www.arnold-air.org and www.silver-wings.org updated constantly. In addition, we are utilizing a new Yahoo! Groups email list to keep members updated and to one day serve as a place to find our quarterly newsletter.

Communications go hand in hand with recruitment and retention of our Joint Alumni Association members. Our goal is that we make these resources useful, informative and interesting for you. We ask that you visit these websites regularly and bookmark them so that you can continue to be informed of the latest, up-to-date information on the JAA.

Websites to visit:

- [Http://groups.myspace.com/jointalumassoc](http://groups.myspace.com/jointalumassoc)
- [Http://uga.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2203628285](http://uga.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2203628285)
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Welcome new and returning Joint Alumni Association members! JAA has many exciting goals for strengthening and getting our organization more active this year. Some of these include retention of membership, increasing our membership size, expanding our lines of communication, and providing a resource for Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings. Part of JAA's objective is to be a resource for Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings. One way to accomplish this is to be a source of mentoring. If an AAS or SW member wants advice about their direction, we can be there for them. I am currently working on a database that will have over 3,000 alumni names. This will provide a vast source

for providing mentorship, and we will need members willing to assist as mentors. Another way to mentor is to provide chapters and squadrons with history on themselves. Last, and one of the biggest ways we'll be a huge resource to AAS and SW, is providing scholarships. This upcoming year the AAS-SW Scholarship Fund is looking to hand out five \$1000 scholarships. We hope to increase this, and can only do this through donations. In return for JAA being a resource for AAS and SW, we are looking towards them to provide us with names of their graduating Seniors each semester. This, along with publications on Base letters, articles or ads in Air Force Magazine, and a link off of the AFA site will

help with our goal of increasing membership size. To help us get articles published in Base newsletters, please contact me by emailing either: alumni@arnold-air.org or alumni@silver-wings.org. For those of you that want to be active within JAA, we plan on forming several committees, such as ARCON event planning, publicity, and finance. By ARCONs 2007 we are aiming for localized JAA events. Also, you can look forward to family friendly events at NATCON. We are excited about the future of the Joint Alumni Association!

—Summer Smith,
JAA President

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA HOSTS ALUMNI REUNION

The University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) hosted a very successful reunion of Arnold Air Society and Angel Flight members from Detachment 470 on April 23rd, 2006. The Alumni Gathering was held in Centennial Hall at the Thompson Alumni Center on the UNO campus. Approximately fifty alumni members attended. Guest speaker was Maj. Gen. Kudlacz, retired USAF. He was the AAS Commander as a cadet at Det. 470 and his wife, Mary Beth Shoemaker, presided over the historical first Angel Flight chapter, which began in 1952 at UNO.

"This year's gathering of the alumni was very successful. We are already planning another event for Alumni Cadets and Angels of Det. 470 for the fall of

next year," Kim Volpone, Staff Assistant, UNO Det 470, said.

The women that are in the photographs are all Angel Flight members from several different years. Many were Flight Commanders for their chapter. Ms. Syntha Judd Essex, the first Angel Flight Commander, worked very hard at combing through the archives to include invitations for the gathering to all Angels from 1952 to the 1970's.

The picture of the men and women together are the Det. 470 Alumni from 1951 and years after.



Angel Flight and Arnold Air Society alumni members gather for Det. 470 reunion.



Right: Angel Flight alumni members from University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1951-1970's.

VETERAN'S DAY REMINDER

GENERATIONS OF VALOR



Pearl Harbor survivor Houston James of Dallas embraced Marine Staff Sgt. Mark Granke Jr. during a Veterans Day commemoration in Sicily yesterday. Granke lost a hand, a leg and an eye when he defused a bomb in Iraq last year. This week's images of U.S. troops in combat in Fulginiti document the day's significance for many who attended tributes held in San Diego and across the nation. Associated Press

Veteran's Day is quickly approaching. On that day, we are called to honor those who proudly serve and have served our country in support of our freedom. Our JAA President-Elect, Jeffrey Brown, Maj. USAFR, posted a beautiful photo (shown left) recently on our Joint Alumni Association Yahoo Groups Message Board. This photo and his impressive message paint a perfect picture of the true meaning of Veteran's Day. We invite

you all to pay tribute to our heroes in a special way on Nov. 11.

"As we reflect during Veteran's Day (Armistice Day), I visualize the thousands of white grave markers strewn along fields in



many a foreign nation. Signposts to the road of freedom. It is good to know there are folks amongst us that understand what the cost of those markers truly was and is. To those who paid for that freedom with their lives, we honor your memory, and thank you. To all veteran's, and to those currently serving, and their families, thank you for your service to our nation and the world. "

-Jeffrey W Brown, Maj, USAFR
President Elect JAA



SPOTLIGHT ON...

JASMINE GRUMBACH, SW ALUMNA
EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TRAINEE, BANK OF AMERICA

Tell us about your background with Silver Wings.

I was involved with Silver Wings for two years (2004-2006), holding the office of Region III REO this past year. My first SW meeting was actually attending the Region/Area III's ARCON 2004 in Atlanta. Within minutes I was taken back by the order of business and professional conduct exemplified by both the AAS and SW members.

How has Silver Wings helped you in your current career?

Silver Wings alone developed some of my most demanded skills in the workplace: articulate

communication, professionalism, leadership, and conflict analysis and resolution. In Atlanta, at my first ARCON, simple ice-breakers helped break the barrier of passivity and everyone was becoming a team; voicing opinions, concerns and innovative approaches to better a common goal. Sound similar to a job yet? I was inspired. I went back to Clemson's campus, ready to help our chapter reach its goal.

What specific things did you learn as a member and an officer?

As a member, I learned team work, service, effective communication and professionalism in attire, attitude and etiquette. As an officer with Silver Wings, I learned strong leadership,

public speaking, writing and planning skills. I also learned how to delegate and be proactive.

What is your current job position?

I am now employed at Bank of America working in the military/overseas division as a 2-year executive management trainee in San Antonio. Silver Wings has not only influenced my job attainment, but also my personal development. Please tell this year's members to take this opportunity to be part of one of the most exciting national organization's in the country and run with it! Trust me...your service now will be rewarded later!

One Small Step for AAS/SW, One Giant Leap for the JAA

2Lt Robert Wray, Scholarships Director

The Joint Alumni Association will now be managing scholarships for Arnold Air Society (AAS) and Silver Wings (SW) active members. Thanks to the hard work of Executive Management Director General Richard Bundy, five new annual scholarships have been created. These first five scholarships are being funded by the Airlift Tankers Association and will be awarded annually at NATCON. There will be an essay competition with the subject being Air Mobility in history. The competition is expected to be fierce, and the JAA will

not only oversee this process and the funds used, but it will also provide publicity for these scholarships and ultimately for the JAA itself.

The scholarships will be worth \$1,000 each and will include public recognition at NATCON and a special invitation to the Airlift Tankers Association annual national conference. While the scholarships themselves will be significant to the recipients, this is an opportunity to increase the visibility of the JAA and recruit new members

as we publicize this program and attach our name to the process. In addition, I want to increase the number of scholarships available and am looking for any and all JAA members to assist in this process, whether you own a business or would like to contact other organizations. I call upon all members interested in current and future AAS and SW members to help build the scholarship fund, and thus help build up the JAA. If you have any questions or would like to support this project, please e-mail: robert.o.wray@gmail.com

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April 6-10

Salt Lake City



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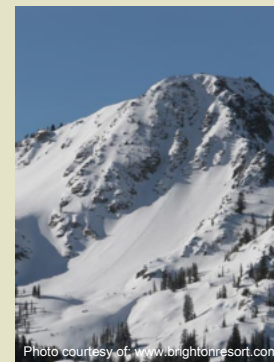


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Visit

www.salt-con.com
for information.

*Spread the word,
JAA members! We
hope to see you
there!*

GET TO KNOW YOUR JAA OFFICERS

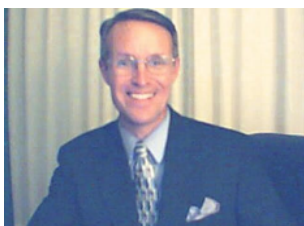
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