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Colonel Ronnie D. Wright is the AFROTC Detachment 220 Commander, Purdue University.

Colonel Wright entered the Air Force in 1976 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps, after graduating from Indiana University Southeast. He began his career as an intercontinental ballistic missile launch officer at McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas, earning wing responsibilities as a weapon system and emergency war order instructor. In 1983, he was selected as an assistant professor of aerospace studies at the University of South Carolina and was selected as the Air Training Command's Southeast Area Instructor of the Year for 1985. He then served as an assistant operations officer and an operations officer in the Minuteman II intercontinental ballistic missile weapon system. In 1992, he assisted in the transition of intercontinental ballistic missile operations from Strategic Air Command to Air Combat Command. In the 1990s, he commanded the 91st Operations Support Squadron at Minot Air Force Base, and served as the deputy commander, 90th Operations Group, F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming. In 1999 he was selected to command the 21st Support Group, Peterson Air Force Base, Colorado. In his most recent assignment, he served as Vice Commander, 91st Space Wing, Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota. As the vice wing commander, he was responsible for the safe effective operation, maintenance, and security of 150 Minutemen III ICBMs from 15 remote missile alert facilities and



six UH-1N aircraft used in support of missile field activities dispersed over 8,500 square miles. Col Wright is currently serving as the Professor of Aerospace Studies at Purdue University. Col Wright and his wife Patty have two sons, Jeremy, 25, and Joshua, 24.

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SWS/AAS Activities: Working for the Future

By John Minear

As we look to the past, SWS and AAS have had a cultivating relationship that has benefited both organizations in numerous ways. Through community service projects and mutual support in activity planning and execution, many projects have been accomplished through teamwork.

Because of this working relationship, the National Staff has decided to highlight the accomplishments of AAS/SWS activities and programs in a special section of the published newsletters. This section, published twice a year, will be the same as the section that will be published in the AAS newsletter as well.

Since this will bring new material to the newsletter, I ask everyone to start writ-



ing articles that specifically highlight those events where both AAS and SWS participated together so that your efforts can be recognized. Not only will it work to highlight those units that exemplify teamwork, but it will also publish ideas to other chapters so that they can start developing cooperative activities.



In addition to the published newsletters, I will also be sending monthly newsletters via email to each chapter. These newsletters will highlight

SWS activities and will help to communicate any changes that are taking place within the organization. Finally, if there are any questions or articles that you want submitted, feel free to email me at sws-editor@silver-wings.org.

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