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Continuity Update

John Minear

As the year progresses, many activities have already been planned and executed such as chapter recruiting, region ARCons, and Executive Boards. Hundreds of hours are put into the planning and coordination of the activities in order to make them successful, however remembering to update continuity is often overlooked until the end of the year when positions change from one person to another. This often makes it difficult to remember the lessons learned or even the planning processes that were used. Because of this, it is vital that everyone keeps constant records of their activities and updates their continuity regularly. For some chapters or regions within Silver Wings, this might be easy since the continuity within the organization is already very strong. However, this might not be the case for everyone.

If you are looking to establish continuity for your position, there are resources that are available to you right now. You can look in the Silver Wings Manual which offers guidelines for you to follow in establishing a continuity binder or you can ask another chapter or region for a copy of their continuity to use as an example. Even if you already have continuity established, cross-referencing these sources can aid you in improving it for future officers.

Now that continuity is established, there are a few things that you will want to look out for that will affect its usefulness. First, there are some things that you should do right from the start: include a title page, a

table of contents, examples of work, and make sure organize each section. When including examples of work, organize them sequentially and summarize when possible. When making entries, use a letter or memorandum format and write the letter to the person reading the continuity. While these guidelines will help make your continuity more useful, there are also some things that you will want to avoid when adding material.

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If your continuity contains old information that dates back to the 1990's, it is time that you cleaned out your binder and sent that information to the archives where it will be more useful to the organization. Although you should keep examples of work in the continuity, too much information is as useless as too little information. Sum-

marize whenever you can and make sure that the information presented is pertinent to the job. Finally, do not try and summarize in third person or try to generalize the information. Although you should summarize information, make sure that it is easy to understand and that it does not leave out vital details. The objective of your continuity should be to present all of the information needed to successfully accomplish the job in a format that is user-friendly.

If the continuity is reworked throughout the entire organization, then the development of the chapters and regions should begin to grow steadily. By building on what we have already done, we can learn from previous mistakes and begin solving the problems that we each face year after year within the organization.

Progress Report

Kristin Brown

This fall is already promising to be a time of great success and growth. Our organization is strong with 45 current chapters, and several more schools are already in the process of activating new chapters. This looks to be a promising year of development and growth for the entire organization.

Also, remember that National Headquarters can only lay the groundwork for a positive and productive year. It takes the hard work of all members of Silver Wings as well as the joint relationship with AAS to create a successful organization. Thus, we ask that you play an active role in helping us to narrow the communication gap be-

tween the national, regional, and chapter levels, while also continuing to encourage service, professional development, and better AAS/SW and AFA relations. If we all work together, this year will be one of the best for Silver Wings as well as Arnold Air Society! Please feel free to contact us at any time.

Money Matters

Michael Shopp

So here we are coming up to the halfway point of the school year, and this semester is more than halfway over. Don't let the excitement of the upcoming holidays distract you from keeping track of your money, and getting those fundraisers going. Also, don't forget to keep your budgets updated. A budget that is updated continuously will prevent you from making mistakes and searching for those lost receipts later

on. Remember that keeping track of money is not just a chapter issue, but make sure to control your personal expenses as well. A credit problem during your college years can catch up with you when you want to buy that new car, or need a mortgage for your house. Always try to pay off credit cards entirely and on time. Shop around for the best percentage rates, don't just take the first one that gets

mailed to you, and look into using debit cards more often. There are no monthly payments to make, and no interest to pay off. With the Christmas holiday approaching fast, take extra precautions to prevent identity theft by shredding credit card offers, don't just throw them away. Have fun these next few days and remember that spending a little can save a

MILEHIGHCON 2004

When the Lt Col Ellison S. Onizuka AAS Squadron and the Mrs. Bernadette M. Jarvis SW Chapter decided to take on the task of putting on NATCON 2004 we didn't know just what to expect. Nobody expected a walk in the park, but we couldn't begin to conceive the challenges we would have to overcome. As those of you who went to NASACON know there was controversy over the name of the event, which was just the beginning. With

minor problems from budget to scheduling to transportation the Mrs. Bernadette M. Jarvis Chapter and Lt Col Ellison S. Onizuka Squadron continue to adapt and overcome. Our versatile team of Arnies and Silver Wings is still working hard to provide a national conclave that will make all others look like bridge night at grandma's house. The plan is to provide everyone with busy days and active nights. MILEHIGHCON will be held in one of

the nicest hotels in Denver, The Adams Mark. The Adams Mark Hotel is located in the heart of downtown Denver. Just blocks from the hotel is the most socially active area known to the locals as LoDo (Lower Downtown Denver). The Adams Mark has facilities of the highest quality and amenities that'll make you think you're on vacation. We are in the process of reserving an offsite night at Wings Over the Rockies, for everybody's entertainment. With a line up like this, you're bound to go home with some great stories from Denver. As the blessed event comes closer we will clue you in on more of the details, but hopefully we've gotten you baited in for now.



ROCK-ON! In Colorado

Brian Howe

ROCK-ON!, the ARCON for Area/Region 8, started off as any usual meeting of college students would, with a fast paced, brutal game of broomball. We gathered 50 people onto an ice rink gave them all brooms and told them that they needed to get a small ball into a hockey



goal on the other side of the rink. Needless to say that wasn't easy, but we all had a great time trying.

Fort Collins, Colorado, provided the perfect spot for an ARCON since it is centrally located within the region so as to allow many schools the driving option; in addition the weather couldn't have been nicer with clear skies and sunshine most of the weekend. We got through our business ahead of schedule thanks to the professional but expedient style of Michele Wordenkemper. It was her first ARCON attending let alone hosting, and she did a great job. We were able to find ARCOP candidates, decided the next ARCON for region 8, and laid the groundwork for a few new chapters that are either starting up, or hope to be started by the Arnold Air Society squadrons in the area.

Our service project was completed on Saturday afternoon. We picked a popular park/recreational site to clean up. Logistically this activity was easy to set up and schedule, and required no experience or materials other than trash bags and gloves. With



close to 75 people cleaning up, we made a positive impact on the area, and had a lot of fun socializing in the meantime.

During the awards banquet we had the privilege of having an Army Colonel on the medical side who shared her experiences in Afghanistan with us,

along with slides of her trip. It was a very interesting and insightful speech, giving us a better idea of what is really going on overseas.



Overall the event was a great success, we all made new friends, improved relations between organizations, and are all looking forward to NATCON when we will be back in Colorado.

ARCON NYC

Kristin Brown

The lights were bright on Broadway and so were the smiles of the ARCON NYC staff as they greeted everyone Friday evening. Although the Silver Wings turn out was small, REO Laurie Knorr did an excellent job at running the separate session and presented several great ideas including a Region II Manual. At a Round Table session that afternoon, Silver Wings met with representatives from each Arnold Air Society squadron and discussed the benefits and steps to starting a chapter at their school.



The Arnold Air support was overwhelming, and we are all excited to see where the year takes us. The awards banquet was highlighted by an excellent speech by retired Lt General John S. Fairfield whose life stories and advice impacted all who were present. Many of the Silver Wings and Arnold Air Society members then chose to end the evening with a trip to the top of the Empire State Building to admire New York City at night. Perhaps, though, the most impacting event of the entire ARCON was the visit



to Ground Zero Sunday morning. Two cadets shared their personal stories and experiences from September 11th, and the organizations were given an American Flag and a Twin Towers flag by the Twin Towers staff. It was truly an emotional experience. Thus, ARCON NYC was a great success in every way.



Velocaraptors Complete NASHCON With Success

Michael Shopp

Region V closed out their ARCON this year after a weekend full of fun and productivity. Myself and Brian Howe, the National Vice President, visited Nashville, TN, to take part in the gathering of the Velocaraptors for a day of meetings along with General Bundy, the EMC Director. Some highlights of the conclave was a roundtable session led by REO Casey Scott that gave chapter officers the chance to meet their counterparts from other chapters to share and gather ideas for them to take back to their chapter. Initial feedback from the discussions revealed that everyone found them to be helpful and a good communication tool. Casey Scott and her AAS partner-in-crime, AAS C/Col Eric Shirley, revealed that they were compiling a region manual that will discuss things such as dues for the region, a region suspense calendar, and other region matters. A final version of the manual will be available



when the region votes on it at MILEHIGHCON in Denver. The region also introduced a t-shirt design that featured their beloved mascot and “war cry” along with a region coin that were available for purchase. The awards banquet that night was complete with a touching POW/MIA ceremony and an excellent speaker.



Col Sam Gaskill, USAF (Ret) entertained us with tales of his twenty-two years as a pilot with 232 missions in Vietnam, and then his career as a four term Congressman for the state of Missouri. He now enriches his life by traveling around the world and managing his cattle ranch. Region V is doing well to increase relations with Silver Wings and Arnold Air, and they look forward to where their hard work will take them in the future.

Airmen Help Fight California Wildfires

10/28/2003 - **SAN ANTONIO (AFPN)** -- Airmen are helping combat the wildfires raging in California, officials said Oct. 28.

Two C-130 Hercules equipped with modular airborne firefighting systems began operations Oct. 27, and more will follow. The system is a self-contained, 3,000-gallon aerial fluid dispersal system that fits in the back of a C-130.

Crews from California Air National Guard's 146th Airlift Wing began flying MAFFS missions over the Simi Fire in the southern part of the state. They have dropped more than 29,000 gallons of retardant on the fire.

Aircrews from the Air Force Reserve's 302nd Wing at Colorado Springs, Colo., are also flying missions.

Pilots from the Wyoming Air National Guard's 153rd Air Wing and the North Carolina Guard's 145th Air Wing are on their way to the region with four more of the modular systems.

The fires, stretching from the Mexican border to the northern suburbs of Los Angeles, have destroyed more than 830 homes and burned out more than 500,000 acres. California offi-



Air National Guard C-130 Hercules equipped with modular airborne firefighting systems, similar to this one, are dropping thousands of gallons of retardant on the wildfires in Southern California. The fires have destroyed more than 830 homes and burned out more than 500,000 acres. California officials said the fires are responsible for at least 15 deaths. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Daryl McKamey)

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President George W. Bush declared the counties of Los Angeles, San Diego, San Bernardino and Ventura federal disaster areas.

(Story provided by Air Force News - <http://www.af.mil>)

Outstanding SW Member for the Month

Kristin Brown

Kim Quilao was nominated by the John Burdette Binkley Chapter at San Diego State for her great attitude, outstanding work, and pride in Silver

Wings. She has gone above and beyond her duties as secretary, recruiting new members and making sure that the suspense is closely followed. Kim also

maintains a GPA of 3.9/4.0 in biology, thus cementing her as an all around outstanding individual.

SNP & JNP Information

Brian Howe

The SNP project for this year is “The Youth of the Nation”, and is focused on educating the youth of America on national defense, aerospace information, and the Air Force. This year we have the great opportunity to kill several birds with one stone. This year is also the Centennial of Flight, and this gives us information to teach, as well as the opportunity to get into the classrooms to teach young people about aviation, and its greater roll in both the civilian world and the Air Force. In addition to accomplishing our SNP goals, we will be able to work with the AFA furthering their goals, and improving relations at the same time. I encourage you to check out some of the websites that our Honorary National President Debbie Gallaway has found for us, and from there you will be able to get supplies, ideas, and AFA contacts (or go to

their website: www.afa.org). The SNP has never been easier, and because the youth are our future, it might never get more important. If you have questions about this please talk to your REO or the National HQ.

*Check out these web pages
for more information:*

[http://www.loc.gov/folklife/vets/
vets-home.html](http://www.loc.gov/folklife/vets/vets-home.html)
<http://www.centennialofflight.gov>

Also, The JNP project for this year is the “Veteran’s History Project”, and its focus is on getting the stories from veterans before they die so that their stories can be told again and again to future generations. This project gives us a great

opportunity to get involved with both AFA and AAS because both groups can help you when you visit a Veterans’ Home, Nursing Home, or Retirement Center to get the stories. Work closely with your local Detachment to set up a time that SW representatives can meet with AAS representatives and maybe non-affiliated cadets to go do this project. Then, after the event, compile and compare notes and have one big session where you write up a story. By doing all this you will grow in your relation to the other members of your group, as well as the AAS/AFA member that is with you. This is also a great opportunity for you to get to know a little bit more about veterans, specific wars, and the military life in general. If you have questions about this please talk to your REO or the National HQ.

13 Potential Chapters and Rising!

Troy Huber

This year has already been very exciting and productive. I am glad to report that as of now, we have students at thirteen different universities and colleges interested in chartering a Silver Wings Chapter. Many of them are only weeks away from activating. On average, I find out about a new potential chapter every week. So as you can see, we are off to a very good start.

If anyone is interested in starting a Silver Wings Chapter, PLEASE

contact me along with your respective Region Executive Officer. Also, if there is a potential chapter that you believe your REO does not know about, please distribute that information as soon as possible. I am always willing to work with a potential chapter, as are the REO’s. In addition, if you are interested in helping develop a potential chapter near you, please contact your REO and let them know.

Next, I would like to give a big

thank you to Arnold Air Society. Their cooperation and willingness to help Silver Wings in developing the organization has been absolutely phenomenal. Many of the potential chapters are being headed-up by AAS members then passed on to civilians once the numbers are great enough. AAS has been an indispensable tool in our development. Finally, thank you to the REO’s for your patience and hard work with all the potential chapters and myself.

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WEBSITE HEADLINES FOR OCTOBER 2003

Awards Training Packet Posted (22 Oct 03)

Member and Squadron of the Month Announced (19 Oct 03)

AAS Award Forms Updated (19 Oct 03)

AAS October Online Newsletter Posted (16 Oct 03)

September issue of [On Silver Wings posted](#) (9 Oct 03)

*Meeting minutes and resolutions from Exec. Boards posted
(7 Oct 03)*

Candidate Program and PT: Official AAS Policy (7 Oct 03)

