



Cadets take part in an induction ceremony at the Arnold Air Society/Silver Wings national convention, this year called IMAGINATCON 2017. Cadets and college students in both professional honor societies are AFA members.



Lt. Gen. Charles Brown receives a 3-D printed aircraft after his IMAGINATCON address. Now US Central Command deputy commander, Brown was an ROTC cadet.

Ready. Willing. Able.

Arnie cadets and Silver Wing students are AFA's future.

Having the boundless energy that comes from youth, Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings truly hold the keys to AFA's future.

At the AFA National Convention last year, Vice Chairman of the Board for Aerospace Education Richard B. Bundy told the delegates that the cadets and students in those two organizations are "our strongest source of young college-age members."

Here are some fast facts on these young adults who have fresh ideas and an eagerness to carry out community service projects.

THEY ALL BELONG



Did you know that Arnies—and Silver Wings through their affiliation with the cadets—have partnered with AFA since 1950? Today, the two college organizations number some 3,200 people, including Air Force Academy cadets.

WHAT IS ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY?



In 1947, University of Cincinnati cadets decided to create an honorary society for members of AFROTC. They named their organization for Gen.

Henry H. "Hap" Arnold, head of the wartime Army Air Forces.

THEY'RE YOUNG BUT OLD

In April, 900 Arnold Air Society AFROTC cadets and Silver Wings college students met in Orlando, Fla., for their annual National Convention. For the Arnies, this NATCON marked their 70th anniversary. For Silver Wings, it was their 65th.

THE SOURCE OF AFA LEADERS

This year, four of AFA's six Emerging Leaders—Molly Mae Potter, Gabrielle M. Kearney, Hannah M. Richmond, and Evan T. McCauley—originally came from AAS or Silver Wings.

WHAT IS SILVER WINGS?



Originally called Angel Flight, Silver Wings founded its first chapter in 1952 at the University of Omaha. Members built a professional, service-oriented organization of students and supported AFROTC units on campus.

WHAT THEY CAN DO

These cadets and students annually perform nearly 100,000 service hours, some of them involving AFA chapter projects. They have helped educate the public about the service and sacrifice of the World War II "Greatest Generation"; helped those with disabilities assimilate into communities; and helped honor POWs and MIAs.

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