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Arnold Air Society

Do you ever notice the cadets in the detachment who wear the blue and gold cord on their full service blues? Do you ever wonder what that cord even means in the first place? Well, the answer is clear, and for one, I am very honored to write this article on an organization that I am proud to be a part of. The people who don the blue and gold cord call themselves members of the most prestigious service organization in Air Force ROTC, the Arnold Air Society.



Founded in the summer of 1947 by AFROTC cadets at the University of Cincinnati, Arnold Air Society is aimed towards its goals of service to community, professional development of its members, and honoring the United States Air Force. The Arnold Air Society quickly gained popularity within Air Force ROTC, so the number of local units, or squadrons, of the Society quickly grew in the next coming years, spanning the entire nation where there are detachments. Today, there are hundreds of squadrons across the United States in different college campuses sponsoring Air Force ROTC.



From my personal experience, I can truly say that going through the 10 or so grueling weeks of Candidate Class my first semester of ROTC has changed my life and who I am. You get the best training from the best cadets in the detachment and there is nothing that can beat an experience like that. People can be doing something other than going to Candidate Class like going to parties or what not on a Friday night, but really, it's the cadets who want to be in ROTC, who want to be better people, who have their sights to commission into the world's greatest Air Force that are willing to come back for more training.

For the first semester of Arnold Air activities, it might seem like the organization is only about training, Candidate Class, and nothing else, but there is much more to it. Outside of the training aspect of Arnold Air Society, you have the opportunity to meet other fellow 100s, 200s, or 250s who may not be in the same flight as you are in regular ROTC time. Part of being a member of Arnold Air Society is working together and being a part of a family, a team. Through meeting other cadets you may have not met before promotes that sense of camaraderie. You also have the opportunity to go to regional and national conferences, Area and National Conclaves

respectively, and network with other cadets or candidates who are going through the same experience as you or are valuable assets to understanding more about what it truly means to be an Arnie and what you can expect to do as an active member.

Overall, when it comes to deciding if you want to be a part of this organization, this family, you need to prove two things about yourself to us: you really want to be here and you really want to be a better person and cadet out of the Arnold Air experience.

-C/3C Park

Silver Wings

Silver Wings is a national, co-ed, professional organization dedicated to creating proactive, knowledgeable, and effective civic leaders through community service and education about national defense. Three main objectives that we push in our organization are personal development through community service, leadership and professional opportunities. We also educate others on civic awareness through military exposure and education. Everyone who joins the organization is part of a huge family. Our events are really fun and we frequently team up with our sister organization, Arnold Air Society! Currently, we are all excited and getting prepared to attend ARCON for our region. ARCON also known as Area Region Conclave is a yearly conference that takes place in different regions of the US. ARCON is a time when both Arnold Air Society and Silver Wing members come together on how to improve joint relations on a national and chapter level. ARCON consists of many meetings that focus on tips and tricks for fundraising, recruiting, planning events and more. There are also fun social events and amazing speakers who talk about their own leadership experiences. Arizona is part of the Western Region of the US so we fall under region X. Our region's ARCON will be in Prescott, AZ this year. The dates for ARCON will be October 12-14. It will definitely be a blast!



-C/3C Hernandez

Honor Guard

Honor Guard is going through significant progress. We have fantastic and innovative administration that cares for its actives and trainees. We currently have 14 actives and 14 trainees. Last week we had a grand total of 347 hours of participation in the club from our members. Our training officer, Cadet Winters says, "Training is going well. There has been some real improvement since day one. The trainee movements are becoming sharper each day, and they are looking forward to rifles." Also, 4 actives are preparing for our club's first ever competition at Embry-Riddle. Cadet Root, the active training officer states, "We have been approved to go to competition by our cadre, which means they have faith in us and support us. We have a lot of really good ideas and concepts that I think will be really impressive if we can get the sound, and timing down just right." We are raising more money to gain opportunities compete more often. Being a part of Honor Guard is a great experience and we are more than a club, we're a family.



-C/3C Locke

9/11 Tower Challenge

On September 11, Detachment 027 participated for the third year in the 9/11 Tower Challenge at the Walkup Skydome. This challenge consisted of climbing stairs to remember the heroes who gave their lives 17 years ago climbing the stairs of the World Trade Towers to save the lives of others. Detachment 027 had the largest number of participants and continues to hold that record for the third year in row.



Air Force Birthday

The world's greatest Air Force turned 71 years old on September 18. Detachment 027 celebrated this with a warrior day competition that included a series of intense physical activities such as ranger sit-ups, log carry, low-crawling, and pugil sticks.



POW/MIA Ceremony and Vigil

On September 20th, Detachment 027 carried out the tradition of honoring and remembering the prisoners of war and missing in action during the annual POW/MIA ceremony. Cadets listened to guest speaker, MSgt Jackson and watched color guard perform. In addition to the ceremony, a vigil took place outside the detachment. Cadets took turns guarding the United States and POW/MIA flags for 24 hours.



Upcoming Events!

Luke Mudder: TBA

(Contact C/Aguilar for more information)

Army FTX: 19-21 October

(Contact C/Aguilar for more information)

Pumpkin Carving: 28 October

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Dining In: 17 November

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