

AAS-SW National Conclave 2015

Nearly 1000 of AFA's youngest members gathered in Chicago from 3-5 April to attend the 68th Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings National Conclave. Members of the Chicagoland-O'Hare Chapter along with Illinois State and Midwest Region membership supported the event, which was also attended by AFA Board Chairman, Scott Van Cleef, Acting President, Mark Barrett, and Vice Chairman for Field Operations, Dave Dietsch.

The three day event included business sessions, awards ceremonies and distinguished speakers including Acting Under Secretary of the Air Force, the Honorable Lisa Disbrow, the Commander, US Transportation Command, General Paul Selva, the Commander, Air Mobility Command, General Darren McDew, the Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command, Lieutenant General Stephen Wilson, and Chief Strategist to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Mr. James Baker. Also speaking were AFA's Chairman, Scott Van Cleef, President, Mark Barrett, and media specialist, Lyndsey Akers. During the event, all attendees traveled to an exclusive mixer at Chicago's Field Museum, where the Band of Mid-America from Scott Air Force base performed a rousing mix of popular and patriotic music.

Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings are professional, honorary, service organizations located at 125 colleges and universities across the Nation. Over three thousand AFA members are also members of Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings and last year they combined for over 85,000 hours of community service. For more information about Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings, contact Dan Woodward at dan.woodward@arnold-air.org.