

# SILVER WINGS NATIONAL CONSTITUTION



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## **SW NATIONAL CONSTITUTION**

### ***PREAMBLE***

We the members of SILVER WINGS, in order to aid the progress and mission of the ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY, to advance and promote interest in the AIR FORCE RESERVE OFFICER'S TRAINING CORPS, to support the purposes, traditions, and concepts of the UNITED STATES AIR FORCE, to support AEROSPACE POWER and its role in national security, and to advance the professionalism of its MEMBERSHIP through service to the UNIVERSITY and the COMMUNITY, do hereby establish this constitution.

### ***ARTICLE I - GENERAL***

#### **Section 101 NAME**

This organization shall be known as SILVER WINGS.

#### **Section 102 OBJECTIVES**

This organization is created in the spirit of the PREAMBLE and has as its objectives:

- a. Creating proactive, knowledgeable, and effective civic leaders through service to the community and education about national defense.
- b. Providing personal development and character growth for individual members through community service, enabling them to develop a sense of purpose within and responsibility to the local community.
- c. Providing professional development for individual members through leadership opportunities within the organization.
- d. Providing personal awareness of aerospace power and its role in national defense through exposure to Air Force personnel and issues.

#### **Section 103 SUPPORT BY ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY**

The ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY and SILVER WINGS work together to further the objectives of their respective organizations, particularly in the support of aerospace power.. Members of SILVER WINGS are, therefore, extended associate membership privileges in the ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY.

### ***ARTICLE II - INSIGNIA***

#### **Section 201 COLORS**

The SILVER WINGS colors shall be blue and white.

#### **Section 202 CREST**

The SILVER WINGS crest shall be double wings, pointing upward, with the shield of the UNITED STATES and a torch superimposed on the shield. A band under the wings shall bear the name "SILVER WINGS".

**Section 203 INSIGNIA**

SILVER WINGS membership badge shall be horizontal double wings with a star in the center.

**Section 204 FLOWER**

The official flower of SILVER WINGS shall be a white rose.

***ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP***

**Section 301 CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP**

There shall be five (5) classes of membership: Active, Associate, Inactive, Alumni, and Honorary.

**Section 302 MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

- a. ACTIVE AND INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP: Membership in SILVER WINGS as an active or inactive member shall include undergraduate and graduate college persons who meet the qualifications of NATIONAL SILVER WINGS. These standards should be such that selection will be made from persons who have shown an interest in becoming a member of SILVER WINGS and furthering the causes of the ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY. They should be informed of the obligations to which an AIR FORCE member is subject. At the discretion of the local chapter, by-laws may enact additional requirements for active membership, but such requirements for active membership will not indicate considerations of race, creed, sex or national origin.
  1. ACTIVE: Active members are those who have paid their current national, region (if any), and local dues and are members in good standing with the local chapter. Active members may vote and hold office.
  2. INACTIVE: Local chapters may include in their bylaws provisions for inactive members. Inactive members may not retain officer or voting privileges during the inactive period.
- b. ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP: Members of SILVER WINGS who graduate may become members of the ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY, ANGEL FLIGHT, AND SILVER WINGS JOINT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. Members of SILVER WINGS who have been active for at least one academic year, are in good standing but must resign due to circumstance beyond their control, are also eligible for membership in the JOINT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION if they will be graduating within one semester of becoming members of the JOINT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. The only exception to this rule being if a member transfers to a school that does not have SILVER WINGS and is unable to successfully start a chapter there or if their chapter is disbanded. This would entitle them to membership at graduation. Alumni members are not charged dues through NATIONAL SILVER WINGS; however, the JOINT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION has a system of dues. Alumni members may retain certain privileges at the discretion of the local chapter and must be members of ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY, ANGEL FLIGHT, AND SILVER WINGS JOINT ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
- c. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP: The highest tribute a unit of SILVER WINGS may extend to a person is the title of "HONORARY MEMBER". Honorary membership is normally reserved for recognition of service given to or interest displayed in SILVER WINGS. Honorary membership will be conferred by

unanimous vote. Honorary members will not be charged dues and may not hold office, but may attend conclaves. Honorary members are not eligible for awards reserved for active members.

- d ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: Members who have paid national, region, and local chapter dues, but who have not yet met the Active Membership requirements of NATIONAL SILVER WINGS. Active Membership must be achieved within one year of acceptance into Associate Membership. Associate members have voice, but no vote in chapter activities.

## **ARTICLE IV - ORGANIZATION**

### **Section 401 NATIONAL ORGANIZATION**

The National Organization shall be directed by a National Headquarters and is divided into regions and chapters. There shall be an organizational precedence in that order. SILVER WINGS Regions shall correspond with ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY Areas. Chapters chartered prior to April 1998 shall be authorized to use the terms "Angel Flight", "Angel Flight-Silver Wings", or "Silver Wings Society" in the chapter name. Chapters chartered after April 1998 shall be known as Silver Wings chapters. Special Headquarters shall exist to support the mission of National SILVER WINGS to include a National Archives Headquarters, a National Conclave Headquarters, and an Executive Management Center.

### **Section 402 EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT CENTER**

An Executive Management Center shall be established to serve National SILVER WINGS and shall be staffed by a paid Executive Director and such personnel as necessary.

### **Section 403 ADDITIONAL SPECIAL HEADQUARTERS**

Additional Special Headquarters shall be established and maintained according to current policy of SILVER WINGS.

### **Section 404 OFFICER STRUCTURE**

Each unit of SILVER WINGS shall have the following officer structure:

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Development Officer
- d. Activities Officer
- e. Secretary
- f. Treasurer

### **Section 405 IMPEACHMENT AND DISMISSAL**

Proper procedures shall be established by the National Conclave for the impeachment and dismissal of officers of all units of SILVER WINGS.

## ***ARTICLE V - NATIONAL CONCLAVE***

### **Section 501 ORGANIZATION AND POWERS OF THE NATIONAL CONCLAVE**

Region and Chapter representatives shall constitute the legislative body of the National SILVER WINGS organization which shall be termed the National Conclave. The National Conclave shall be the supreme legislative body and shall have the power to approve legislation for the entire organization of SILVER WINGS.

### **Section 502 CONVENING**

The National Conclave shall be convened once each academic year by the National President at a place designated by a majority of the National Conclave of SILVER WINGS and ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY one year in advance, providing a Conclave site can be found.

### **Section 503 VOTING**

All matters shall be passed by a simple majority of delegates present except when current policy may require a two-thirds (2/3) majority. This CONSTITUTION shall be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority. Each chapter and region shall have one (1) vote which will be valid by personal representation or proxy. The National President may vote only in the case of a tie. A quorum of the National Conclave will be attendance of two-thirds (2/3) of the eligible voting units, either actual or proxy. The policy for voting will be set by the National Conclave.

## ***ARTICLE VI - THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS***

### **Section 601 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

Executive functions of SILVER WINGS shall be the responsibility of an Executive Board of Directors, the voting members of which are the Region Executive Officers. The Board will be chaired by the National President of SILVER WINGS who will vote only in case of a tie. The remainder of the National staff serve as non-voting members, as do the National Conclave Chairman, the National Business Chairman (or Parliamentarian), the National Archives Executive Officer, the National Alumni Association Director, the Arnold Air Society Commander, the National Chief of Protocol, the Executive Director, and the National Administrative Consultants. The National Staff Advisor, the National Conclave Advisor, and the National AFROTC Headquarters Liaison Officer may be invited to attend.

### **Section 602 EXECUTIVE BOARD BY-LAWS**

- a. The Board derives its power solely from the National Conclave and CONSTITUTION and can in no way overrule either.
- b. The Board shall interpret the CONSTITUTION.
- c. The Board shall review, and if necessary, revise and combine any proposed resolutions before presentation to the General Assembly at the National Conclave.
- d. Any action taken by the Board may be overruled by a majority negative reply from all active chapters within thirty (30) days from notification of said action. If the

majority of a region after forty (40) days finds such action unsatisfactory, it is the duty of the Region Executive Officer to notify the National President for a vote from all active chapters. A majority vote will determine policy.

**Section 603 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS**

The Executive Board of Directors of SILVER WINGS will meet at National Conclave, and in conjunction with the Fall meeting of the Executive Board of Directors of the ARNOLD AIR SOCIETY.

## ***ARTICLE VI - FINANCES***

### **Section 701 FEES, DUES, AND ASSESSMENTS**

To aid in the operation of the National organization there shall be an initiation fee for new members and annual dues for all members. The amount shall be set by the National Conclave. In addition, the National Conclave may assess chapters on a per-capita basis.

### **Section 702 NATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Executive Director shall annually compile and publish the financial report of SILVER WINGS.

## ***ARTICLE VIII - NATIONAL MANUAL***

### **Section 801 SILVER WINGS NATIONAL MANUAL (SWM)**

Provisions are hereby made for a SILVER WINGS NATIONAL MANUAL to be known as SWM which should be in the spirit of the CONSTITUTION and establish the standard operating procedures for SILVER WINGS. Such manual shall be approved by a majority of the National Conclave or Executive Board of Directors.

## ***ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENT***

### **Section 901 AMENDMENT BY THE NATIONAL CONCLAVE**

The National Conclave shall be empowered to amend this CONSTITUTION upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all active chapters.

### **Section 902 AMENDMENT BY MAIL**

Any three (3) chapters acting together or and three (3) voting members of the Executive Board of Directors acting together may submit a proposed amendment to this CONSTITUTION. Said proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Executive Director who shall forward it to all active chapters for their vote. Each chapter shall notify the Executive Director of its vote within one (1) month of the date of the proposed amendment. Two-thirds (2/3) of the active membership of the chapter must vote in favor of the proposed amendment for the chapter's vote to counted in favor of the amendment. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of all active chapters shall make the proposed amendment a part of this CONSTITUTION.