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CURRENT NEWS OF NASIC AA ACTIVITY

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The local weather is finally dropping to seasonal forecasts, which means it's time for our winter newsletter. I hope you're enjoying your holiday activities and staying warm!

Looking back on the year, I'm pleased that the Alumni Association continued its tradition of good fellowship and close ties with the NASIC family. On June 23, about 50 Alumni members gathered for the annual picnic at the Kittyhawk Picnic area. We munched out on barbecue ribs and chicken, with delicious side dishes and scrumptious desserts. Jimmy Caldwell organized everything to perfection. Next year's picnic will be scheduled for late June and we hope many of you will join us.

The Scholarship Golf event took place on September 12 at the Prairie Trace Golf Course. The balmy weather encouraged record participation numbers, with 158 golfers driving and putting for a good cause. We raised \$5000 for the A. Francis Arcier Scholarship Fund, and we thank everyone (especially the corporate sponsors) for their generosity. The tireless Scholarship Golf organizers included Wayne Wolfe, John Crispino, and Les Mosher. The following week saw the more relaxed Alumni "Hack 'n Whack" Golf outing. Approximately 24 stalwart golfers, led by the inimitable Jimmy Caldwell, enjoyed a day communing with nature. For planning purposes, the 2008 dates for the Scholarship Golf and Alumni "Hack 'n Whack" are 10 September and 17 September, respectively. The final event of the year was the Alumni Annual Meeting, which took place on October 26. The original game plan was to include a tour of the newly-renovated NASIC facility. Unfortunately, the facility wasn't quite ready for a visit. However, this year's meeting did share a theme with the "Reunion of Space Systems Analysts" in recognition of the 50-year anniversary of the launch of the Russian Sputnik satellite on 4 October 1957. As a result, we had an all-time high attendance of 115 people. Colonel Karen Cleary, NASIC Commander, gave an enthusiastic synopsis of NASIC's activities and contributions to the combat mission. (Continued on Page 2.)

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Dan Omlor discussed the completed and ongoing construction phases for the NASIC facility. Both topics were very well-received and generated some interesting discussion. Next year, alumni members will have a couple opportunities to tour the new NASIC facility: a “Family Day” Open House sometime in Spring 2008 and during our Annual Meeting in September 2008. Watch for details in upcoming announcements.

Reed Romine was the primary architect for the reunion activities, with invaluable help from Robert Young, NASIC Historian, and Brian Niswander, NASIC Liaison. The keynote speaker for the reunion segment was Dr. Tom Crouch, Senior Curator of Aeronautics for the National Air and Space Museum. Dr. Crouch’s insights on the historic space race and the associated technological achievements were thought-provoking and a superb kick-off to the afternoon’s panels.

During the Business portion of the Annual Meeting, Gerald Constable was elected as Treasurer, replacing Vince Bryant. I thank Vince for his time and contributions during his term. The current officers (Vice President Wayne Wolfe, Secretary Art Geier, Membership Director Tom Persing, and I as President) will continue in their respective positions.

I wish all of you the best during the holidays and continued happiness in 2008! I look forward to seeing you during one of our events next year.

**Emi Vishoot
President, NASIC Alumni Association**

VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The year of 2006-2007 has been busy for the membership chairman of NASIC AA. In addition to visiting the hospital 3 times I have updated the membership database four times and have sent 9 mass e-mails and two small newsletters. So far the job of membership chairman has not become boring so I have volunteered for another two year term.

The statistical report has some highlight and some down sides. Membership has increased this last year by 11 new members and now stands at 653 in the database. That is misleading since there are 38 of these individuals that are now listed as deceased, 4 that have been requested to be removed from the database, and 226 that are inactive (have not paid since 2003). There are 125 members that receive postal mailings and 460 members that receive their information via e-mail. In 2004 there were 158 members paid for the year whereas as of today there are 220 paid for 2007 or beyond. This is a significant increase in paid members, but also a significant increase in our inactive rolls.

The increase in the number of members becoming inactive is a bit bothersome, but we still have over 3 months to encourage members to catch up. We will be reminding each individual about his or her dues status this fall and hopefully will reduce the number of inactive.

Our goal of having 400 active members was not achieved yet this year. We currently have 359 paid for years 2004 and beyond (that is 27 fewer than what we had last year). When we send out the reminders later this year we may well pick up the additional members to reach that goal.

If you do not know your dues status please contact tpersing39@aol.com and your status will be provided. If you do not have email please send an inquiry to NASIC AA, PO Box 84, Fairborn, Ohio, 45324-0084 and your status will be provided.

Please let us know when you have a change of address. We need to keep our records straight so we can continue to contact you. Send any changes to the address above. Otherwise you will join the list of 26 members who we have lost contact with.

YOUR NASIC AA DUES STATUS

On the mailing label for this document is a year printed in red. That, according to our records, is the year you lasted paid your NASIC AA dues. Your dues are important in that they are used to defray cost, such as this mailing, and to help with our NASIC AA scholarship fund. If you would like to pay your dues for 2008 please send a \$7.50 check to NASIC AA, P.O. Box 84, Fairborn, Ohio 45324-0084. Please mark your check to indicate that it is for your 2008 dues payment. Thank you.

NASICAA CONTACT INFORMATION:

To access the NASICAA Web Page: WWW.NASICAA.ORG

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THE A. FRANCIS ARCIER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The A. Francis Arcier Scholarship Program recognizes (1) the dependents of current National Air and Space Intelligence Center (NASIC) employees (active duty military or civilian employees), and (2) children and grandchildren of former employees (Alumni) of NASIC or predecessor organizations. Applicants must be high school seniors who plan to attend college or college students in an undergraduate program. The scholarship provides a monetary award to the individual(s) who is(are) judged to have demonstrated superior personal and academic qualities. Certain eligibility limitations are described in an attachment to this package.

An impartial board comprised of Alumni members will evaluate each application. Applicants are evaluated solely on the basis of personal and academic qualities as indicated by scholastic performance, participation and leadership in extracurricular activities, recommendations by teachers (professors) or community leaders,

and applicant's interests and long-range goals. Please follow the instructions and submit the package before the deadline given.

Keep in mind that the review committee will be evaluating applicants on the basis of their application package; therefore, overall appearance is likely to affect the final rating. For further information, please contact Emi Vishoot by phone (937-231-2385 (cell)) or by email (vishoot@ovr.org).

EMI T. VISHOOT
Chair, A. Francis Arcier Scholarship Selection Committee

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Award Description
2. Application Instructions
3. Data, Activities and Interests Sheet
4. Conditions of Scholarship Agreement
5. Recommendation Form
6. Privacy Release Statement

Attachment 1 (page 1 of 2)

A. FRANCIS ARCIER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD DESCRIPTION

AWARD

Monetary scholarships valued up to **\$6000** will be awarded. The Scholarship Committee will determine the amount for each scholarship and the number of scholarships to be awarded.

DEADLINE

The complete application package must be postmarked by **Thursday, 31 January 2008**.

Applications will not be evaluated before this date. The NASIC Alumni Association and the Scholarship Selection Committee are not responsible for late, lost, damaged or misdirected mail.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for the scholarship award, the applicant must:

1. Be a legal dependent of a current NASIC employee, military or civilian; or a dependent or grandchild of a NASIC or predecessor organization employee.
2. Have attended a public, preparatory, or parochial high school and be graduated between **December 2007 and June 2008** or are presently attending a 2 or 4 year college or university.
3. If a high school senior, have already applied for acceptance to a 2 or 4-year College or University.
4. Not plan to attend a service academy, receive a ROTC scholarship, or to receive any full four-year scholarship that includes tuition, books, and room and board. If acceptance to any of the above is pending, the individual may still apply for this scholarship, but must decline the award when and if accepted to a service academy or scholarship program at a later date.
5. Not have been awarded the A. Francis Arcier scholarship in the previous award year.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Attachment 1 (page 2 of 2)

1. Superior scholastic achievement, as evidenced by:
 - a. High School transcript (including class ranking).
 - b. High School (including class ranking) and college transcript if already attending college.
 - c. College entrance examination test scores.
 - d. List of academic awards received, if any.
2. Involvement in extracurricular activities including:
 - a. Participation and leadership in school-sponsored activities
 - b. Participation and leadership in community activities
 - c. Any other activities or interests that show qualities relevant to the pursuit of higher education (e.g., work, hobbies)
3. Other personal qualities and achievements relevant to the pursuit of higher education, as evidenced by:
 - a. Letter(s) of Appreciation.
 - b. Applicant's statement of interests or goals.
 - c. Any other honors received, if any.

PRIVACY RELEASE STATEMENT:

The applicant must sign a statement granting the NASIC Alumni Association the right to release his or her name, school attended and accomplishments for the explicit purpose of announcing scholarship winners in local newspapers, and the NASIC Alumni Association web site.

PHOTO:

Scholarship winner(s) will be required to submit a digital photo (preferably senior picture) for use in newspaper submissions, newsletter articles, and the NASIC Alumni Association web site. Photo guidelines will be provided to scholarship winners.

NOTIFICATION AND PRESENTATION OF AWARD

Scholarship winner(s) will be notified by email or phone, followed with an official letter of announcement. The formal presentation of the scholarship awards will be at the NASIC Awards Banquet (date, time and location to be announced at a later date). Each winner, plus two guests, will be invited to attend the Banquet, courtesy of the NASIC Alumni Association. Additional guests are welcome to participate at their own cost.

DISBURSEMENT OF AWARD

The monetary scholarship will be presented to the winner(s) when proof of enrollment has been established. The scholarship may be used to cover tuition, room and board, and/or books.

If for any reason the awardee is unable to attend college, or is accepted to a service academy, or is awarded a full, four-year scholarship, the applicant must immediately notify the NASIC Alumni Association at the address given below, so that an alternate winner may be selected.

A. FRANCIS ARCIER SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
ATTN: Emi T. Vishoot
P.O. Box 24142
Dayton, OH 45424-0142
Email: vishoot@ovr.org
Phone: Home: (937) 236-1554 ; Cell: (937) 231-2385

**A. FRANCIS ARCIER SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

To apply for the scholarship award, the applicant must submit a package including the following:

1. Completed Data, Activities, and Interests Sheet (Attachment 3)
2. Endorsed Conditions of Scholarship Agreement (Attachment 4).
3. One letter of recommendation from a principal, professor/teacher, counselor or community leader who has direct involvement with at least one of the student's classes or activities (Attachment 5). You may submit additional letters if desired.
4. Privacy Release Statement (Attachment 6).
5. An official high school transcript that includes class ranking, college entrance examination scores, and a description of the school's grading and honors course system (i.e., 4 or 5 point scale, A-P versus basic courses). If the school cannot release a sealed transcript to the student, the applicant must arrange for the transcript to be sent directly to the A. Francis Arcier Scholarship Committee (address below) by **31 JANUARY 2008..**

Application package may be mailed in a 9"x 12" envelope to:

**A.FRANCIS ARCIER SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
ATTN: Emi T. Vishoot
P.O. Box 24142
Dayton, OH 45424-0142**

**A. FRANCIS ARCIER SCHOLARSHIP
Data, Activities, and Interest Sheet**

PLEASE TYPE ENTRIES 1 - 10

1. Name:
2. Mailing Address:
3. Phone: (Home) (Cell)
4. Email address:
5. Name of NASIC sponsor (e.g., parent, guardian, Alumni member):
6. Phone number of NASIC sponsor
7. Email address of NASIC sponsor:
8. Name of High School:
9. High School Graduation Date:
10. Name and address of school you plan to attend or to which you have applied or are now attending:

PLEASE TYPE ENTRIES 11 – 15 ON SEPARATE PAPER

11. List academic awards received, if any, over the last four years.
12. List school-sponsored extracurricular activities including positions held and honors received.
13. List community activities including positions held and honors received.
14. Describe any other activities or interests that you think are relevant to your success with higher education (e.g., work, experience, hobbies, etc.).
15. In 200 words or less, describe your personal long-range goals and career goals.

**A. FRANCIS ARCIER SCHOLARSHIP
Conditions of Scholarship Agreement**

Please type:

I, _____, have read the A. Francis Arcier Scholarship Description (Attachment 1) and understand that:

1. This scholarship is awarded based on demonstrated personal and academic achievement.
2. I understand that I am not eligible to receive the award if I am appointed to a service academy, receive a ROTC scholarship, or receive a full, four-year scholarship which includes books and college room and board. I am also not eligible if I had received the A. Francis Arcier scholarship in the year immediately prior to this application.
3. If I am selected as the winner, the scholarship money will be sent to me with a letter regarding use of the money is limited to payment of tuition, college room and board, and/or books.
4. I will notify the NASIC Alumni Association immediately if I am unable to attend school, or if I accept an appointment to a service academy prior to enrolling in college, or if I receive a full, four-year scholarship, in order that an alternate may receive the A. Francis Arcier Scholarship award.
5. If for any reason I decide to transfer or discontinue attendance at the college indicated in my scholarship application, it is my responsibility to notify the NASIC Alumni Association so that any remaining scholarship money can be properly handled. Instructions on how to handle the award money, given this occurrence, will be mailed along with the award check. Remaining money may be returned to the NASIC Alumni Association or transferred if enrollment at the new school is established. In any case, I understand that scholarship money will be provided directly to me.

Applicant's signature: _____

Sponsor's Signature: _____

Sponsor's Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

This information falls under the Privacy Act of 1974. The information contained on this page is for the express purpose of validating scholarship eligibility. It is not to be released to the public.

**A. FRANCIS ARCIER SCHOLARSHIP
Letter of Recommendation**

Recommendation for: _____

name of applicant

Please type. This form (or facsimile) is to be completed by a professor, teacher, principal, counselor, or community leader closely involved with at least one of the applicant's classes or activities. Limit length to the space provided below or one page.

Signature _____

Printed Name: _____

Position/Association with Applicant: _____

Date _____

PRIVACY RELEASE STATEMENT

This form or facsimile must be used:

I, _____, grant the NASIC Alumni Association the right to release my name, school attended, and accomplishments for the explicit purpose of announcing scholarship winners in local newspapers, NASIC Alumni Association newsletters, and NASIC Alumni Association web site.

Signature: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian if under 18 years of age:

Date: _____

MAJOR GENERAL HAROLD E. WATSON AWARD & NASIC WALL OF HONOR

Purpose and Description: The Major General Harold E. Watson Award recognizes current NASIC employees whose career service has made a lasting positive contribution to the NASIC mission. The NASIC Wall of Honor recognizes former NASIC employees whose career service made a lasting positive contribution to the NASIC mission. Major General Harold E. Watson and NASIC Wall of Honor selects are expected to evidence the following (used as headings):

1. Significant and lasting contribution(s) to the achievement of the Center's Vision and Mission. (20 point max score)
2. Exhibited outstanding leadership and/or mentorship in the performance of primary duties (10 point max score, consider dedication, professionalism, collaborative effort).
3. Recognition by peers and/or superiors (5 point max score, applies only to Watson Award)

Eligibility Criteria:

Watson Award. Any current NASIC civilian or military employee whose career with the organization deserves recognition is eligible to receive the Watson Award. A "current" employee is defined as any individual assigned to NASIC on or after 1 Jul of the current award period.

Normally, for the purposes of this award, a career would be at least 15 years of federal service, with at least **30** months spent at NASIC (**does not need to be consecutive**). Individuals can receive the Watson Award only once.

Wall of Honor. Any former civilian or military employee whose career with NASIC deserves recognition is eligible to be selected for placement on the Wall of Honor. A "former" employee is defined as any individual who separated or retired from US Government service before 1 Jul of the current award period. Normally, for the purposes of this award, a career would be at least 15 years of federal service, with at least **30** months spent at NASIC. Any individual previously selected as a Watson Award winner was automatically placed on the NASIC Wall of Honor upon their separation or retirement from US Government service. Any individual currently assigned to NASIC or any former employee of NASIC can nominate anyone else meeting the above criteria.

Wall of Honor Nomination Format

THE NASIC WALL OF HONOR RECOGNITION

<<NAME OF INDIVIDUAL>>

- Justification will be limited to **no more than two typewritten pages in Bullet Format (word document)**
- Must be specific and factual
- Should be sufficiently complete in order to make the best possible selection
- Justification must include title and signature of recommending official

RECOMMENDING OFFICIAL SIGNATURE

Signature block of Recommending Official
Duty Title

Wall of Honor Citation Format

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY

THE NASIC WALL OF HONOR RECOGNITION

TO

RANK/MR./MRS./MISS/MS. (FULL NAME)

(Title/Name) distinguished himself/herself throughout his/her career in intelligence.

ADD 4 to 5 SENTENCES EXPANDING ON CONTRIBUTIONS

The singularly distinctive accomplishments of (Title/Name) are in keeping with the tradition of excellence established by National Air and Space Intelligence Center and the other men and women recognized on the NASIC Wall of Honor.

NOTES:

- 1. Page must be “landscape” format; paragraph must in “justify” format**
- 2. Top, Right and left margins are 1 inch**



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2007

**NASIC Alumni Association
PO Box 84
Fairborn, Ohio 45324-0084
DATED MATERIAL**

**Air Combat Command
Air Intelligence Agency
National Air and Space Intelligence Center
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio**

The National Air and Space Intelligence Center (NASIC), under the command of the Air Intelligence Agency (AIA), a principal subordinate unit under Air Combat Command (ACC), is the Air Force's single intelligence production center and the primary Department of Defense (DoD) producer of foreign air and space intelligence. Our NASIC team assesses current and projected foreign forces, weapon system capabilities, and employment. NASIC products and services play a key role in ensuring that American forces are fully informed of the capabilities of foreign air and space forces and can counter the threats they pose.

(From HQ NASIC flier, page 2).

The NASIC Alumni Association (NASICAA) is an association of both retired and active personnel from the past and present Intelligence organizations T2, ATIC, FTD, FASTC, and NAIC, whose purpose is to keep alive the functioning, needs, and effectiveness of NASIC, and to aid in perpetuating these assets to assure the continued quality in the future.