History of Angel Flight

The Angel Flight is an honorary organization of dedicated college women who promote the interests of the United States Air Force, the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Program, the Arnold Air Society and their universities. The main objectives, then, of Angel Flight are:

1. To advance and promote interest in the Air Force
2. To educate the college woman to military service
3. To promote the Arnold Air Society Mission.

The Angel Flights are sponsored by the Arnold Air Society. The provision for sponsorship, as stated in the AAS Manual, reads as follows:

Provisions are hereby made for the sponsorship of an Angel Flight by the Arnold Air Society, the members of which shall be known as associate members of the Arnold Air Society. Organization, chartering, management, and activities of these associate member groups shall be prescribed in individual squadron by-laws.

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The first Angel Flight was founded at the University of Omaha in 1952. Up until 1957 Angel Flight was primarily a national idea with many names, uniforms, and activities. However, in April of that year, an important step toward unification was realized at the Eighth Annual Conclave of the Arnold Air Society. At this time, representatives from sixteen groups met in New York City to join their purposes under a National Coordinating Headquarters.

Since then, Angel Flight has become a national organization unified in purpose and ideals. At present, there are 141 nationally recognized flights affiliated with national headquarters.

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History of the Curtis E. LeMay Angel Flight

The Angel Flight of Ohio State was founded on January 1, 1960. The names of and other information concerning the original members are uncertain due to the loss of the original charter. Over the past years, the Curtis E. LeMay flight has grown in reputation and in scope until today it is accepted as one of the outstanding service groups on campus. The various facets of our flight have expanded to include many types of services and activities.

In 1961 a drill team was organized under the command of Michael Billette. Mike commanded the sixteen member squad as they marched for the first time at Purdue, Cincinnati, and Washington D.C. In the spring of 1963, when Mike retired from duty as our commander, he presented the Flight with a picture of Poteet Canyon drawn by Milt Caniff.
History of the Curtis E. LeMay Angel Flight, cont'd.

The 1964 season began with John Nethro taking command of the team. Many wonderful experiences were shared by all the members as they gained more poise and pride in their team. Then, in the 1965 season, the OSU Angel Flight team became the Mid-Western Champions by capturing the First Place Trophy at the Purdue Invitational Drill Meet.

John Nethro was followed by Michael Booth, who proved to be a task-master, perfectionist and winner for the Ohio State Angels. Mike was made an honorary Angel in the Spring of 1970 after leading the Angels to many first places throughout the Mid West.

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In the winter of 1963 a program was organized in which Angels were trained in First Aid and in the procedure of air hostessing. Mr. Courtney Chapman of Don Scott Airport organized the program with the Angels in mind, and in 1964 his plans became reality. Nancy Fritsche was the first Angel to fly as a hostess. She went to Madison, Wisconsin with the OSU basketball team. Since then, many flights have been taken with the teams and school dignitaries.

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In addition to these two basic flight functions there are various activities in which each member may participate. In recognition of our services to the university and the community we were awarded, the Oneida Silversmiths Community Service Award on February 6, 1969, at the Bridal Fair.

All of these services and activities are not done merely to display ourselves and our organization to the public. Angel Flight has a goal and a purpose, and each activity must be deemed worthy of fulfilling that purpose before it is undertaken. We are constantly aware that we represent our nation and the men who wear our nation's uniform. It is our purpose, on campus or where ever we may be to further interest in the United States Air Force.
OSU Coed Leads National Angels

By PATRICIA DONAHUE

The angels have a new leader.

She is Jane Post, Education-3, recently elected national commander of Angel Flight.

In her new office, Miss Post commands 135 flights of Angels across the country.

She and her staff of five coordinate the activities of more than 7,000 girls.

Must Approve Activities

As national commander, Miss Post must approve all Angel activity before it begins. She is the chairman of the executive board of Angel Flight, which consists of her staff, 17 area commanders and the national adviser in Washington, D.C.

Miss Post and her staff were elected national officers and Ohio State the national headquarters at the Angel Flight conclave in New York City, April 7-11.

The girls competed on their proposed goals for Angel Flight, their past record of accomplishments and their enthusiasm in supporting Arnold Air Society and the Air Force.

Will Judge Contests

Because she is now the national commander, Miss Post has found it necessary to detach herself from Ohio State Angel Flight. While she is still an official member and very interested in the flight, she feels she should be interested in all the flights because she will be judging each for annual awards.

Future plans include the establishment of a national archives to keep Angel Flight records, which are now discarded after two years; State Day on May 4, when different flights from Ohio meet at Ohio State to discuss plans and projects for the future, and a two-week publicity tour for "Flying," the magazine of aviation, to U.S. cities that manufacture airplane engines.

Angel Flight, established in 1952 in Omaha, and in 1958 at Ohio State, provides service to the community and nation. The Angels participate in blood drives, visit and entertain in hospitals and send Christmas and Valentine cards to servicemen in Vietnam.

Miss Post has been a member of Angel Flight for three years. She is majoring in physical education and hopes to teach on an Air Force base after graduation.