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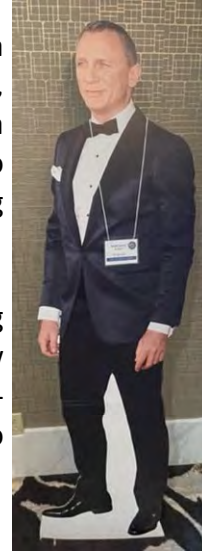


By: Sandy Vanderploeg –Wing Past President 2021 – 2022

How great to finally have the AsMA conference and Wing activities in the traditional month of May!

After a successful Fall 2021 conference in Denver with a full Wing schedule led by Wing President Carrie Davis, we just knew we could make the Reno conference a success. We worried about registration, but our Reno attendance met our expectations, and everything worked out perfectly.

I believe all who attended had a good time, including Bond, that is James Bond. If you are wondering how Mr. Bond got there, check out the Wing site on Facebook for all kinds of pictures and news about the Reno conference.



The Peppermill Resort was a good venue – nice rooms, really good food, and not to forget the gelato and pastries. I don't think anyone was hit by "gambler's smoke" from the Casino because of the updated ventilation system the resort installed recently and separation of the Casino and the meeting rooms.

The Reno weather was PERFECT! We had sunny days with moderate temps and cooler evenings. Could not have asked for better. The weather also helped us "weather" the outside delay in our bus transportation to Truckee, California – our Tuesday tour. Everyone who attended that tour has a few stories to tell (as does Facebook). All tour attendees get an A++ in conduct because the only thing heard was laughter and "no worries" as we patiently waited out the bus delay. Despite the delay, the tour was fantastic.

If you're not a member of our Facebook page, join now on Facebook at "Wing of Aerospace Medical Association" It's a private group ... just ask to join and we will contact you. Keep up-to-date with all Wing activities.

A word of thanks to several people who stepped in to make the Reno meeting fun, interesting, and a success. Liz Fox and Debbie Tripp did an AMAZING job of planning out our theme, CaReno 2022, with the best ever decorations. Abby Elliott and Yalonda Silberman filled in the job duties of Registration and Advanced Registration when others were not able to attend. Fran Laue made the tours and events successful (usually behind

the scenes) and filled in as Treasurer as Brenda was not able to attend. Everyone pitched in to help proving once again that the Wing is a place to welcome old friends and new friends alike.





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Sandy Vanderploeg continues ... So now we are on to New Orleans. You will be hearing a lot about what the Wing is planning for you as 2022 moves on toward 2023. It will be a great time. I hope you can come!

I have one last word as I move from President to Past President. I've been attending Wing events on a "hit or miss" schedule over the last 30+ years and enjoyed every event I attended. But until the last few years, I never stepped up to take on a supportive role within the Wing. So, it was way past time to give back to the Wing for the fun and activities I've experienced. If this sounds like you, please don't wait 30 years to speak up and volunteer. There are lots of different positions with varying amounts of commitment. We can find just the right spot for you! Can't wait to see you in New Orleans! ~ Sandy



By: Fran Laue – Wing President 2022 – 2023

Dear Wing Members,

It is not too early to start planning for the 2023 Wing Conference in New Orleans next May. AsMA and the Wing have a long history in New Orleans with previous conferences held there in 1978, 1988, 1990, and 2007. I remember the 2007 visit very vividly as it was less than two years after Hurricane Katrina wiped out much of the outer areas of the city and impacted the entire region. AsMA was one of the first major conferences held after the catastrophe, and the people there were so appreciative and welcoming to us. That spirit still remains. I am sure that many of us have good memories of previous visits there, and if you haven't been to the Big Easy before, you are in for a treat as it is a truly unique city.

The site visit to prepare for the conference will be held in August, and we will have all the details and plans for you in the Fall. But I can tell you now that the wonderful New Orleans cuisine will be featured at the Wing Brunch/Business Meeting. In advance of the meeting, you may want to brush up on the local language:

<https://theculturetrip.com/north-america/usa/louisiana/new-orleans/articles/15-new-orleans-words-and-phrases-you-should-learn-before-visiting-the-city/>

Laissez les bon temps rouler!

Fran Laue, Wing President 2022-2023





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The first order of business for your Wing Board on Sunday morning was to meet and re-view plans and logistics for our 2022 Reno activities. Our newest member, helped us make a video singing Happy Birthday to Sue Hudson. This was only after our first Happy Birthday

song and tribute to Fran Laue. Mark your calendars, Fran's birthday is May 21st. Fran will also be celebrating in New Orleans.

Back row from left to right: Liz Fox, Fran Laue, Sandy Vanderploeg, James Bond, Abby Elliott, Debbie Trip. Seated in front: Yalonda Silberman and Lisa Veronneau.

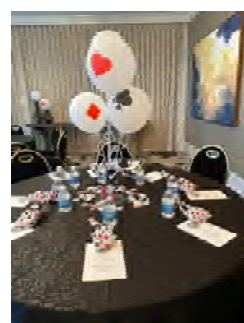


Next we headed to the Florence Room for Registration and Hospitality set-up. Sunday registration which always goes from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. We met several accompanying guests of UHMS (Undersea & Hyperbaric Medical Society). Our new friends joined us for Monday's Welcome Reception, Tuesday's Truckee Tour, Wednesday's Brunch & Business meeting and Thursday's Casino Gaming Lessons.

The Wing Welcome Reception is always on Monday afternoon from Liz Fox and James Bond joined us from the UK, Tiffany Leary came all the way from Japan. As always, our gift exchange was delightful.



Truckee Tour Tuesday. What can we say? We were stranded due to surprising and unavoidable circumstances. Once in Truckee, we were met by docents of the Museum of Truckee History. Aviation has a rich history in Truckee and Donner Summit. The Sierra Sun newspaper event published an article about the significance of aviation in the area.





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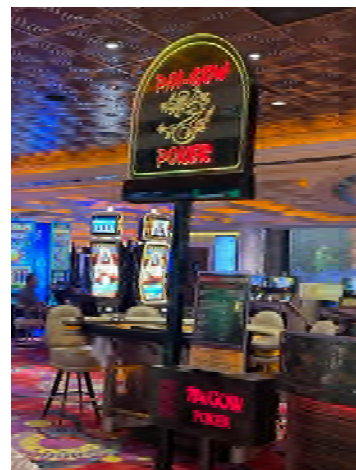
Wednesday Annual Business Meeting and Brunch We had two pinnings of Past Presidents. Sandy Vanderploeg pinned Past President of 2020, Abby Elliott. Thank you, Abby, for all you did during 2020. We were sad to not have a meeting in Atlanta. We were equally sad you weren't able to enjoy all the fruits of your labor. But now, we are so happy you continue to serve the Wing as Registration Chair.



Fran Laue, 2023 Wing President, pinned Sandy Vanderploeg with her Past President's pin. Thank you, Sandy, for your wonderful term. You did an amazing job, getting everything back on track. We had a fun and productive time in Reno.

Thursday Casino Gaming Lessons

Watch out for The Wild Wing because we learned how to play roulette, make lucky throws at the crap table and how to play Pai-Gow Poker. We learned useful skills and had a more fun than we can ever imagine.



If you are not a member of our Facebook group, be sure and ask to join our private group "Wing of Aerospace Medical Association"

Facebook is the fastest, most up-to-date way to keep up with The Wing.