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Information Operations and Cyber Capabilities conference held

The Palmetto Roost Chapter of the Association of Old Crows, in conjunction with SSC Atlantic, presented the Information Operations (IO) and Cyber Capabilities in 21st Century Warfare conference Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at building 3112 in Charleston. The theme of the symposium — which offered both CLASSIFIED and UNCLASSIFIED sessions — was *Unexplored Topics in a New Warfighting Domain*. Approximately 215 individuals attended the conference, which was a first for local chapter members who hope to make it an annual event.

The Association of Old Crows is an international, nonprofit professional organization that provides engineering scholarships for military personnel and undergraduate students, and training and information dissemination to those in the electronic warfare (EW) and IO fields. The local chapter focuses on education, professional development and enabling national defense in the EW, IO and cyber domains. Mike Shafer, SSC Atlantic's Local Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance/Information Operations (code 5.6) Competency Lead, serves as the chapter's Industry Advisor. He also helped sponsor the group's standup in August 2009 and assisted in defining its emphasis.



A group of conference participants attended a Cyber Warfare class

A Cyber Warfare classroom course, offered Nov. 29, provided a full day of UNCLASSIFIED information regarding cyber terrorism, cyber espionage, cyber intelligence, cyber weapons and the cyber attack process before the conference began.

Commanding Officer Capt. Bruce Urbon welcomed guests the first morning of the conference and a number of high-level officials from various government agencies briefed attendees on SECRET and TOP SECRET subjects over a period of three days. Kevin Holcomb, Networks Systems Engineering (code 551) Tier 3 Competency Lead, chaired a panel discussion Dec. 2 regarding state-of-the-art electronic technologies being developed and processes used to transition technology to the warfighter.

Government and contractor personnel are invited to attend monthly meetings of the local Old Crows to share information and discuss common challenges. Meetings in the Charleston area are held the fourth Thursday of each month at 17:00 at SRC (just across from gate 4). Details are available at <http://www.palmettoroost.org>.