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2012 Newsletter

Dear Palmetto Roost Members:

For the third year in a row, the Palmetto Roost was recognized by the National AOC as Chapter of the Year in the Medium-sized category with over 100 registered members. Our 3rd Annual Conference: *EW, IO and Cyber Capabilities in Air, Sea Battlespace Operations* was another tremendous success, with Austin Branch, Senior Advisor for IO Strategy & Plans, OUSD(P), as our Conference Chair. Col Joseph Skaja, Jr., USAF, Chief, Combat Enabler Division, Headquarters Air Combat Command; David Duma, SES, Principal Deputy Director, OT&E; Robert Giesler, Special Advisor, Irregular Warfare, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab; and Col Stephen Ling, USAF, Director, Joint Electronic Warfare Center, were key-note speakers in addition to a number of other high-level officials from various government agencies. Building on the achievements of our last three conferences, we have already begun preparation for our 4th Annual Conference in June.

One of our more important endeavors is our Chapter Education Foundation, where profits from our conference and special events are directed. Last year we held our first golf tournament and presented a \$4,250 donation to Wounded Warrior Project, an organization that provides programs and services to severely injured service members during the time between active duty and transition to civilian life.

Over the past calendar year, we've had a number of guest speakers including: Mr. Bill Littleton, SPAWAR Cyber Forensics IPT Lead; Mr. Robert W. Twitchell, Jr., CEO, Dispersive Networks, Inc.; Mr. Will Thames, Commonwealth Brown & Brown; Maj. Jay "LB" Yniguez, USAF, Chief, Future Capabilities Assessment Branch, JEWIC; Mr. Bill Littleton, SPAWAR Cyber Forensics IPT Lead, as well as a sold-out Dinner in the Commander's River View Room at the Citadel featuring VADM Mike McConnell, USN (ret), 2nd Director of National Intelligence and 13th Director of the National Security Agency.

This month we will be hosting what we hope to be the first of many Cyber 101 & 201 courses. In the first session of a two-part series presented by Mr. Bill Littleton and Mr. Kenneth Zahn, we will demystify "Cyber" as well as many other terminologies used in the security field. During our fast paced journey will intertwine areas of Cyber Operations, EW, Critical Infrastructure, Network Security, Risk Management, IA and much more. Presentations will also feature various examples of malware, steganography, intrusions and what the future holds in the field of security and hacking. By the end of the second session, you will be well-versed with cyber terminology and have a solid general understanding of all of the elements that make up this exciting field.

We continue to encourage you, your organization, and your employees to attend our monthly meetings. AOC membership, whether individual or industry, can ensure your company's visibility before a targeted audience and enhance your corporate image, while establishing a more knowledgeable staff that are better able to meet the needs of your customers. The Palmetto Roost meets the 4th Thursday of every month. Detailed information regarding meetings, industry partners, and membership can be found on our website: <http://www.palmettoroost.org/>.

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