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The Palmetto Roost Chapter of the AOC

The Electronic Warfare & Information Operations Association

2013 Year-In-Review

Dear Palmetto Roost Members:

For the fourth year in a row, the Palmetto Roost was recognized by the AOC as Chapter of the Year in the Medium-sized category with over 100 registered members. Last year we hosted 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, SPAWAR Cyber Forensics IPT Lead, he demystified “Cyber” as well as many other terminologies used in the cybersecurity field. During the fast-paced journey, he intertwined areas of Cyber Operations, EW, Critical Infrastructure, Network Security, Risk Management, Information Assurance, and much more. Presentations featured 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, students were well-versed with cyber terminology and had a solid general understanding of all of the elements that make up this exciting field.

Over the past calendar year, we’ve had a number of guest speakers including: Mr. Bill Littleton; Dr. Noah Schiffman, M.D., Chief Scientist, Wave Sciences Corporation on Recent advances in OSINT; and Mr. Michael Merriken, SPAWAR 7.2 on everything you ever wanted to know about carrying a firearm in South Carolina! We also held a Cyber Forensics Workshop for the SC Army National Guard as well as a Lowcountry Tech Academy showcase that provides students with opportunities to develop the full potential of their college and career readiness, as well as academic skills for success. 2013 was a tough year with budget cuts and extensive travel restrictions, and we were unable to host our annual EW/Cyber Convergence Conference; however, we are hoping to resume in June of this year.

One of our more important endeavors is our Chapter Education Foundation, where profits from our conferences and special events are directed. Last year, the Palmetto Roost in collaboration with SPAWAR, facilitated the two-day Palmetto Cyber Defense Competition (PCDC) between schools in South Carolina. The first day was between universities and colleges, and the second was between Charleston-area high schools with the goal of energizing schools and their students to focus on the development of technical skills in the area of networking and cybersecurity in preparation for exciting careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). This inaugural competition was an immense success and generated a return of \$10,000, and we were very pleased to announce that we donated 22 laptop computers to area schools for use in STEM development, specifically in the area of cyber-defense.

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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