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The Palmetto Roost Chapter of the AOC

The Electronic Warfare & Information Operations Association

2015 Year-In-Review

Dear Palmetto Roost Members:

For the sixth year in a row, the Palmetto Roost was recognized by the AOC as a *Distinguished* Chapter of the Year in the Medium-sized category with over 100 registered members. Last year we hosted the second Cyber/EW Education Course, where Henry Livingston, Technical Director & Engineering Fellow | BAE Systems, presented a Counterfeit Component Workshop as Counterfeit Electronic Parts have emerged as significant product integrity risk to DoD weapon systems.

Over the past calendar year, we've had a number of guest speakers including: Mr. Bill Littleton, SPAWAR Cyber Forensics IPT Lead on the Palmetto Digital Forensics Competition; Byron Carroll, Enterprise Business Development Manager, Custom Communications, Inc. on a technical overview of XIRRUS WI-FI NETWORKS; AOC Southern Regional Director: Lisa K. Frugé, Manager, Customer Requirements & Advocacy | Electronics Systems, BAE SYSTEMS, on the Dixie Crows; and Valerie Sessions, PhD, on the Charleston Southern University (CSU) Cyber Club.

We hosted our 6th Annual CLASSIFIED Electronic Warfare/Cyber Convergence Conference in June at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) Systems Center Atlantic Conference Center. Ryan Gunst, SPAWAR Enterprise Service Manager, kicked off the conference and welcomed the 150+ military members, government employees and contractors in attendance. Themes included updates on evolving policy and doctrine related to Cyberspace Operations and EW. Presenters represented the services, DoD, Intelligence Community, and other federal agencies involved in protecting Critical Infrastructure. Ongoing operations within the joint EW and cyber communities were reviewed by the various service components of USCYBERCOM and COCOMs, and insight was provided on how existing technologies are being employed as well as an understanding of the CONOPS and TTPs. The final session provided a unique perspective into specialized programs that represent new and CLASSIFIED approaches to: cyberspace Operations, EW, and the convergence of the two, the use of intelligence, previously unforeseen uses of legacy technology to provide freedom of maneuver in cyberspace and the physical domains of battle.

The masters of ceremonies were our own Rich Nelson and Patrick Burnette. They facilitated sessions that categorized the operational concepts of combining EW capabilities with cyber warfare tactics and enabling the rapid deployment of new and improved capabilities. Keynote speakers included Ambassador Hank Cooper, Former Director of the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization, on EMP Threats and Vulnerabilities; Ms. Rosemary Wenchel, SES, Assistant Secretary for Cyber Policy, Department of Homeland Security; Brigadier General Lambert, USAF, Vice Commander, 25th Air Force; and Commander Ken Wang, Navy Cyber Warfare Development Command. AOC Past-President, Lieutenant General Elder, USAF (Ret.); and Current AOC President, Major General Israel, USAF (Ret.) wrapped up the conference.

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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