

## **AOC Returns to Hampton Roads**

After an absence of several years, the Hampton Roads area has a local chapter. The Coastal Virginia chapter was recently established to provide support for all members of the Electro Magnetic Spectrum Operation (EMSO) community living or working in the area. The Coastal Virginia region includes a rich EW and EMSO culture that include multiple EMSO-related US Navy, US Air Force, US Army, US Marine Corps and US Coast Guard commands, related industry, local law enforcement and academic institutions that create a diverse EW community. The Chapter recently adopted by-laws and submitted them to AOC HQ and volunteers have stepped up to fill key roles to complete the stand-up of the new chapter. Chapter goals include bringing military, industry, and academia involved in or supporting EMSO together to network, mentor younger members of the community, learn new aspects of this specialty, and enjoy some camaraderie. We invite all those involved in or interested to learn more about the EMSO community to join our events!

Be on the lookout for more information on the Coastal Virginia chapter including upcoming meetings and EMSO community outreach events intended to spread the word of the new chapter and expand our membership in the area. We'll continue to expand our AOC Chapter (Coastal VA Chapter) and LinkedIn pages (https://www.linkedin.com/company/coastal-virginia-chapter-of-aoc) with news and upcoming local events.