

## 45th Annual Dixie Crow Symposium Recap

The Dixie Crow Chapter of AOC hosted a successful 45th Annual Symposium in Warner Robins, Georgia, at the Museum of Aviation, Robins AFB, following COVID-19 Safety Guidelines. The sold out exhibit hall offered the opportunity for vendors to emphasize the importance of Electromagnetic Spectrum Operations (EMSO), including Electronic Warfare (EW) systems and the vital role Command and Control, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C2ISR) provides in protecting our warfighters on today's modern battlefield.

### Event Details:

1. First successful (in-person) event for the AOC, defense industry and Robins AFB in 2021!
2. 660 registrants/attendees.
3. Welcome reception: Sunday, 21 March – Best Western Plus Executive Residency – 100+ come-and-go attendees.
4. Keynote Speaker: Tuesday, 23 March – Mr. Wayne Ayer, SES, Associate Director AFSC/EN OL-R (right).
5. Exhibitor Reception: Tuesday, 23 March – Welcome Remarks: Col Rosalie Duarte, 78 ABW/CV, (below left) and Col Gregg Jerome, AFLCMC/WNY – SML (below right).



6. Guest Speaker: Wednesday, 24 March – Ms. Emily Jay, SES, Director AFSC/PK OL-R (below).





7. Banquet Speaker:  
Wednesday, 24 March –  
General Ellen Pawlikowski,  
USAF (ret) (left).



8. Welcome Remarks: Tuesday,  
23 March – AOC President –  
Mr. Glenn "Powder" Carlson  
(right).

9. **26 Sponsors:** BAE Systems, Northrop Grumman, Teledyne MEC, Elbit America, L3Harris, Raytheon Intelligence & Space, Qorvo, SRC, TeleDevices, Credence Management Solutions, Mercury Systems, CPI, MERC, GTRI, Peraton, RVJ Institute, S&K, Sawdey Solution Services, Middle Georgia STEM Alliance, ALION, Best Western Plus Executive Suites, TERMA North America, NDIA Central Georgia Chapter, Andrew Ollikainen, Anthony Hogsett, DMAero – **Thank you very much!**

10. Exhibit Hall **SOLD OUT!** And several vendors asked to pre-register for the 2022 Symposium!

11. 32 Exhibitors in 45 spaces: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Partnership, AF Small Business Office, ALION, American Microwave Corporation, Ampex Data Systems, BAE Systems, 412TW Benefield Anechoic Facility, Custom Cable Assemblies, DEWESoft, DMAero Engineering, Elbit America, EOX Sales, GTRI, KBR, Keysight Technologies, L3Harris, Leonardo DRS, MERC, Photonis Defense, Planar Monolithics, 402 EMXG/MSDE REARM, Rohde & Schwarz, Sierra RF, SRC, SMA, SwRI, SSAI, TeleDevices, TERMA North America, TEVET, Textron Systems, W.L. Gore & Associates.

12. Organization and Vendor Banners were placed in empty 10' x 10' spaces (COVID-19 spacing) between vendors to provide additional exposure for exhibitors.





**13. 8th Annual Crows N.E.S.T. (Novel Experiments with Science & Technology):**

This event is normally located in the Museum’s Century of Flight Hangar as a collaborative effort providing technology demonstrations among local military, government civil service, academia, the defense industry, and volunteers on Wednesday of our Dixie Crow Symposium designed to inspire students to pursue STEM careers. We saw need to change up our approach to this endeavor this year.

As such, our N.E.S.T. STEM efforts focused on providing monetary donations to eight (8) (Bonaire Middle, Houston County High, Huntington Middle, Northside High, Perry Middle, Sacred Heart, Veterans High, and Warner Robins High) surrounding schools to supplement STEM teacher’s classroom budgets. The Chapter also made sure that students at the eight (8) schools received our renowned Crows N.E.S.T. t-shirt with all of our Dixie Crow Chapter Education Foundation Industry Partner Logos displayed proudly on the back.



14. **John Wayne Carter Golf Invitational:** Southern Landings – Sold Out with 20 teams.
15. **Annual Banquet:** Sold Out – 70 Tickets!
16. **COVID-19 Safety Guidelines Followed:** Masks required, 6-foot social distancing, temperature checks, monitored attendee in/out (350 capacity), dedicated entrance and exit to building and to exhibit hall floor, arrows on floor to depict flow of traffic, contactless badge pick up, QR code onsite registration, vendors separated by vacant 10' x10' spaces, individually wrapped snacks, etc.
17. 11 AOC new members/renewals during event.
18. **Next Dixie Crow Symposium:** 20-24 March, 2022 – Museum of Aviation, Robins AFB – Mark your calendars!

***“A heartfelt thank you to our volunteers, sponsors, exhibitors, attendees, advisors, speakers, planning committee, Dixie Crow Chapter, AFLCMC/WNY, 78 ABW, Museum of Aviation, JED, AOC and many others for believing in us and in this event!” Without you; our success would have not been possible!”***