

## Welcome to the 50th Dixie Crow Symposium

On behalf of the Dixie Crow Chapter of the Association of Old Crows, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 50th Dixie Crow Symposium here in Warner Robins, Georgia. Reaching this milestone is a tremendous achievement for our chapter and a testament to the many dedicated volunteers, industry partners, government professionals, and community members who have supported this event for the past five decades.

What began as a regional gathering has grown into one of the premier forums for collaboration within the electronic warfare and electromagnetic spectrum operations community. Each year, the symposium provides a unique opportunity for government, industry, and academia to come together to share ideas, discuss emerging challenges, and explore innovative technologies that strengthen our ability to support the warfighter.

This year's symposium promises to be especially exciting as we celebrate our 50th anniversary while continuing our tradition of technical exchange, professional development, and networking. Throughout the week, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in technical sessions, exhibits, mentoring opportunities, the EMS Warfare Conference, the John Wayne Carter Invitational Golf Tournament, Crows N.E.S.T., and our annual banquet and awards celebration.

I encourage everyone to take full advantage of the opportunities this week provides to connect with colleagues, share knowledge, and strengthen the partnerships that make our community so successful. Thank you for being part of this important milestone and for your continued support of the Dixie Crow Chapter.

We are honored to have you join us and hope you enjoy the symposium.



President, Dixie Crow Chapter  
Association of Old Crows



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## 50th Dixie Crow Symposium March 22–25, 2026

The 50th Dixie Crow Symposium is fast approaching, and this year's milestone event will feature a full week of professional engagement, networking opportunities, and celebration across the electronic warfare community.

Events throughout the week include:

### Welcome Reception

- Sunday, 22 March | 5:00–8:00 PM  
Rigby's Conference Center  
Hosted by the City of Warner Robins
- John Wayne Carter (JWC) Invitational Golf Tournament  
Monday, 23 March | 1300 Tee Off
- CACI 19th Hole Reception
- 50th Dixie Crow Symposium Plenary Session  
Tuesday, 24 March | 0800

Additional highlights include:

- EMS Warfare Conference featuring outstanding speakers
- Recognition of Award Winners
- Exhibitor Reception
- Crows N.E.S.T. networking events
- Annual Banquet

Register here:  
<https://mp.gg/dhbo2qge7>

## Welcome Reception

*Celebrating 50 Years of Dixie Crow*

The Dixie Crow Chapter will officially kick off the 50th Dixie Crow Symposium with the Welcome Reception on Sunday, 22 March from 5:00–8:00 p.m. at Rigby's Conference Center. Hosted by the City of Warner Robins, this special event marks the beginning of a week dedicated to collaboration, innovation, and celebration within the electronic warfare and electromagnetic spectrum community.

The Welcome Reception provides attendees with an opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, meet new mission partners, and set the stage for the technical discussions and networking opportunities that will follow throughout the symposium. Industry leaders, government professionals, researchers, and students will gather to celebrate the partnerships that have helped make the Dixie Crow Symposium one of the premier EW events in the country.

This year's reception carries additional meaning as the Dixie Crow Chapter celebrates five decades of bringing together the electronic warfare community. For 50 years, the symposium has served as a platform for exchanging ideas, sharing technical knowledge, and strengthening the partnerships that support spectrum superiority and the warfighter.

We invite all attendees to join us as we celebrate this milestone anniversary and kick off what promises to be an exciting and memorable 50th Dixie Crow Symposium.



## John Wayne Carter Invitational Golf Tournament

The John Wayne Carter Invitational Golf Tournament will kick off another exciting week of Dixie Crow Symposium events on Monday, 23 March 2026, at Southern Landings Golf Course in Warner Robins. This annual tournament brings together members, sponsors, and mission partners for a fun and competitive afternoon on the course while strengthening the relationships that make the Dixie Crow community so successful.

The tournament will be played in an ABCD Scramble format with a 1:00 PM tee time, following a lunch for participants from 12:00–12:55 PM. The \$80 entry fee includes lunch, drinks, and snacks on the course, and the opportunity to compete for prizes, including Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive. JWC Invitational 23 March 2026

Participants are encouraged to register early and join fellow members for this long-standing symposium tradition that combines camaraderie, competition, and great networking before the main technical sessions begin.

For additional information or registration assistance, contact Curtis Carter.

### Key Details:

- Monday, 23 March 2026
- Southern Landings Golf Course
- ABCD Scramble
- 1:00 PM Tee Time
- Lunch 12:00–12:55
- \$80 entry fee
- Closest to the Pin / Longest Drive prizes



## EMS Warfare Conference Technical Program

Event runs 24–26 March at the Museum of Aviation

Features multiple technical sessions covering topics such as:

- Distributed sensors and deliberate effects
- Cognitive EW modernization
- Advanced waveform generation
- Swarming EMSO operations
- Electronic warfare test and evaluation

Speakers include leaders from AFRL, AFLCMC, industry partners, and research organizations contributing to the evolving electromagnetic spectrum battlespace. These subject matter experts will share insights on emerging threats, innovative technologies, and operational strategies designed to ensure spectrum superiority in increasingly contested environments. Presentations will highlight advancements in electronic warfare systems, distributed sensing, autonomous platforms, and data-driven decision-making that are shaping the future of EMS operations. The technical program provides attendees with a valuable opportunity to engage with experts, exchange ideas, and gain a deeper understanding of the capabilities and concepts that will support the warfighter in tomorrow's fight.

## Crows N.E.S.T – Inspiring the Next Generation of STEM Leaders

One of the most exciting elements of this year’s 50th Dixie Crow Symposium will be Crows N.E.S.T. (Novel Experiments with Science & Technology), taking place on 25 March 2026 at the Museum of Aviation. This interactive experience is designed to showcase emerging technologies while inspiring the next generation of engineers, operators, and innovators.

Crows N.E.S.T. highlights cutting-edge capabilities across Electronic Warfare and Spectrum Operations, robotics and autonomous systems, advanced defense technologies, and artificial intelligence applications. Attendees will have the opportunity to interact directly with engineers, operators, and industry professionals while exploring the technologies shaping the future battlespace.

The event will host approximately 150 students who will participate in hands-on demonstrations, operate robotics platforms, explore defense technologies, and learn about STEM career opportunities within the electronic warfare and defense community. Through these demonstrations and mentorship opportunities, the program aims to inspire future leaders while strengthening connections between government, industry, and academia.

Crows N.E.S.T. embodies the Dixie Crow mission of advancing innovation while building the next generation of STEM professionals supporting spectrum superiority and national security.





# 50<sup>th</sup> Dixie Crow Symposium

# CROW'S N.E.S.T.

*Where Spectrum, Robotics & Innovation Take Flight*

DIXIE CROW CHAPTER •  
MUSEUM OF AVIATION •  
MARCH 25, 2026

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### WHAT IS CROW'S N.E.S.T.?

>>> Novel Experiments with Science & Technology

- Electronic Warfare & Spectrum Ops
- Robotics & Autonomous Systems
- Advanced Defense Tech
- Meet Real Engineers & Operators

### THE TECHNOLOGY FOCUS

- >> Spectrum & EW
- >> Robotics & Autonomy
- >> AI & Advanced Systems
- >> Human-Machine Integration

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### WHY "DIXIE CROW"?

Spectrum Superiority

Mission Readiness

Applied Innovation



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### WHAT STUDENTS EXPERIENCE

>> Hands-On Tech Demos & ~150 Students

- Operate Robots
- Explore Defense Tech
- Learn About STEM Careers

### Get Involved! Join the N.E.S.T. Team

- >> Lisa K. Frugé-Cirilli • Chair
- >> Adam Delestowicz • Deputy
- >> Jordan Kelsey
- >> Brandon Head
- >> Dave Coley

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**THE MISSION** • Inspire the Next Generation of STEM Leaders

**SPECTRUM • SECURITY • SUPERIORITY**

## Chapter Elections

### Dixie Crow Chapter Elections – Vote by 11 March

Voting for the 2026 Dixie Crow Chapter Board of Directors is currently open and will remain available until 11 March at 0700. Members are encouraged to participate and help shape the chapter's leadership for the coming year.

Current Chapter President Rodney Brooks is the nominee for President, bringing more than three decades of experience supporting the electronic warfare community and the Dixie Crow Chapter. Members will also vote to select three directors from the following nominees:

- Lt Col Laureen “LJ” James
- Milo “Gerry” Ringe III
- Dave Brown
- Barrett Batten
- Tommy Pruitt

The newly elected directors will be announced at the March Membership Meeting on Thursday, 19 March. We also extend our sincere appreciation to Mike Dostie and Brandon Head, who are completing their service on the Board of Directors. Their dedication and contributions have helped strengthen the Dixie Crow Chapter and its mission. Members are encouraged to cast their vote using the official election link provided below.

<https://app.memberplanet.com/#/event/aoc-dixiecrow/2026dixiecrowchapterelection>

## Robins Requirements Symposium

Thursday, 26 March 2026  
Museum of Aviation – Century of Flight Hangar

Following the Dixie Crow Symposium week, the Robins Requirements Symposium will bring together leaders from across the Robins enterprise to discuss mission priorities, capability development, and future acquisition strategies. This year's theme, “Robins Enterprise: Empower, Acquire, Deliver,” highlights the collaborative effort required to support the warfighter and sustain critical systems across the Air Force.

The event will feature senior leader presentations from organizations including WR-ALC, AFLCMC, AFSC, AFRC, and the 78th Air Base Wing, along with industry partners and mission stakeholders. Attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in breakout sessions covering key mission areas such as aircraft sustainment, electronic warfare, C3I systems, armament, logistics, and support equipment.

The symposium provides a valuable forum for open dialogue between government and industry, helping align future requirements, strengthen partnerships, and ensure the Robins enterprise continues delivering mission-ready capabilities for the warfighter.

## Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendars

### 2026 Membership Meeting Dates – China Buffet – 605 Russell Pkwy, Warner Robins

<del>22 Jan</del>	<del>26 Feb</del>	19 Mar	23 Apr	28 May
25 Jun	23 Jul	27 Aug	24 Sep	22 Oct

As we continue into an exciting year for the Dixie Crow Chapter, we extend our sincere appreciation to our members, mission partners, volunteers, and sponsors who make our programs and events possible. Your engagement, professionalism, and dedication to advancing the electromagnetic spectrum and electronic warfare community are what keep our chapter strong. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming meetings and events, and we thank you for your continued support as we build on our legacy and move confidently into the future together.

## Stay Connected

Update your email on our website (<https://aoc-dixiecrow.memberplanet.com/ChapterNews.html>) to receive the latest news. For newsletter submissions, send information and photo captions by the 15th of each month to [cynthia.kinser@us.af.mil](mailto:cynthia.kinser@us.af.mil) and [justin.brooks.10@us.af.mil](mailto:justin.brooks.10@us.af.mil). Contact Rodney Brooks ([rodney.brooks.3.ctr@us.af.mil](mailto:rodney.brooks.3.ctr@us.af.mil)) for assistance. Thank you for supporting the Dixie Crow Chapter as we advance EW and serve our community!

