

## Dixie Crow Symposium 43

A Murder of Crows consumed the Robins AFB Museum of Aviation Complex from 18-22 March 2018 for the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dixie Crow EW/IO Technical Symposium – Theme **“Maximizing Modular Open Systems Approach for Long Term Adaptability”**. This year’s 43<sup>rd</sup> symposium exceeded our expectations!!! The Dixie Crow Chapter of the Association of Old Crows (AOC) is very blessed to have organized and conducted a successful technical conference with classified presentations and incorporating for the 5<sup>th</sup> year an event (The Crows N.E.S.T.) focused toward STEM with our “Leaders of Tomorrow” in today’s still somewhat conference challenged environment. We would like to extend a big “Thank You” to the Symposium Committee, our many volunteers, our speakers, our sponsors, our exhibitors, our registrants and our numerous other participants to include our Crows N.E.S.T. participants and community leaders for attending and contributing to the success of our symposium. Symposium 43 goes down in the record books as the most improved event for registration! We just keep getting better year after year!

### **Here are a few of the Symposium notables:**

- 1) Over 1350 registrants.
- 2) 46 vendors occupying 58 booths.
- 3) \$942,000 to date awarded in scholarships for continuing education.
- 4) \$195,000 to date donated to the Museum of Aviation.
- 5) 20 Mar 2017 Proclaimed EW/IO Day in Warner Robins, Georgia, by Mayor Randy Toms.
- 6) Keynote Speaker - Dr. Thomas F. Christian, retired member of the Senior Executive Service.
- 7) Guest Speaker – AOC President, Ms. Lisa Fruge’- Cirilli.
- 8) EW/IO Annual Awards
- 9) Exhibitor Reception Welcome: Col James Wilson, Senior Materiel Leader, Electronic Warfare and Avionics System Program Office
- 10) Hospitality Night at the Courtyard, was an A+++++.
- 11) Our modified Dixie Crow Whiskey Still was AWESOME!!! Thank you Ken!
- 12) Banquet Speaker – Ms. Lynda Rutledge, Air Force PEO Agile Combat Support.
- 13) Phenomenal Sponsorship!!! Many thanks to all from our Dixie Crow Education Foundation!!!

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14) The Crows N.E.S.T. – Novel Experiments with Science & Technology. There were over 310 student participants guided by 40 volunteers to 18 different demonstrations.

15) John Wayne Carter Invitational Golf Tournament – Many thanks to all of our players, door prize donors, hole sponsors, volunteers, and sponsors from our Dixie Crow Education Foundation!

16) There were 20 technical presentations and two technical short courses (classified and ITAR restricted tracts). Thank you to all of our technical presenters, session chairs, attendees, and short course facilitators for your contribution to our venue.

17) AOC President Ms. Lisa Fruge’-Cirilli, Executive Director Ms. Shelley Frost, Government Relations Associate Ms. Amanda Crowe, and Director of Membership Operations, Ms. Glorianne O’Neilin were in attendance for the symposium. Many thanks to Col James Wilson, Col Ray Wier, and Ms. Karen Brigrance for our stellar support and guidance!!!





















