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Cyber Updates from the Desk of Craig Spohn



Dear Friends,

The 2011 Air Force Global Strike Command Technology and Innovation Symposium is just a couple of weeks away and we are looking forward to another outstanding event. We have an impressive array of high-level speakers and panelists from across the military, industrial, and academic spectrum. **Online registration for the November Symposium ends October 24th so register now for the early bird prices. Those who do not register online will have to wait until the day of the event to register and must pay an additional \$25.**

Our confirmed speakers include Mr. Steve Henry, Deputy Assistant of the Secretary of Defense for Nuclear Matters; Gen. Robert Kehler, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command; Lt. Gen. Christopher D. Miller, Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Programs; Lt. Gen. James M. Kowalski, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command; Maj. Gen. William A. Chambers, Assistant Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration, Headquarters U.S. Air

Force; U.S. Strategic Command; Maj. Gen. Stephen W. Wilson, Commander, Eighth Air Force; Brigadier General Garrett Harencak, Commander, Air Force Nuclear Weapon Center; Dr. Christopher T. Yeaw, Chief Scientist, Air Force Global Strike Command; and Dr. John C. Hogan, Senior Scientist, Sandia National Lab.

There will be several opportunities to network with our speakers, sponsors, and fellow attendees beginning with the Global Strike Challenge Welcome and Reception on November 7th from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Shreveport Convention Center. This event will include the Global Strike Challenge's trophy return. On November 8th, our luncheon speaker will be Dr. Tim Elmore, a noted author and president of Growing Leaders, an Atlanta-based nonprofit organization created to develop emerging leaders. More information about Dr. Elmore and Growing Leaders can be found at www.growingleaders.com. Our traditional Santa Maria BBQ dinner on November 8th will feature Mr. Billy Harris as our Heritage speaker. On November 9th, we will welcome Mr. Leon Smith to the luncheon as our second Heritage speaker.

I would like to especially thank our corporate sponsors, whose investment makes this Symposium possible. We greatly appreciate their involvement. Our Platinum sponsor is Northrop Grumman; our Gold sponsors are Boeing and Lockheed Martin; our Silver Sponsors are BAE Systems, General Dynamics, and Sikorsky; and our Bronze sponsors are Aerojet, ATK, Pratt & Whitney, Raytheon, and Task Force 21—Minot Area Chamber of Commerce.

Our monthly member gathering for November will be a full country breakfast on Tuesday, November 8th at 7:00 a.m. in the Shreveport Convention Center's Captain Shreve Ballroom. Our featured speaker will be Stephen Moret, Secretary of Louisiana Economic Development. The breakfast will end immediately before the start of the Symposium and will cost \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members. Please RSVP to JoAnn.Marshall@cyberinnovationcenter.org no later than October 31.

Sincerely,
Craig Spohn



Cyber Engineering Research Conference

On November 7th, the Cyber Engineering Research Conference will bring together academic, government, and industry personnel who are engaged in research, innovation, application, technology transfer and commercialization in areas that fall under the broad umbrella of “cyber engineering.” The event is organized by Louisiana Tech University with close collaboration of the CIC. Louisiana Tech University is home to the Center for Secure Cyberspace (CSC; <http://csc.latech.edu/>) and the Center for Entrepreneurship and Information Technology (CEnIT; <http://cenit.latech.edu/>).

The one-day conference will feature industry and government speakers in the morning and will showcase academic research and education initiatives in the afternoon. Please see the tentative [conference agenda](#) for more information. The event is designed to be informative and useful for the following:

- Telecommunications, IT, HPC, digital media specialists and cybersecurity professionals;
- Economic development organizations and representatives, state and local officials;
- Defense and law enforcement personnel involved in cyber-security, cyber-forensics, and information assurance;
- Faculty in Louisiana, east Texas and south Arkansas universities; and
- Residents and community leaders

Registration: The registration fee is \$50 for government and academia and \$100 for industry. **On-line registration is available through October 28.** On-site registration will begin on Monday, November 7 at 7:00 a.m. A \$25 late fee will apply. [Click here to register.](#)

Continental breakfast, lunch, and coffee breaks are included in the registration fee. All registered attendees are also invited to two special events after the conference:

- A special presentation by author and educator Dr. Tim Elmore, author of the best seller *Generation iY: Our Last Chance to Save Their Future*, and founder of Tim Elmore, Inc. (<http://timelmore.com/>); and
- The evening reception restricted to registered attendees that will kick off the 2011 Air Force Global Strike Command Technology and Innovation Symposium (November 7-9, 2011; <http://www.cyberinnovationcenter.org/symposium/>).

Dr. Elmore’s insightful talk begins at 5:00 p.m. in the Shreveport Convention Center’s Capt. Shreve Ballroom

The event is free, but you **must** RSVP by Wednesday, October 26th to JoAnn Marshall at joann.marshall@cyberinnovationcenter.org.

October Monthly Member Luncheon Recap

Our featured speaker was Andy Thomson, Northrop Grumman’s ambassador to Air Force Global Strike Command to facilitate business development and to ensure the highest degree of performance in service to global security. The topic of his presentation was “Introducing Northrop Grumman: A Corporation Overview and Purpose in Northwest Louisiana.” Mr. Thomson discussed the company’s new office, based at the Cyber Innovation Center, and fascinated the packed audience with several videos, including some showing remotely-piloted helicopters and fighters.

Regional Autonomous Robotics Circuit Competition II

Please join us at the Bossier Convention Center on Saturday, November 5th to watch area elementary, middle and high school robotics teams as they compete in another exciting match. This time the teams will use their robots to autonomously navigate a home and fight fires using light and ultrasonic sensors. This is the second in a series of four competitions that will culminate in May 2012.

Upcoming Events

November 5

Regional Autonomous Robotics Circuit
Competition II
Bossier Civic Center
7:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

November 7

Cyber Engineering Research Conference
Shreveport Convention Center

November 7-9

Air Force Global Strike Command
Technology & Innovation Symposium
Shreveport Convention Center

November 9

CIC Member Breakfast
Shreveport Convention Center
Captain Shreve Ballroom
7:00 a.m. – 8:20 a.m.

Please contact JoAnn Marshall at 866-380-2746 or at joann.marshall@cyberinnovationcenter.org for more information about these events.