

**Northeastern Regional Report**  
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*Below is a summary of chapter activity in the AOC Northeast Region. I happy to report the AOC Northeast Region is very strong. All chapter presidents are working extremely hard and doing great things for the AOC.*

The Maple Leaf Chapter is doing well. John Turnbull is the current president. The Maple Leaf Chapter is building on local interest derived from its highly successful EMSO symposium held in December 2023. Registration for a Lunch and Learn planned for 6 March, 2024 has been very strong. There are Plans for a social in April, 2024 and a more formal industry/Military engagement in early June. The local Industry interest and support for Chapter activities has been very encouraging. The Chapter has expanded its recognition of local military and defense members at the unit level for their leadership in advancing EW and EMSO capabilities. These local awards help raise the visibility of the Chapter. The Chapter is registered as an early adapter for the BillHighway solution for financial transactions. The chapter is particularly interested in the accompanying features for micro- web hosting and event management. AOC Membership with Maple Leaf Chapter affiliation has grown this year and they expect this trend to continue into 2024.

Paul Wehner is the current president of the Metropolitan Chapter. The chapter is 150 members strong and very financially sound. The have 7 board members and the major defense contractors in their region are L3 Harris, Northrop Grumman, and BAE Hazeltine. The Metropolitan Chapter offers an annual scholarship. Scholarship recipients are selected in September and the scholarship award dinner event is held at a venue on Long Island, NY. The chapter's big challenge is recruiting new members so AOC National help is needed in this area. This past year, the chapter was honored to support 3 promising STEM scholarship recipients from NY IT, Hofstra University, and Farmingdale State College of Engineering. Guest speakers, as part of the award and fundraising dinner, were Pat McMahon (former President of the chapter) and U.S. Representative Nick LaLota (NY-01).

Duane Beaulieu is president of the Granite State Roost. They have eight board members. While they have approximately 240 members in the chapter, participation runs around 10%. Challenges include presenting a clear value of the Granite State Roost to the largest companies (BAE, Mercury, and Elbit) to actively sponsor and promote member participation. In the latter part of 2023, the GSR conducted four chapter BoD meetings (June, July, September, December) and two social events for the chapter. About 25-30 people attended the Pipe Dream Social on June 8, 2023 and 21 people attended the Fisher Cats Baseball game on Aug 24, 2023. At the June social the chapter provided attendees with drinks, finger foods and live music. Also, The GSR provided two \$1000 Tony Grecco Scholarships (University of New Hampshire – Sept 2023). The GSR received recognition for outstanding medium chapter (48 points out of 70 points), as presented in the Dec 2023 issue of JED. A few GSR BoD members participated in the initial training for BillHighway on Sept 8, 2023; the GSR volunteered to be an early adopter chapter for the services provided by BillHighway.

Nicole Zaretski is currently the president of the Garden State Chapter. The chapter has excellent participation, fabulous leadership, and is financially strong. Chapter sponsor L3 Harris provides generous funding to the chapter each year. The chapter is very active with a large energetic Board of Directors and

many activities are planned each year. The Garden State Chapter continues to hold numerous lunch & learns this year at L3Harris and InfoAge (Camp Evans) this year. The chapter will hold its annual membership appreciation dinner on 13 April, 2024 at the beautiful Navesink Country Club to honor members and present awards. It also plans to have its annual business meeting in June at the Navesink Country Club. Recently, the chapter was a one of five hosts of the 2023 Fisher House Gingerbread Ball held December 2, 2023 in Long Branch, NJ. Many GSC BoD members attended the event. Nicole Zaretski, Myles Murphy, and Pete Hegseth (Co-host of Fox and Friends) recognized several L3Harris employees with awards for outstanding contributions to the EW community. The chapter's biggest challenge is recruiting young members; young members don't really want to participate without charge numbers.

Brian Moore is president of the Empire State Chapter. The chapter strives for two to three online meetings and one in-face BoD meeting each year. The chapter has about 100 members and 8 Board of Directors. It's been very challenging to recruit new members. Industry in the region includes Lockheed Martin (Syracuse and Owego, NY), BAE (Endicott and Rome, NY), SRC, and L3 Harris (Rochester, NY). The US Air Force Research Laboratory – Rome Research Site, is also in the region, with a focus on ISR and cyberware and information exploitation. Multiple small companies are centered near AFRL. The Skydome and Nuair in Rome support multiple drone R&D initiatives. The chapter's biggest challenge is struggling with lack of participation and interest. Granite State Roost has offered to be an advisor as Empire tries to keep the chapter alive.

Nino Amoroso is the president of the Patriots Roost. They support "Welcome Home Heroes" for those returning from deployments and scholarships for ROTC and enlisted troops (Community College of the AF). Last year, they gave four scholarships worth \$3000 each. Also, this year they supported six Boy Scout units. They support various veteran programs and morale activities such as annual award banquets at Hansom Air Force Base. The chapter is very active and spends a lot of time each year planning and executing the annual June Space EW Summit (Cyber-Space this year) with MITRE Corporation in Bedford, MA. The conference is a huge hit and fundraiser each year with free manpower support from MITRE. Profits from the conference provide the funding for chapter activities and scholarships. This year it will be called "Spectrum Control for Resilient Space Operations"; it will be held 11-13 June, 2024 at the Bedford, MA campus. Northeast Regional Director Myles Murphy plans to attend this year and hold a Northeast Regional Chapters conference on Monday, 10 June, 2023 at MITRE.

Harold Screven is president of the Niagara Frontier Chapter. The chapter is working on a speaker series for 2024. This will include Cognitive EW Testing, Avarint's DIADS product, and a talk on the use of the Signal Hound receiver for EW simulation. The chapter would like to support the Niagara Frontier Aerospace Museum and pursue a "The History of EW in Buffalo, NY" exhibit since the region has a rich history in EW. A discussion was had with Glorianne O'Neilin, and it was mentioned that the National Electronics Museum was downsizing and it may be possible to get some of the exhibit materials they no longer need. The chapter would like to restart the process of granting scholarships to students at local universities to promote careers in EW. The chapter would like to create a Web page for their chapter linked from the AOC page with a "Donate" button to make donation to the chapter easier.