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From: Director, Spectrum Warfare Systems Department  
To: Commanding Officer

Subj: REQUEST FOR NAVAL SURFACE WARFARE CENTER CRANE DIVISION TO  
CO-HOST 14TH ANNUAL ELECTRONIC WARFARE CAPABILITY GAPS  
CONFERENCE WITH THE ASSOCIATION OF OLD CROWS, A NON-FEDERAL  
ENTITY, 25-27 JUNE 2024 NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY, CRANE, INDIANA

Ref: (a) DoD 5500.07-R, Joint Ethics Regulations, —§ 3-206  
(b) DoD Conference Guidance, Version 4.0  
(c) SECNAVINST 5050.6A of 20 Oct 2022

Encl: (1) Conference Request Form – SECNAV 5050/2  
(2) Conference Agenda 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Electronic Warfare Capability Gaps Conference  
(3) Memorandum of Understanding with Co-Sponsor

1. Request your approval for Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division to co-host as a local conference the 14th Annual Electronic Warfare Capability Gaps Conference 25-27 June 2024. This conference is classified. You are authorized as an approval authority for local conferences. References (a)-(c) pertain.

2. Joint Ethics Regulation (JER), § 3-206 permits a DoD Component organization to co-sponsor events with a non-federal entity if the Head of a DoD Component organization determines that the:

(a) Subject matter is scientific, technical, or involves professional issues relevant to its DoD mission; and

(b) The purpose is to stimulate interest and inquiry into the issues identified in (a); and

(c) The event is open to the public; and

(d) The non-federal entity must be a recognized professional organization approved for the purposes identified in Reference (b).

3. For the reasons set forth herein, the elements of JER § 3-206 are satisfied.

4. The purpose of the conference is to facilitate and promote the exchange of new ideas, concepts and information, and provide a venue to disseminate new research in the fields of Collaborative Electronic Warfare (EW). Collaborative EW is the network communications, data standards, processes, and enabling technologies that connect separate EW capabilities to provide the desired effects in support of military operations.

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5. An estimated 90 non-Navy DOD employees will be in attendance. There will be no registration fee for Government employees for this event. In addition, approximately 100 NSWC Crane employees, will be in attendance at no travel cost.

6. This classified event is a forum and networking venue for over three hundred, regionally dispersed, military, government, industry, and academic EW professionals to share information on capability gaps and enabling technologies.

7. This event is co-sponsored by the Association of Old Crows (AOC). AOC is recognized by the DON as a professional organization approved for the purposes identified in paragraph 2. NSWC Crane Division co-sponsorship with AOC is appropriate as AOC provides support based on its in-depth knowledge, training, and capability in the field of EW, and its unique ability to further the work of EW being performed at NSWC CRANE. The AOC is a not-for profit professional association with over 14,000 members engaged in the science and practice of EW, Information Operations (IO), and related disciplines. The AOC offers tailored EW training and has extensive multi-service networks to assist NSWC CRANE in developing and executing a symposium with joint service participation. The Navy Designated Agency Ethics Official has recognized AOC as a professional organization for the purposes of co-sponsorship. Memorandum of Understanding to co-sponsor the event is included as enclosure (3).

8. All conference activities will be conducted onboard Naval Support Activity Crane to eliminate DoD/DON costs associated with conference facility usage.

9. For questions, please contact Mr. Patrick Flannagan, (812)381-7254, [patrick.r.flannagan.civ@us.navy.mil](mailto:patrick.r.flannagan.civ@us.navy.mil).

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COMMANDING OFFICER DECISION:

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