

Northeastern Regional Report Myles Murphy- Northeastern Regional Director 12 June 2025

Below is a summary of chapter activity in the AOC Northeast Region. I am 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 welcomes a new Chapter President to kick-off 2025. Byron Rempel, a retired Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) veteran and former MLC board member, will take the helm sailing forward. After a successful 3-year run, John Turnbull has retired as Chapter President and will remain on the MLC board as an advisor and mentor. The MLC's mission for 2025 is to increase membership and conduct more Lunch and Learns. Building off last year's success, they are planning a potential one-day Canadian trade show in Ottawa (dates TBD), and thoughts of a formal fall social gala are once again on the table. On 15 April, the MLC hosted a counter-UAS seminar, presented by Dr. Kyle Davidson, which was very well received and attended. The chapter continues to recognize local military and defense members at the unit level for their leadership in advancing EW and EMSO capabilities. These local awards help raise the chapter's visibility and engage local military leadership. There is significant interest from 21 EW in Kingston in conducting more activities with the Chapter. Finally, the Maple Leaf Chapter intends to utilize its LinkedIn account to promote activities and recruit individual members and corporate support, so keep an eye out for future events.

Duane Beaulieu is president of the Granite State Roost. They have six board members (Powder Carlson

retired about a year ago). Due to heavy work-related travel schedules, the GSR has conducted one chapter

BoD meeting in 2025 (January) but has been actively conducting business via e-mail. The chapter is

committed to bringing technical topics to the membership, hosting a MathWorks Radar workshop on 30

Jan and a Rohde& Schwarz RF Characteristics Workshop on 24 April. The Chapter is planning a Cognitive EW

Workshop with Dr. Karen Haigh on 5 June and a MathWorks Sensor Fusion Workshop on 12 June. They will

work to inject a social event into the schedule in the July timeframe. The GSR will provide at least one

\$1000 Tony Grecco Scholarship (University of New Hampshire – planned for Sept 2025). While active

recruitment at the technical talks has added several new members, participation in chapter events runs

around between 10 and 15%.



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Nino Amoroso is the president of the Patriots Roost. They support "Welcome Home Heroes" for those returning from deployments and offer scholarships for ROTC and enlisted troops (Community College of the Air Force). Last year, they awarded four scholarships worth \$ 3,000 each. Also, this year, they supported six Scouting America units. They support various veteran programs and morale activities such as annual award banquets at Hansom Air Force Base. The chapter has been very active and has spent much time this year planning and executing for Summit 2025 (Resilient Space for Integrated Air/Missile Defense Operations) 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 funding for chapter activities and scholarships. It will be held on June 25-26, 2025, at the Bedford, MA campus.

Brian Moore is president of the Empire State Chapter. The chapter has about 100 members with a few Board of Directors. The chapter is struggling for new blood on the BoD, but a couple of parties have expressed interest. The Empire chapter continues to support the Wounded Warriors Scholarship.

Noah Wichlacz has been elected president of the Niagara Frontier Chapter as of April 2025. Their last event was in mid-April, where active and newly recruited members got together for team-building activities in downtown Buffalo in order to bring the chapter membership together. Since the previous summer, the chapter has donated and elected to support the local Niagara Frontier Aerospace Museum in which they would also like to potentially continue support and build an exhibit for the museum to showcase the history of EW in the greater WNY Region. Their last board meeting was May 15th, 2025, in which they introduced the new board, spoke on plans for the coming year which include the revitalization of our Distinguished EW Speaker Series, STEM Outreach, university relationships via scholarship, and upcoming summer events. They have widened the chapter reach into the Rochester, NY region with one of the newly elected board members representing the region and will be looking to tap into that region for increased membership and future opportunities with this extended reach. Currently, they do not have any industry partners, albeit a majority of our chapter membership comes from the Northrop Grumman Amherst Campus. They are in good financial shape in order to offer scholarships and host events for the community.

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 chapter has its own newsletter. The Garden State Chapter continues to hold numerous lunch & learns this year at L3Harris in Clifton, NJ, and InfoAge (Camp Evans, NJ). The chapter held its annual membership appreciation dinner on 3 May 2025 at the beautiful Navesink Country Club in Red

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Bank, NJ to honor members and scholarship recipients and present awards. The chapter has a very strong scholarship program and works closely with Stevens Institute of Technology and has awarded \$4000 in scholarships this year. It plans to hold its annual 2025 business meeting on 20 June 2025 at the Navesink Country Club. The chapter's biggest challenge continues to be recruiting young members; young members don't really want to participate without charge numbers.

Paul Wehner is the current president of the Metropolitan Chapter. The chapter has 148 members and is very financially sound. They have 7 board members and the major defense contractors in their region are L3 Harris, Northrop Grumman, Stellant PST, and BAE Hazeltine. The Metropolitan Chapter offers an annual scholarship. The chapter made some progress getting new engineers involved in the AOC by getting them involved in the scholarship committee process. A small step, but in the right direction for what remains the biggest challenge - recruiting new members in this area.