



Kittyhawk Chapter Association of Old Crows

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Dear Kittyhawk Member,

Happy Holidays!! It may seem early in the holiday season, but it's not too early to plan ahead for the Kittyhawk Chapter Holiday Party. Join us on Friday evening, Dec 4, 2015 for a wonderful meal, great entertainment and all the latest Crow News fresh from the National Symposium in Washington DC. Many of us will be returning that day from the Symposium where the chapter will be recognized once again as a Distinguished Large Chapter and several of our members will be presented national level awards for their great achievements last year. See the attached flyer for all the details on the party. You can sign up online at our newly renovated website and conveniently pay by credit card.

Along with all the holidays between here and New Years, there is the end of "the tax year". So we are also making our annual call for donations to the Kittyhawk Scholarship Fund. Please take a look at the enclosed letter from Steve Hary, our new Scholarship Chairman. As always, we need your support more than ever. We want to support young people in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, and these young people have great needs given today's economy.

We had wonderful guest speakers at our monthly luncheons this past year. They brought insights and issues from the local business economy, future defense budgets, and programs that we all found interesting. Our monthly luncheons are a great venue to show a prospective member the value of becoming a Crow. Be sure to sign up for our November luncheon. Just go to www.KittyhawkAOC.org, make your reservation and pay by credit card. We are still having great success with hosting a "Meet and Greet" the second Wednesday of each month at W.O. Wright's, so just watch for the announcements and stop by. There's no cost, and you don't need to sign up for this event. Plus, it's another great place to introduce potential new members to our chapter. In fact, if you bring a prospective new member to a chapter function and they sign up, they can get a \$20.00 reduction on their first year's membership fees. So help them save money, and help us recruit new Crows!

The technical high point of each year is always Kittyhawk Week held in June. Last year was great, and this year we are planning on even more briefings, tutorials, and social activities with the "grand finale" being an opportunity for attending the Dayton Air Show. Our Kittyhawk Week is one of the only classified venues for a technical meeting hosted by any AOC chapter in the US. It is always well attended and certainly satisfies our need to cross talk and to appreciate the great things we have done together as an EW community.

Elections and professional moves this year brought us some leadership changes. Our previous Vice President, Stephen "Tango" Tourangeau, has moved to New Hampshire for a new job which takes him out of our chapter, but he is still in the industry, and we expect to see him frequently as he consults with Dayton clients. I have appointed Jim Utt (Defense Engineering Corp.) to be our new Vice President, and Tom DiNino will be finishing Tango's term on the Board of Directors. Our elections last May brought us three new directors, Steve Hary, David Diaz and James Calvin. And at the International AOC level, our very own Dave Hime will be installed at the National Symposium as the new president of the AOC. Congratulations to Dave. We all wish him well and offer him Kittyhawk's strong support in carrying the AOC to new heights in the coming year.

Finally, one more request for help. Kittyhawk Chapter will have a booth at the National Symposium this year and if you are going to be there and would like to help working our booth, please let me know. It's a great opportunity to share our successes with members of other chapters. The chapter booths will let all the various U.S. and international chapters learn from each other how to better meet our members' needs and deliver the kind of programs that can benefit Crows everywhere.

We're always looking for suggestions on how we can better support you. This is your organization and we depend on your input, participation, and support. We just launched a much-improved new website (same address), so check out the new functionality. We are going to use email to reduce the costs of mailings, so please make sure we have a good email address for you; it won't be used for any other purpose or by any third party. If you specifically need us to communicate with you through the US mail, then please make sure we have a good mailing address by sending your request and a good address to our address in the header above.

Best regards,

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