

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 president is Byron Rempel, a retired Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) veteran and former MLC board member. The MLC's mission for 2025 is to boost membership and conduct more lunch and learns. There is significant interest from 21 EW in Kingston to conduct more activities with the chapter. After a short summer break, the Maple Leaf Chapter is back at work and hitting the ground running. On 21 October, the MLC is co-hosting an EMSO event with the AFCEA Ottawa Chapter at Canadian Forces Base, Kingston. This half-day event promises to be full of EW discussions will all three elements of the Canadian Armed Forces. They will be sure to take photos and share online and in their next chapter's newsletter. After this event, the chapter president is off to AOC Asia as a guest speaker on the future of open-air EW testing and training. Completing 2025, the MLC plans to host a gala in December right before the Christmas break. Their LinkedIn page is now open to the public, please feel free to join at <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8226525/>.

Duane Beaulieu is president of the Granite State Roost. They have six board members. The chapter is committed to bringing technical topics to the membership, hosting a Cognitive EW Workshop with Dr. Karen Haigh on 5 June and a MathWorks Sensor Fusion Workshop on 17 July, with 25-30 participants at each event. Another MathWorks workshop is in the planning stages for early November. The GSR provided one \$1000 Tony Grecco Scholarship (University of New Hampshire – in Sept 2025). Busy work schedules continue to challenge the GSR Board members. While active recruitment at the technical talks has added several new members, participation in chapter events runs between 10 and 15%.

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 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 a lot of 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 the funding for chapter activities and scholarships. It was held 25-26 June, 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 membership got together for team-building activities in downtown Buffalo in order to bring the chapter membership together. The chapter has donated and elected to support the local Niagara Frontier Aerospace Museum in which they would also like to potentially build an exhibit for the museum to showcase the history of EW in the greater WNY Region. Their

board has plans for the coming year which include the revitalization of the Distinguished EW Speaker Series, STEM Outreach, and university relationships via scholarship. 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 chapter membership comes from the Northrop Grumman Amherst Campus. They are in good financial shape in order to offer scholarship 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 has a very strong scholarship program and works closely with Stevens Institute of Technology and has awarded \$4000 in scholarships this year. It held its annual 2025 business meeting on 20 June 2025 at the Navesink Country Club. The Garden State Chapter had its annual Summer Mixer where it recognized outstanding team and individual achievements as well as being the first to officially recognize its two Future 5 winners! AOC President Mr. Tony Lisuzzo and Mr. Mario Casabona, GSC Board Member, attended the event and it was highlighted in JED. There will be 2 upcoming lunch and learns in September and October, as well as the annual Spooky, Scary Crows event on 22 October. Mr. Bob Zanzalari, GSC Board Member, and Mr. Tony Lisuzzo will be inducted into InfoAge's 2025 Wall of Honor on 4 October in recognition for their outstanding contributions to EW and EMSO. Mr. Bob Zanzalari and Ms. Nicole Zaretski continue to collaborate with the AAAA Jersey Chapter for their upcoming bowling event at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst on 10 October. 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, Stellantis, and BAE Systems. The Metropolitan Chapter holds an annual scholarship event every Veteran's Day. The chapter is currently exploring closure of the chapter. EW companies in the area have little interest in supporting the local AOC chapter.