

Dixie Doodles



Crow Spotlight:

Team Robins defended their title as reigning champions at the 2025 Robins Mission Partner Challenge, once again proving that collaboration and commitment drive success at Robins AFB.

This exciting competition was more than just a challenge — it was a fundraising event benefiting the National STEM Academy. By participating, Team Robins and their mission partners directly supported programs that inspire and educate youth in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM).

The Dixie Crow Chapter is proud to celebrate both the victory of our champions and the cause they represent. Every dollar raised helps build the next generation of innovators and leaders, ensuring that the Crow legacy of education and excellence continues.

National STEM Academy Benefit Reception

September 18, 2025 | Museum of Aviation, Century of Flight Hangar

The Dixie Crow Chapter invites members and community partners to join us for the 2025 National STEM Academy Benefit Reception on Thursday, September 18, from 5:00–7:30 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation's Century of Flight Hangar.

This special evening will feature live music by The Calipers, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and two drink tickets included with admission. Attendees will also have the opportunity to network with community leaders, elected officials, Robins AFB leadership, industry leaders, and special guests while supporting the inspiring work of the National STEM Academy.

We are honored to welcome SSgt. Johnny "Joey" Jones, USMC (Ret.), a combat-wounded veteran, as our guest speaker. His story of service and resilience embodies the spirit of dedication that fuels our chapter's mission.

Tickets: Complimentary for players & partners

\$45 General Admission
\$75 Admission for Two

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2025-nsa-benefit-reception>



The AP Physics students at Veterans High School proudly sported their Dixie Crow T-shirts while taking their AP Exam last Friday, showing off both their school spirit and chapter pride.



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Join us for Crowtoberfest on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. until dark at The Brooks Ranch in Lizella, GA. This Oktoberfest-themed event will feature food, fellowship, and our 4th annual BBQ Cook-Off.

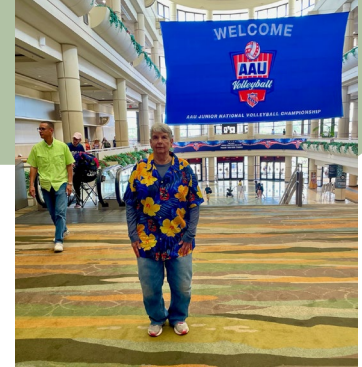
Bring your family and friends for a fun-filled afternoon of great company, delicious BBQ, and festive Oktoberfest flair. Competitors can enter the cook-off by contacting Rodney Brooks at 478-235-8528. Beer will be available for guests 21 and older. We look forward to seeing you there!



Join us on Thursday, September 25, at 11:30 a.m. at China Buffet (Russell Parkway) for our monthly membership meeting.

We're honored to welcome Mr. Roger Boan, retired USAF Electronic Warfare Officer, as our guest speaker. Mr. Boan will share his unique experiences from 1965, when USAF and USMC crews operated together in Vietnam, including stories about the 1st Marine Air Wing's assignment to the USAF. With a distinguished career spanning from B-52 and B-58 operations to service in Rolling Thunder and beyond

his perspective promises to be both insightful and inspiring.



Dixie Crow member Deborah Koenig proudly cheered on her granddaughter, Sonoma Straits of Graham, WA, at the AAU Girls Junior National Volleyball Championship in Orlando, FL, held June 25–28, 2025. Sonoma plays club volleyball for 253 Elite, and her team brought home a medal in their Wave — congratulations to Sonoma and her team!

Recognizing our Crows:

The Dixie Crow Chapter is proud to highlight the accomplishments of Selena Carter, President of the Mossy Creek Middle School Technology Student Association (TSA) and a shining example of leadership, creativity, and perseverance in STEM.

This year, Selena earned 1st place in the TSA Dragster Competition at the Georgia State Conference, a victory reflecting her technical skill and innovative design. She then went on to represent Georgia at the 2025 National TSA Conference, where she was recognized as a Top 5 Finalist among the nation's best students. The Dixie Crow Chapter was honored to help support Selena with her travel expenses to Nationals, ensuring her hard work could be showcased on the national stage.

Beyond competition success, Selena's leadership as TSA Chapter President has inspired her peers, shown the power of passion and resilience, and advanced the mission of cultivating future STEM leaders. Her journey reminds us of the extraordinary achievements possible when young people are given encouragement and opportunity.

Please join us in celebrating Selena Carter's remarkable achievements and her continued journey as a young leader in technology and innovation.



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Calling All Designers!

The Symposium Committee is already planning for our 50th Dixie Crow Symposium, and we need your creativity! We're designing a special commemorative coin to mark this milestone, and your ideas could help shape it.

Please send your designs or suggestions to Lisa Fruge (lisa.fruge@baesystems.us) or Adam Delestowicz (adam.delestowicz@us.af.mil) by 30 September.

Southwest Research Institute Expands with New Georgia Facility

On August 19, 2025, members of Southwest Research Institute's (SwRI) Advanced Electronic Warfare Department, alongside SwRI leadership including the Vice President of Defense and Intelligence and Chief Operating Officer, gathered to celebrate the grand opening of the new Georgia AED facility in Warner Robins. Posing proudly in front of the 33,000-square-foot, \$18.5 million building, SwRI leaders and staff showed their "Crow-ness" while welcoming the community to this milestone event.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony drew the attention of local leaders, economic developers, and Robins AFB leadership, all recognizing the importance of this investment in the Middle Georgia defense community. In a letter to the Dixie Crow Chapter, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp underscored the significance of the new facility, stating: "This new location represents a significant strategic investment into our national defenses, electronic warfare innovation, and continued collaboration with the United States Department of Defense and Foreign Military Sales customers."

This Warner Robins site is the first SwRI-owned facility outside of its San Antonio, Texas headquarters. Purpose-built to support defense and intelligence technology, the facility will provide critical capabilities for DoD and FMS customers, with active projects at multiple USAF, Army, and Navy installations. SwRI's presence here reflects both growth and commitment to advancing the field of electronic warfare.

In addition to infrastructure investment, SwRI continues to demonstrate leadership across the Association of Old Crows (AOC) community. The organization is present at and provides speakers for many AOC events and has earned recognition as an international-level award winner for six consecutive years. All current and upcoming projects leverage Open System Architecture across Electronic Support (ES), Electronic Attack (EA), and Cognitive EW, ensuring interoperability and innovation at every level.

This facility not only symbolizes SwRI's strategic expansion but also reinforces Warner Robins as a center of excellence in the defense and electronic warfare community.



Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendars

September 18-19, 2025: National STEM Academy Benefit, featuring Combat Wounded USMC Veteran Johnny Joey Jones.

October 25, 2025: Dixie Crowtoberfest Family Picnic.

December 2, 2025: Christmas Party at The Pond, supporting Toys for Tots.

December 9-11, 2025: AOC Convention, National Harbor.

March 26, 2026: Come & Go Reception, Bldg 229, Robins AFB, 08:00-09:00, with donuts, coffee, and chapter swag.

March 22-26, 2026: 50th Dixie Crow Symposium.

2025 Membership Meeting Schedule

Join us at China Buffet (Russell Pkwy/Tallulah Trail, 11:30 a.m.):

September 25

October 23

December 2

Stay Connected

Update your email on our website (<https://aoc-dixiecrow.memberplanet.com/ChapterNews.html>) to receive the latest news. For newsletter submissions, send information and photo captions by the 15th of each month to cynthia.kinser@us.af.mil and justin.brooks.10@us.af.mil. Contact Rodney Brooks (rodney.brooks.3.ctr@us.af.mil) for assistance.

Thank you for supporting the Dixie Crow Chapter as we advance EW and serve our community!

