



Strat Roost News

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Roost Golf Tournament

September 12, Make plans to join us in this annual event--everyone's a winner!

November Talk

Nov 12, Mr. Huscher, WWI aviation expert speaks on Austro-Hungarian WWI Ace Josef Kiss at the Confluence—S.W. corner of Fort Crook Rd and Cornhusker

Olympics Conclude

Aug 8—24
36-Gold, 38-Silver, 36-Bronze

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President's Message

Greetings, Strategic Roost Chapter Membership-

We are poised at the beginning of fall with a very successful summer season for the Roost behind us. Our revamped scholarship awards reception was a great hit with the participants and winners, alike. Dr. Jerry Martin and Mr. Ted Huscher presented informative historical lessons regarding the Cold War and WWI for our membership luncheons. For the second half of the year we're taking it to the field for our remaining major events.

This year the Air Force chose Omaha as one of its cities to conduct its campaign to share its story with the public. Air Force Week in the Heartland culminated on 16-17 August with the Offutt AFB Open House and Air Show featuring the Thunderbirds and the Heritage Flight. The Strategic Roost seized this opportunity to raise money for our scholarship fund by participating in concession sales. My thanks to all those who volunteered their time over the weekend selling shirts, toy aircraft, and lots of sunscreen. A special thank you to Steve Marchitelli for ruffling a few feathers and organizing the contingent of Roost volunteers.

Your board of directors convened in August to plan in detail our next big fundraising event--the annual golf tournament. Tournament details and the invitation are posted on the Roost website for you to download or call-in to sign up. There are opportunities to pitch in and help (especially those who are well connected for prizes!). If you have a strong urge to lend a helping hand please feel free to call or contact Ron Russell, Scott Hackney, or me. Time is pressing on this one and any participation on the part of our membership is welcome and well worth it.

In the months after the golf tournament we'll be hosting our normal speaker luncheons. As usual, the information about who, when, and where will be publicized via newsletter and the website.

Finally, it's time again for Roost elections. The president and several directors positions are available for your nominations this year--ballots will be going out in September. If you are interested in being on the board please drop me a note.

I look forward to seeing you at the golf tournament on 12 September.

-Tony Loper
President, Strategic Roost

On the Calendar

Strat Roost Elections

The Strategic Roost Board of Director seats are up for re-election in September. Please see website for details.

Roost Golf Tournament

Our 22nd Annual Fall Golf Extravaganza is set for September 12, 2008. It's hard to believe we have surpassed 20 years for this event--it gets better every year! As one of the last tournaments of the season, your swing should be grooved and ready to go. Come out, join your friends, and enjoy a round. In addition to the camaraderie and prizes, the primary purpose is to raise Roost scholarship funds. It's a worthwhile cause all the way around. Please see next page for details.

WWI Flying Ace Talk

If you missed our June luncheon with Mr. Ted Huscher there is an opportunity to catch him again. On 12 November, Mr. Huscher will be at the Confluence—Bookstore, Bistro, and Business providing an edited version (about 45 minutes) of his presentation on “Jozsef Kiss: Austro-Hungarian Ace of World War I.” The story of Austro-Hungary's 5th highest scoring ace reveals a man driven by his patriotic fervor and ambition, yet tempered with mercy. "Josi's" flying career spanned roughly 2 years of fighting along the South-Tyrolean Italian Front. His efforts resulted in the "forcing down" of 8 enemy aircraft and capturing 4 crews of the 19 planes. Among the total were 4 Italian Caproni bombers, veritable "flying fortresses" of their day.

The Confluence is located on the south-west corner of Fort Crook Rd and Cornhusker Rd in Bellevue, Nebraska.

Strat Roost Info

AOC— Making Connections

If you are looking for a job in EW/IO or looking to hire people with these experiences, the AOC wants to help you. The AOC Career Center page (www.myaoc.org/EWEB/dynamicpage.aspx?webcode=career_center) offers members and non-members the opportunity to search job listings, post resumes, and fill out applications.

Employers also have access to post job listings and search resumes. Both employers and potential employees can enable email notifications when resumes match job listings. Touted as, “easy-to-use and highly targeted resource for online employment connections,” this AOC benefit can make job transitions much easier. If any Strat Roost members have used the site, please send me an e-mail (webmaster@stratroost.org) about your impressions of the service. I will consolidate the comments and post them in a future column.

Cyberwarfare

“Throughout the world Cold War, the U.S. was generally thought to be at least a generation ahead of any other country in developing the equipment and skills necessary for EW. Today, however, that edge has eroded due primarily to the proliferation of new information technologies such as cell phones.” (Electronic Warfare The Changing Face of Combat, August 2008).

The recent conflict between Georgia, South Ossetia, and Russia highlights a relatively new pressure point of warfare... Cyberspace. The tactic has lead to a flood of news reports from media outlets informing the public of the cyberwar campaign as well as educate readership on what DDOS or Distributed Denial of Service means. A DDOS occurs when an attacker utilizes multiple machines to generate excessive traffic on a network (Badashi, Herzberg, Keidar, Sep 2007). In Georgia's case, the presidential and other websites (Leyden, August 2008) were bombarded to the point that they were inaccessible.

What are we to take away from the of distributed denial of service attacks and what are the implications? Economics, government agencies such as the DoD, DHS, and more crucially the Department of Energy.

Four years ago, I toured a university's college of computer science. In the college there was a room that was sealed off. I was allowed in to see and learn what research the students were conducting. They specialized in security. On the wall they had a special accreditation from NSA. As one of their research projects they were challenged to break into NSA. Not only did they break into NSA but they accessed levels that were not thought to be possible given the layers of security and encryption on the architecture. Apparently it was not enough for these grad student hacks. NSA had to issue a “knock it off” call hence earning the university department the accreditation. DDOS is only one method of attacking a network. If there was an arms race during the cold war there is certainly a cyberspace race right now. And it is urgent that we stay on top of this realm in warfare.



The Strategic Roost Association of Old Crows

2008 GOLF SCRAMBLE

All proceeds from this golf scramble support the Strategic Roost Chapter Education Foundation, of the Association of Old Crows.

The Strategic Roost Chapter of the Association of Old Crows (AOC), an Electronic Warfare and Information Operations professional organization at Offutt Air Force Base, is seeking support from you for our scholarship fund. This year, as in years past, we will be awarding \$11,000 in scholarships and enlisted tuition assistance to college-bound high school seniors from the local area and Offutt enlisted personnel who are planning to pursue technical degrees that support Electronic Warfare and Information Operations. To date, we have provided over \$295,000 in scholarships and assistance to persons seeking these type degrees.



We are a tax-free organization and hope that you will be able to help us in making this very worthwhile investment in our country's future.

Your support and participation assists the Strategic Roost Chapter to further their mission of *ADVOCATING* for a strong national defense and our investment in our future, *EDUCATING* about the values of Aerospace Power, and *SUPPORTING* the Electronic Warfare Family. Please come join us for a fun day of golf and support your community.

\$55.00 per player
(E1-E4 \$44.00)

The Day's Play

WLCG Members subtract \$7.00 or \$13.00 dependent on rank

Covers: Green fees, cart, food and refreshments
Handicap Boosters included:

- 2 Lady Tee Shot
- 3 Mulligans per player
- 1 Albatross (150 yd Par 5 shot)

- 11:00 Check in, practice range available
- 11:30 Lunch: Chips & Drink and Keg
- 12:15 Welcome & announcements
- 12:30 Shot gun start
- 5:30 Awards presentation/door prizes

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SIGN UP SHEET

(Please Print)

Team Sign Up

Team Captain: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Player: _____

Player: _____

Player: _____

Individual Sign Up

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Individuals and partial teams will be paired

Mail with your check by
Wednesday September 3, 2008 to:

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The Strategic Roost Chapter of the Association of Old Crows
invites you to attend our annual Golf Event

Friday, 12 Sep 2008
Willow Lakes
Golf Course
1100-1700

Eat
Drink
Awards
Door Prizes
and
GOLF!