

INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: WVNG Cyber Initiatives

1. **Purpose.** This paper provides an update on the cyber related initiatives being conducted at Camp Dawson, WV.

2. **Facts.**

a. In partnership with OSD DOT&E and USCYBERCOM J7, the WV National Guard hosted the Advanced Cyber Protection Team Training Pilot (ACT-P) course from 13 Apr – 19 May at Camp Dawson. This pilot course is a part of the “Project C” initiative and it brought approximately 45 students from ARCYBER and FLEET CYBER together to train on advanced team concepts supporting Cyber Network Defense. The course showcased the robust and flexible infrastructure of Camp Dawson in support of cyber training and exercises and the costs savings that we offer to our customers.

b. The WV National Guard hosted a visit to Camp Dawson by RDML Lunday, USCYBERCOM J7 on 13 Apr. While there, he spoke at the opening of the ACT-P course, received a briefing from the ACT-P training cadre, got a full cyber programs briefing from WVNG/J6, met with TAG WV, and got a tour of the complex. He came away highly impressed with our facilities and the status of our cyber programs. He also highlighted the “superb support” we are providing to the ACT-P course. Also, we continue discussions with USCYBERCOM J7 concerning the potential of Camp Dawson hosting future cyber training courses and large scale cyber exercises (CYBER FLAG and CYBER GUARD 16). RDML Lunday’s visit was an opportunity for him to see what we had to offer first hand.

c. In collaboration with the OSD Combating Terrorism Technical Support Office (CTTSO), the WVNG conducts the Cyber Operations Social Media OSINT (COSMO) course. The next class session begins 7 Jul 15 and will once again host a variety of attendees from the Joint Special Operations community as well as representatives from the US Intelligence Community. Historically, the course has also provided instruction for properly vetted and cleared participants from United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand SOF forces. COSMO trains students on advanced social media and dark web exploitation techniques in support of irregular warfare operations. CTTSO has committed to using Camp Dawson as the COSMO venue for the next two years.

d. Also in partnership with CTTSO, the WVNG conducts the Cyber Operator Greyhat (COG) course. The next class iteration begins 3 Aug 15. This 5 week program had previously been held at a contractor facility in Charlotte, NC but was moved by CTTSO to Camp Dawson as a cost saving measure. COG provides Joint Special Operations community students with training on advanced network and system exploitation techniques in support of irregular warfare operations. It has a very tactical focus and aims to train SOF forces in “digital door kicker” TTPs. Like COSMO, CTTSO has committed to hosting COG at Camp Dawson for the next two years.

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