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Air Force Information Operations Center (AFIOC) partners with EC-Council to Support Mission Qualification Training

The United States Air Force's Information Operations Center is now training the Certified Ethical Hacker (C|EH) to its IT Security Specialists. This new affiliation with EC-Council is expected to produce many Certified Ethical Hackers in the years to come, further fortifying Air Force Operations and Security.

Albuquerque June 11, 2009 – The United States Air Force Information Operations Center (AFIOC) and EC-Council announced today under special provision that the Certified Ethical Hacker (C|EH) will become a supporting element to Mission Qualification Training conducted by AFIOC to train highly specialized Information Security Professionals inside the U.S. Air Force.

The Certified Ethical Hacker (C|EH) program and certification will provide a common foundational certification to AFIOC network security specialists and will fulfill DoD 8570.1M certification requirements for Computer Network Defense-Service Providers.

The Air Force Information Operations Center (AFIOC) is located at Lackland Air Force Base (AFB) in San Antonio, Texas. The AFIOC is an information superiority center of excellence dedicated to offensive and defensive counter information and information operations.

“Incorporating EC-Council’s Certified Ethical Hacker (C|EH) course into our training program gives the AFIOC a validated, proven course of instruction which complements our current IT security training program,” said Steven DeLoach, AFIOC C|EH Coordinator. “The C|EH is highly sought after and valued by our security professionals. As we mature the AFIOC C|EH program we look forward to possibly include several other EC-Council certification courses into our training programs.”

AFIOC's team of more than 1,000 military and civilian members are skilled in the areas of operations, engineering, operations research, intelligence, radar technology, communications and computer applications. The members provide improved command and control warfare (C2W) and information operations (IO) capabilities to the war fighting USAF major commands.

The AFIOC is responsible for training Air Force information operations warriors. Through courses such as the Information Operations Integration Course, AFIOC teaches Air Force members how to integrate IO as part of traditional air power employment, thus enhancing combat power. The AFIOC is also the focal point for Air Force military deception and counter-deception training and is the executive agent for Air Force operations security training.

About AFIOC

The AFIOC originally activated as the 6901st Special Communications Center in July 1953. The following month, the 6901st re-designated as the Air Force Special Communications Center, becoming the Air Force Electronic Warfare Center (AFEWC) in 1975. Air Force successes in exploiting enemy information systems during Operation DESERT STORM led to the realization that the strategies and tactics of (C2W) could be expanded to the entire information spectrum and be implemented as information warfare. In response, the AFIOC activated 10 September 1993, combining technical skill sets from the former AFEWC with the Air Force Cryptologic Support Center's Securities Directorate and intelligence capabilities from the former Air Force Intelligence Command. The Air Force

recently announced the creation of the 24th Air Force to head USAF's cyber operations. The AFIOC will be renamed the 688th Information Operations Wing and fall under 24th AF.

About EC-Council

The International Council of E-Commerce Consultants (EC-Council) is a member-based organization that certifies individuals in various e-business and security skills. It is the owner and developer of the world famous Certified Ethical Hacker course, Computer Hacking Forensics Investigator program, License Penetration Tester program and various other programs offered in over 60 countries around the globe. These certifications are recognized worldwide and have received endorsements from various government agencies including the US Federal Government via the Montgomery GI Bill, and the US Government National Security Agency (NSA) and the Committee on National Security Systems (CNSS) certifying EC-Council Certified Ethical Hacker (C|EH), Network Security Administrator (E|NSA), Computer Hacking Forensics Investigator (C|HFI), Disaster Recovery Professional (E|DRP), Certified Security Analyst (E|CSA) and Licensed Penetration Tester (L|PT) program for meeting the 4011, 4012, 4013A, 4014, 4015 and 4016 training standards for information security professionals. For more information about EC-Council, please visit the website: <http://www.eccouncil.org>

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