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NCOIC Adds Boeing, AFCEA Leaders with Interoperability Expertise

WASHINGTON—June 15, 2017—The Network Centric Operations Industry Consortium announced today that Erich Staudacher, general manager of AFCEA Europe, has joined the NCOIC Advisory Council and Chris Ahsmann, vice president of mission systems at Boeing Defense, Space & Security, has been named to the NCOIC board of directors. The two will serve with other public and private sector leaders to address [cross-domain interoperability](#) issues that affect multi-national communication and collaboration.

At the non-profit AFCEA International, Erich Staudacher works with the military, academia, government and industry to help advance global security. He retired from the German Armed Forces as major general in 2016 after a 42-year career. He served in combat missions based in Italy and Uzbekistan, commanded the Technical Group at Lechfeld Air Base and served as deputy commander of the German Armed Forces Support Command. In addition to his command assignments, Staudacher served in a variety of senior leadership positions for the German Armed Forces, the German Airforce and the Foreign Service of the Federal Republic of Germany.

“From his distinguished combat roles, Erich Staudacher understands the importance of getting the right products and services into the warfighter’s hands and NCOIC’s focus in reducing time to market, cost and risk,” said Harry Raduege, NCOIC chief executive officer. “He also brings an important global perspective and experience in joint operations, which will help NCOIC as we move forward with [interoperability verification](#).”

In joining the NCOIC board, Chris Ahsmann is taking the place of Rick Baily, vice president of Boeing Test & Evaluation, who is retiring. Ahsmann will carry on the tradition of support from Boeing, one of the founding companies of NCOIC in 2004. “Chris Ahsmann will be a great addition to our leadership team. He has a global perspective as well as diverse experience in engineering, mission assurance and program management,” said Raduege.

NCOIC is an international not-for-profit corporation with more than 50 member-companies, affiliates and senior advisors representing 12 countries, including Fortune 500 firms, government agencies, universities, standards organizations and multi-national bodies such as NATO and the European Union. Together, they focus on advancing interoperable networks within and across domains and national borders.

Since 2004, NCOIC has built a range of technical tools and resources for creating interoperability valued at \$100 million. It has also assisted customers — including the NATO Communication and Information Agency, Federal Aviation Administration, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency and Royal Australian Air Force — in improving their net-centric environments. In addition, NCOIC experts focus on helping industry create interoperable products as well as assisting organizations in evaluating products and services, and recommending strategies to ensure the systems they acquire will continue to be effective over the long term. www.ncoic.org

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