

# Military Cyber Professionals Take the Hill

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The Military Cyber Professionals Association (MCPA) Legislative Affairs Committee held its first Capitol Hill event on June 4th, 2018. The event theme focused on how military cyber operations are impacted by the legislative process.

With the generous support and sponsorship of Ice Miller LLP, several congressional staff and MCPA members joined together to network and talk current cyber policies. In keeping with the event theme, the MCPA Legislative Committee was grateful to have Captain Edward Devinney, United States Navy, as a special guest to provide insights from United States Cyber Command on how current congressional activity affects cyber operations when developing national security legislation. Captain Devinney talked about the positive operational impacts of the decision to elevate U.S. Cyber Command

to a four-star functional combatant command, but also commented on additional work and authorities that will be needed to further support the military cyber mission. Captain Devinney currently serves as the Director for Corporate Partnerships and Technology Outreach at U.S. Cyber Command and has previously worked on the Hill.

The evening concluded with a reception and the awarding of the Order of Thor Medal to Ms. Alexah Rogge, who has served as the founding Chair of the MCPA Legislative Affairs Committee. Ms. Rogge is passing on the reins of leadership of the Committee but remains an active member. MCPA founder, Joe Billingsley, presented the honor and thanked Ms. Rogge for her commitment and leadership in building a team to pursue the MCPA mission, vision, and values on the Hill.



The MCPA Legislative Affairs Committee (LAC) at their first event on the Hill. From L to R: Alycia Farrell (Policy Researcher), Alexah Rogge (LAC Chairwoman), and Dan Van Wagenen (Legislative Director)



CAPT Edward Devinney from U.S. Cyber Command provides insights to Congressional staff and MCPA members during our first Capitol Hill event.

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**Such events will be held periodically.**

**For more information about the MCPA Legislative Affairs Committee: <http://legislature.milcyber.org>**