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*I am excited and pleased to announce the five co-sponsors of CROSSTALK, The Journal of Defense Software Engineering for 2006. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Naval Air Systems Command have joined with our former 2005 co-sponsors, the three U.S. Air Force Air Logistics Centers' Software Maintenance Groups, to become the CROSSTALK Co-Sponsor Team for 2006. On behalf of our readers and staff, I welcome our new co-sponsors and offer a special thanks to our former co-sponsors for their continued support. Co-sponsor team members are identified below with a description of their organization. Look for their contributions each month in our From the Sponsor column found on page 3. Their organizations will also be highlighted on the back cover of each CROSSTALK.*



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**Randy Hill, 309 SMXG Director**

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**Terry Clark, NAVAIR, Systems Engineering Department – Director, Software Engineering**

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**Bob Zwitich, 402 SMXG Deputy Director**

The 402d Software Maintenance Group at the Warner Robins-Air Logistics Center provides combat-ready weapon systems, equipment, services, and support personnel for the U.S. Air Force. The center is a leader in systems engineering; reliability, maintainability, and availability engineering; safety engineering; human factors engineering;

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