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AGM – AOC Liverpool - Awards

AGM The Annual General Meeting of the UK Chapter will be held in the Royal Air Force Club, London, on Tuesday 17 March 2020. All members are encouraged to attend this excellent opportunity to meet the Board, to hear a report on the Chapter's activities and its financial health and to help shape its future. The AGM will start at 18:30 and conclude with a 10 minutes presentation by Dr Sue Robertson on AOC International Region 1 and John Stubbington on '*The Skripal Incident and Very High Level Spying*'. Finally the AGM will be followed by a hot and cold finger buffet. Phil Davies is running the evening. If you want to attend this free event please complete the proforma below and return it, or email him the information, so we can order the right amount of food and inform the Club of attendees' names for security purposes. More information and the proforma are available on page 3. The deadline for booking attendance is Friday 13 March 2020.

AOC EW Europe 2020 – Liverpool 25th AOC Europe conference A large EW/EME conference and exhibition is scheduled for 17 -18 June with a Plat Intelligence Workshop planned on 16 June while the Exhibition Hall is being set up. Please refer to <https://www.eweuropa.com/#/> for more details. Do come and join us for the Silver Jubilee of AOC Europe events, many of which have been held in the UK.

AOC Awards The deadline for AOC Awards is earlier this year and is 16 March 2020. The Awards Chairman, Dr Bob Andrews is keen to increase the number of non-US award winners. Bob has thoughtfully provided a list of awards along with his letter - see page 4. You can contact me or Bob for help in putting someone forward. The AOC website also refers: <https://www.crows.org/page/awards>

Possible Visit to Josef Pilsudski Institute in London will be discussed at the AGM BOD meeting in March. The visit would include a briefing on the Polish contribution to decoding Enigma messages, a viewing of the Polish Enigma machine and demonstration of a recreated Polish Bomba replica in a mixture of hardware and software, by a volunteer at the National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park and potential meal at the Institute. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

EW Technology Conference – Call for Abstracts Cranfield University in Association with dstl are running an EW Technology Conference at Shrivenham 08 – 11 June and the call for abstracts is now open and closes on the 27 March 2020. More information and contact detail can be found here: <https://www.cranfield.ac.uk/events/symposia/ewtc>

AOC Membership Benefits AOC membership provides an outstanding monthly magazine written by passionate world-renowned experts, exclusive on-line access to frequent Webinars with over 90 hours or so of content from world leading academics and military specialists, career advice, CPD at some events, and much more.

Serving Military 1-Year Complimentary Membership as mentioned in a previous newsletter, the AOC BOD has agreed to offer 1-year complimentary membership to serving military. The UK Chapter has been working with the AOC to develop a straightforward practical scheme for

individuals, units, stations, etc, who might benefit themselves, the military and the UK, from knowing more about EW, EM Operations including SIGINT, CEMA, IW/IO, cyber, etc. in the warfare contexts of the 21st Century including A2/AD, Multi-Domain Warfare, Hybrid Warfare and so on. AOC membership provides an outstanding monthly magazine written by passionate world-renowned experts, access to frequent Webinars and to the 90 hours or so of content from world leading academics and military specialists, career advice, CPD at some events, and much more. The arrangements are now in place. Please contact Membership Director Ian Fish for more information piscene1@gmail.com.

Finally That's all folks. I've listed a few dates below, where you might consider joining us and the wider AOC community in 2020. Do remember, the UK Chapter is all about you, so please stay engaged and let the Board know what you want. Feedback is always welcome; otherwise we operate in a vacuum. We need more diverse and young members to become actively involved in what the Chapter does – any ideas are most welcome. The 3-year young adult complimentary membership is a great initiative and one the UK Chapter has worked towards for many years – please think about it and use it wisely, for example let your apprentice and training teams know about it. Please send ideas about recognising suitable individuals or organisations for AOC and/or UK Chapter awards. We are particularly keen to encourage apprentices in industry, academics and serving personnel learning new EW-related skills.



John Clifford OBE
UK Chapter President

SOME DATES FOR YOUR 2019 DIARY

UK Chapter AGM, Tuesday, 17 March 2020 RAF Club, London. Further details on page 3

AOC EW Liverpool, 16 – 18 June Liverpool Exhibition Centre

Possible visit to the Josef Pilsudski Institute in London – more details to follow

Visit to 30 Cdo Y Sqn Stonehouse Barracks Plymouth Date TBD 2020

Check out our website at www.ukaoc.org

You can also check out career opportunities there too, by clicking on the

Home Page “EW Job Vacancies” button

Thales has become the latest Company to advertise on the UK Chapter website – they are looking for an ECM Design Authority / Technical Expert – for more information check out the website at www.ukaoc.org.



UK CHAPTER

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

Royal Air Force Club, 128 Piccadilly, London W1J 7PY

Tuesday 17 March 2020

The Annual General Meeting of the AOC UK Chapter will be held in the Royal Air Force Club, 128 Piccadilly (Hyde Park end) on **Tuesday 17 March 2020**. All AOC members are encouraged to take this opportunity to meet the UK Chapter Board, to hear a report on the Chapter's activities and its financial health and to help shape its future. Guests with a view to becoming AOC members will be most welcome but will have no voting rights at the AGM.

The programme for the AGM, to be held in the Millennium Suite, is:

1800: Pre-AGM drinks.

1830: AOC AGM.

1945: Finger Buffet.

Members wishing to attend should complete the proforma below and send it by e-mail to Phil Davies as soon as possible. There is **no charge** to attend the AGM and the application is for administrative and RAF Club security purposes only.

To: Phil Davies

E-mail: PhilDavie@aol.com (note, no "S" after PhilDavie!)

I wish to attend the AOC AGM on **Tuesday 17 March 2020**.

Name:

AOC Membership No:

Telephone:

E-mail:



John

As you know, I am in my second year as the AOC Awards Chair with a mission this year is to increase the non-USA nominations up to the 20% target set last year. In 2019, we exceeded 15% which was great improvement but there is still more to do with your help. The UK Chapter does present local awards and does apply (successfully!) for AOC international awards so please continue this year again. The process is much improved on the new AOC website application (called *Reviewr*) and I know there are still many deserving candidates in the UK. For your reference, the current awards are listed below (also see Opman 31 on the AOC Website for further details).

Group One – AOC Prestige Awards

01-03 – Joseph W. Kearney Pioneer Award

01-04 – Anton D. Brees Lifetime Service Award (3)

01-05 – Technology Hall of Fame Award (5)

Group Two – Electromagnetic Spectrum Operations (EMSO) Awards

02-01 – A.C. McMullin Electronic Attack (EA)

02-02 – Jerry Sowell Electronic Protect (EP)

02-03 – John Marks Electronic Warfare Support (ES)

02-04 – Electromagnetic Battle Management (EMBM)

02-05 – Jeffrey B. Jones Cyber Operations

02-06 – Directed Energy (DE)

02-07 – EO/IR

02-08 – James Davis Maintenance Award

02-09 – CTTTCM Clay A Conner Training Award

Group Three – Electromagnetic Spectrum (EMS) Program Awards

03-01 – Stanley B. Hall Executive Management

03-02 – Clark G. Fiester Program Management

03-03 – Integrated Product Team

03-04 – Test & Evaluation

03-05 – International Achievement

I know that you will discuss this very soon with your Awards representative and your BoD and come up with some excellent nominations this year. If you have any questions, please contact either Glorianne (oneilin@crow.org) or myself. I look forward to having the privilege of my awards team assessing great UK nominations for the annual awards once again. **Please note that we have an earlier closing date this year –**

15th March.

Best regards

Bob

Bob Andrews

AOC Awards Chairman