



10 October 2019

## UK Chapter Christmas Awards Dinner - SERAPIS Flyer

**2019 Christmas UK Chapter Awards Dinner – Friday 13 Dec** Last year's Chapter Christmas Dinner was great fun and gave us a chance to recognise the achievements of some of our members. We want it to be bigger and even better this December so please make an effort to join us; bring some friends even. Please book as early as possible. We will be honouring Commander Dave Hewitt MBE in recognition of Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in EW, as the doyen of EW at the UK Joint EW Centre and latterly Joint EW Operational Support Centre, at RAF Waddington. Young members are especially welcome and the RAF Club is an interesting and excellent venue which is well worth a visit. Once again, the BOD has agreed to subsidise the evening from Chapter funds so the cost will remain the same as recent years at £50 per person. Black tie was a hit last year so it will be the preferred choice again this year, with Miniatures, but is not essential. You will find more information and an application form below on page 3. As ever, many thanks go to Phil Davies, for making the arrangements with the RAF Club. PS – Phil's email address is [phildavie@aol.com](mailto:phildavie@aol.com) – without the "s"!

**SERAPIS Flyer** Following on from the recent EMSIG EW Focus Group meeting in Birmingham (see the September Newsletter for more details), Andy Stove, the chairman, sent an interesting flyer about **SERAPIS Framework Agreement**. The Agreement has been created to enable Dstl to influence and gain access to the most diverse expertise and talent available across the industrial supplier base, particularly in relation to:

- Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) companies
- Non-Traditional Defence Suppliers (NTDS)
- Academia

The flyer is attached to the email covering this newsletter.

**Armada International New Monthly EW eNewsletter.** The second Armada eNewsletter written by Chapter member Tom Whittington is out now. You can connect to the company and access the EW eNewsletter online via this link: <https://armadainternational.com/ew-subscription/>

**DSTL “Operating in the Future EME Symposium”** dstl have sent the Chapter notification of a symposium scheduled for 19/20 November in London. The notification flyer was attached to the email covering the September Newsletter. Several UK BOD members will attend and make presentations.

**Conference on Security & Intelligence – 27 November 2019** The Science Museum opened a new exhibition ‘Top Secret: from Ciphers to Cybersecurity’ on 10 July 2019; it lasts until 23 February 2020. The exhibition is curated by Dr Elizabeth Bruton, Curator of Technology and Engineering at the Science Museum and a Defence Electronics History Society (DEHS) Committee Member. The exhibition marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of GCHQ, starting with the Government Code & Cypher School in 1919. Find more at: <https://www.gchq.gov.uk/news/major-new-exhibition-reveals-gchq-secrets-for-the-first-time> or <https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/about-us/press-office/science-museum-explores-100-years-codebreaking-major-new-exhibition> (the links works and are safe – JC). To coincide

with this exhibition, DEHS is organising a conference with the title ‘Security & Intelligence’ on 27 November 2019, which will include a guided tour through the exhibition by Dr Bruton. The Science Museum has kindly allowed the DEHS to hold the conference in the Smith Centre, in the museum. The cost will be £25 including refreshments. AOC members who are interested in attending should contact Keith Thrower, DEHS President, at [kthrower@waitrose.com](mailto:kthrower@waitrose.com), as soon as possible. Numbers are limited to so sign up now.

**EW Symposium** the final call for papers to the Cranfield University EW symposium (held at NATO Secret 3-4 December 2019) at the Defence Academy Shrivenham has been issued. More information is on the event website: <https://www.cranfield.ac.uk/events/symposia/sym-ew>

**Finally**, that’s all folks. I’ve listed a few dates below, when you might consider joining us and the wider AOC community in 2019. 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/EME - related skills.



John Clifford OBE  
UK Chapter President

### **SOME DATES FOR YOUR 2019 DIARY**

**Visit to 30 Cdo Y Sqn Stonehouse Barracks Plymouth Date TBD 2019**

**AOC 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium 28 – 30 October, Convention center, Washington DC**

**DSTL Conference “Operating in the Future Electromagnetic Environment Symposium” 19/20 November (Flyer sent with September UK Chapter Newsletter)**

**DEHS Conference on Security & Intelligence London – 27 November 2019**

**Cranfield University EW Symposium Shrivenham 3-4 December 2019**

**UK Chapter Christmas Awards Dinner RAF Club London - 13 Dec 2019 (see page 3 for more details)**

**Check out our website at  
[www.ukaoc.org](http://www.ukaoc.org)**

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

**Home Page “EW Job Vacancies” button**

**Cyber and Information Systems at [dstl] are now participating in advertising on the UK Chapter website with an excellent site with great graphics, lots of thought-provoking material and there’s even a Cyber & Information Systems challenge. Check out the link to dstl on the UK Chapter Homepage.**



**UK CHAPTER**

## **CHRISTMAS AWARDS DINNER**

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

**Friday 13 December 2019**

The AOC UK Chapter Board is very pleased to confirm that the annual AOC UK Chapter Christmas Dinner will be held in the Royal Air Force Club, Piccadilly (Hyde Park end) on **Friday 13 December 2019**. All AOC members, their partners and guests will be most welcome at this very enjoyable festive occasion. Like last year, let's make this a grand occasion with as many as possible attending as we will also recognise the achievements of Chapter members and units.

The outline programme for the evening is:

**1800: Pre-dinner drinks in the Victoria Bar.**

**1900: Christmas Dinner in the President's Room.**

**Carriages as required**

**Dress:** Gentlemen, **Black Tie & Miniatures** preferred; Ladies, as appropriate.

The Dinner will cost £50 per head, including wine and port at the table, and will also be supported by a substantial subsidy from Chapter funds. Members wishing to attend should complete the proforma below and send it by e-mail to Phil Davies no later than Friday 1 December 2019 (or simply send Phil the information via email). Payment by bank transfer after you send the information to Phil is the preferred payment method. When you send the information Phil will send you the Chapter account details by email. Payment on the night will still be possible, but, having made a commitment to the RAF Club, we regret that payment for the dinner will still be due in the event of a late cancellation after 7 Dec 2019. If you would like to pay early by cheque please contact Phil and he will provide his address.

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To: Phil Davies      E-mail: [phildavie@aol.com](mailto:phildavie@aol.com)

I wish to attend the AOC Christmas Dinner on **Friday 13 December 2019**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AOC Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special dietary requirements (e.g. vegetarian)? \_\_\_\_\_