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AGM – AOC Awards Plea – New Book – DSEI 2019

AGM The Annual General Meeting of the UK Chapter was held in the Royal Air Force Club, London, 2 weeks ago, on Wednesday 20 March 2019. The AGM Minutes are available on the website – under the “Organisation” tab.

RAF Fighter Controller Contribution to D-Day A Briefing Paper by the Association of RAF Fighter Control Officers telling the story of the fighter control contribution to D-Day called “The D-Day Fighter Control Story” has been compiled and edited by Group Captain Tim Willbond RAF (Retd).

The report contains lots of interesting material, both technical and human, and many great photographs and diagrams. Courtesy of the author and Ian Fish, a copy of the report is attached to the email covering this newsletter.

New Book Frequent Chapter newsletter contributor, John “Jacey” Wise MBE has written a new book titled “The Navy is Listening”. Vol 1 is now on the street. John sent this description: *A brief history of Radio Warfare in the Royal Navy 1895 to 1945. A4 format, 220 pages with around 180 pictures plus a DVD with 16 Appendices of a further 200 pages of supporting research, including Excel spreadsheets of all the UK and Commonwealth intercept sites and D/F fitted units during WWII along with chronology of the development of shipborne D/F system from 1910 onwards. Price £30, plus p&p. Contact Jacey at jcwise49@gmail.com Jacey also intends to take copies of his new book to the DEHS History day on 2 May for sale (more DEHS details below).*

AOC Awards Plea from AOC Awards Chair Dr Bob Andrews MBE Chapter member and AOC At-Large Director Dr Bob Andrews MBE, sent the following email: *As you know, I am now the Awards Chair on the AOC Board of Directors and my mission this year is to get more non-USA nominations into the process as the historical numbers do not represent the proportion of members outside of the USA; in fact well below the 20% figure (non-USA members as a % of the total AOC membership).*

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AOC Awards - UK BOD comment The UK BOD actively and for many years has encouraged awards for Chapter members and has 100% record of success. We need Chapter Members to nominate suitable candidates and send a short rationale - we will do the rest, including making arrangements for Award presentation. The closing date for this past year is 1 May 2019. An new online nomination system on the www.crows.org website (under

membership/Awards) is now the only way to nominate someone – the UK Chapter has been working with the AOC HQ staff to sort out a few issues out but it is now working properly. Award criteria are available in the same place. If you would like to submit someone for an award I am happy to help – please send me up to 350 (max) words (less is OK, too) I will submit the nomination with your support – earlier is better.

DSEI 2019 DSEI 2019 is scheduled for 10-13 September at EXCEL in London Dockland. The Chapter have once again been offered a stand in the Joint Arena and are seeking **volunteers** to run the stand, brief about the AOC, EW and EM operations – and critically to recruit new members. After the success of the inaugural 2017 Seminar, we have been invited to run another one; this time on Wednesday 11 September; 15:00 – 17:00 in the prestigious Joint Theatre. More details will follow but the title is *Electronic Warfare and Cyber Electromagnetic Activities – where are we now and where are we going*. Confirmed speakers include Major General Borys Kremenetskyi, UKR-Air Force, Defence and Air Attaché, Embassy of Ukraine to the UK, Ukraine; Professor David Stupples, Professor of Electronic and Radio Systems, Director EW Research, City, University of London, AOC At-Large Director, UK; Colonel Alan Blackwell (British Army Retd), Director, ABAL Insight Ltd, UK and Commander von Spreckelsen, Chief Policy Section NATO Joint EW Core Staff, Germany – Navy (Invited). Air Marshal Philip Sturley will once again chair the seminar. (All subject to change for operational reasons.)

AOC & GTRI Unclassified Symposium The 3rd Security Cooperation Symposium is scheduled for 29 April – 1 May, in Atlanta Georgia. The agenda is great and covers Interoperability, EW and FMS. There is an excellent line up of top speakers; you can find out all about it here: <https://www.crows.org/page/SCS2019>. What makes it very different to most AOC US EW conferences is that it is unclassified and open to a wide range of countries, including the UK, of course. Colleagues at GTRI make this point: *I think the best opportunity would be for them to contact their UK military colleagues who are posted at US installations. Most of our foreign nationals will be those who are Foreign Liaison Officers and Embassy personnel here in the United States*. However, it is of course open to UK-based folk.

This year's DEHS Burns Lecture Day will again be held at STEAM, Museum of the Great Western Railway, Fire Fly Avenue, Swindon, SN2 2EY (www.steam-museum.org.uk). The Symposium will be on Thursday 2nd May. The programme will start with Registration and coffee at 1000-1045 and will end around 15.30. The DEHS Annual General Meeting will be held during the day. Jonathan Ayles, President-elect of the Newcomen Society and DEHS 2019 Burns Lecturer, will at 2pm deliver the “Cold War to Coal Trains”; there will also be two lectures in the morning – “The last Franco-British War”, by DEHS Chairman Dr Phil Judkins and “Choosing System Batteries” by Peter Butcher, DEHS ‘Transmission Lines’ Editor. During the day there will also be a display of equipment under restoration. All details for registration etc are on page 4.

Symposia at Shrivenham Call for Papers (C4P) the C4P for “The EW (Electromagnetic) Technology Conference scheduled 17-20 June is open. More information is available here: <https://www.cranfield.ac.uk/events/symposia/ewtc>

Finally That’s all folks. I’ve listed a few dates below, where you might consider joining us and the wider AOC community in 2019. 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

DEHS Burns Lecture STEAM Museum, Thursday 2 May 2019 – Further detail on page 4

AOC EW Europe 2019 Stockholm, Stockholmsmässan, 13-15 May 2019

Symposia at Shrivenham EW/EM Technology Conference 17 – 20 June 2019

DSEI EXCEL London 10-13 September 2019

DSEI UK Chapter EW/CEMA Seminar Joint Zone Theatre 15:00 – 17:00 Wednesday 12 Sept 2019

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

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.

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



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For drivers, a map is available on the STEAM website; and **DRIVERS PLEASE NOTE – Swindon is a complex town to navigate by road, and especially so at morning and evening rush hours. If in doubt, come by train if you can!** For those who opt to come by train, Swindon is easily reached via the London Paddington/ Bristol line, and STEAM is 10 - 20 minutes' walk from Swindon Railway Station. Turn right outside the Station, stay on the right-hand side pedestrian path and keep going until you come to a pedestrian sign that directs you through the GWR tunnel that connects to the Churchward site. Your route will pass English Heritage HQ and Thomas Homes apartments, soon leading to STEAM Museum.

Please send completed forms as soon as possible, and not later than **Saturday 27 April**, together with cheques made out to 'DEHS' for **£16 per person, to include coffee at registration, sandwich lunch and afternoon tea**) to:

Dr Phil Judkins, 18 St John's Square, Wakefield, West Yorkshire WF1 2RA.

Online payment: as an alternative to mailing forms and cheques, please email scan/image of form to philjudkins@btinternet.com and pay online via: PayPal to treasurer@dehs.org.uk, or BACS transfer to DEHS account No. 77535235 / Sort Code 55-70-10, with Ref "SL19 [Your surname & initials]"

BRING AN EXHIBIT OF INTEREST TO DISPLAY AT THIS SYMPOSIUM

We look forward to seeing you!

Please note that we normally acknowledge bookings by e-mail; by post ONLY if you enclose a Stamped Addressed Envelope



I will be attending the DEHS Burns Lecture Day on Thursday 2 May 2019:

Name(s):

Address:

.....Postcode:

E-mail:Tel:

I have paid by: cheque / PayPal / BACS transfer [Please underline as appropriate)

Letter on AOC Awards from the AOC Awards Chairman – Dr Bob Andrews MBE

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Group One – AOC Prestige Awards

01-03 – Joseph W. Kearney Pioneer Award - there are many UK EW pioneers still alive and kicking particularly at Thales, BAE and Leonardo.

01-04 – Anton D. Brees Lifetime Service Award (3) – there seems to be a UK nomination every year - great

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

Group Two – Electromagnetic Spectrum Operations (EMSO) Awards

02-01 – A.C. McMullin Electronic Attack (EA) – some great people involved in EA

02-02 – Jerry Sowell Electronic Protect (EP) – some very good EP candidates

02-03 – John Marks Electronic Warfare Support (ES) – also some very good ES candidates

02-04 – Electromagnetic Battle Management (EMBM)

02-05 – Jeffrey B. Jones Cyber Operations

02-06 – Directed Energy (DE) – a lot of work going on the UK on high power microwaves and high power lasers

02-07 – EO/IR – some very good specialists at Leonardo, Thales and DSTL in the EO/IR area

02-08 – Spec 4 James Davis Maintenance Award

02-09 – CTTCM 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 – Industry, DSTL as well as the military.

03-05 – International Achievement – another area to consider particularly in the military

So over to you and the UK BoD to come up with some excellent nominations this year. If you have any questions let me know and I would look forward to having the privilege of my awards team (including yourself of course) assessing great UK nominations for the annual AOC awards.

Best regards

Bob

Bob Andrews

AOC Awards Chairman