



07 November 2019

UK Chapter Christmas Awards Dinner
Immediate Action Needed

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 do 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 – without the "s"!

AOC 56th Annual Symposium was held 28 – 30 October, Convention center, Washington DC. As usual the "International" Symposium was largely about the US with lots of Government and DOD briefs on such interesting matters as US Acquisition. Not at all of interest to me and I suspect many of the US attendees. One good session was very welcome. It comprised a panel session of 4 relatively junior mostly former military talking very well about the Russian threat (3 speakers) and the PRC threat. It is the first time that I've heard any Americans accept that Russia and China (PRC) were way ahead of the US and that the gap was accelerating. It was slightly spoiled by the speaker at the Symposium Dinner who explained that Russia and China have "home advantage" which misses much of what they are capable of, and says more about US imperialism and expeditionary warfare. The STEM sessions were excellent ably assisted by UK and At-large AOC Director Professor David Stupples, who also gave an excellent ELINT brief to the Symposium delegates.

Artech House Two new Artech House EW-related publications have been announced. The first is "Photonic Applications for Radio Systems and Networks" by Fabio Cavaliere and Antonio D'Errico and the second "*The VNA Applications Handbook*", by Gregory Bonaguide and Neil Jarvis. Information about these 2 books is contained in 2 attachments to the email covering this newsletter. The Artech House website is at <https://uk.artechhouse.com>

DSTL "Operation in Future of EME Symposium" is scheduled for 19/20 December in London. Professor David Stupples will be talking about how "Emerging Radar and Communications Technologies present a growing Challenge to ELINT & COMINT Technical Collection" and I will present on "EME Evolution – Past to Future".

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 to join the AOC.



John Clifford OBE
UK Chapter President

SOME DATES FOR YOUR 2019 DIARY

**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**

**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.

To: Phil Davies E-mail: 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)? _____