

5 October 2018

AOC Elections – 2018 Christmas Awards Dinner

AOC Elections - the old joke about elections is *Vote Early and Vote Often*. Due to what the AOC refer to as a “glitch” the current election has been terminated early and any votes cast invalidated. For the sake of transparency and integrity of the election process, all votes placed to date will be voided in the system in order to restart with a clean slate. The AOC has expressed their apologies for any inconvenience. The problem has been rectified and a completely new election will be run from Saturday 15 September to Monday 15 October. Only around 10% of the AOC’s eligible 11,000 plus members generally vote; the non-US component stands at 20% of the overall membership, and is the fastest growing sector. Apparently, with 10 candidates for the 2 At-Large positions, voting is very tight. The tight vote and historically low turn-out, simply means that every vote really does counts. There are some supplementary voting issues this year to do with AOC governing documents. You can see the full election details and candidates here: <https://www.crows.org/page/elections> - **please vote**.

UK Chapter Constitution - the old UK Chapter Constitution was dated 2003. While it served us well, much has changed in the world of EW and in the AOC. Thank you to all of you who commented on the draft of our new Constitution. The final ratification draft was sent to AOC HQ on 27 August. On 18 September, AOC HQ has confirmed that the new UK Chapter Constitution has been approved. The new UK Chapter constitution is available to download on the Chapter website: www.ukaoc.org under the “Organisation” tab.

Christmas Awards Dinner 2018 -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 please book as early as possible. Please make an effort to join us; bring some friends even. We will be honouring our membership Director Ian Fish with the AOC Lifetime Achievement Award, John Wise MBE for Distinguished Service to the AOC and UK Chapter and Paul Bradbeer in recognition of Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in EW. Young members are especially welcome and the RAF Club is an interesting and excellent venue which is well worth a visit.

The BOD has agreed to subsidise the evening from Chapter funds so the cost will remain the same as the past couple of years £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. Many thanks, to Phil Davies, for once again making the arrangements for our Christmas party. PS – Phil’s email address is phildavie@aol.com – without the “s”!

Cyber Training for Veterans I came across a company claiming to be a “not for profit” company provide free training for military Veterans to help them develop cyber-related skills. It had a good write up in the press and online, with some impressive testimonials. Here’s an image from the company:



Please note that this is not an endorsement for the company by the UK BOD. It is provided because it might be of value to some of you. Clicking on images on their website (in an IT sandbox) triggered an anti-viral software response. Probably an over-reaction by my IT systems, but take care. Here is the link: <https://techvets.co/>. Here is one of the testimonials:

“Identifying, developing and measuring practical cyber security skills are the great challenge for all companies today. The Immersive Labs approach is the most exciting thing I’ve seen in this space: scalable, agile and appropriate to the way a new generation learns. It has the potential to disrupt and transform this crucial market.” Robert Hannigan, former GCHQ Director

Electronic Warfare and Cyber Operations Symposium (up to NATO SECRET) Cranfield and Shrivenham have announced that their next EW Symposium will be held 4/5 Dec 18. The agenda looks interesting and returns to the format and content used 3 or more years ago, under a new Director. You can find out more about it at: <https://www.cranfield.ac.uk/events/symposia/ew>

Finally That’s all folks. I’ve listed a few dates below, where you might consider joining us and the wider AOC community in 2018. 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. **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 to join the AOC** as it brings many on-line benefits like webinars and courses and networking opportunities, monthly copies of JED, a reference library and more - all helpful when learning new EW, EM-related or IW/IO/Cyber skills.



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SOME DATES FOR YOUR 2018/2019 DIARY

55th AOC Annual International Symposium Marriott Marquis DC, 27-29 November 2018

UK Chapter Christmas Awards Dinner – RAF Club Friday 14 December 2018

EW Symposium by Cranfield University at the Defence Academy 4/5 Dec 18

AOC EW Asia 2019 Marina Bay Sands Expo and Conference Centre **Singapore**, 29/30 January 2019

AOC EW Europe 2019 – Stockholmsmässan Exhibition and Conference Centre, **Stockholm**, Sweden, 13 – 15 May 2019; this is the 24th edition of EW Europe.

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.



CHRISTMAS AWARDS DINNER

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

Friday 14 December 2018

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 14 December 2018**. 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 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 2018 (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 by still possible, 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 2018. 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 14 December 2018**.

Name: AOC Membership No:

Guest(s):

Telephone: E-mail:

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