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Christmas Awards Dinner – Request for EW History Support – Awards

Christmas Awards Dinner 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. One of our large contingents of regulars will miss the Dinner as they are unfortunately working in California. Please make an effort to join us; bring some friends even. We will be honouring Wynne Davies with the AOC Lifetime Achievement Award and in absentia HMS OCEAN's EW team who after winning the Fleet EW Effectiveness award earlier in the year, has now been awarded the prestigious AOC NATO EW Operations award.

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 4. 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"!

Visit to NATO JEWCS Visits Director Dr Sue Robertson led a group of 13 members to NATO JEWCS for an excellent visit with some great feedback. Many thanks go to the CO of JEWCS, Cdr Chris Dobson USN, who made the visit possible and welcomed the group.



CDR Chris Dobson (US Navy) gave an enthusiastic speech about belonging to the AOC and said he was pleased to have such a well-informed audience. Stu Sweetlove gave a most interesting overview of JEWCS and the Chapter members had a very informative tour of JEWCS assets, meeting and interacting with the staff. Jim MacCulloch, who had a long association with JEWCS, presented a plaque to CDR Dobson on behalf of the chapter.

Vectors in Radar Technology 7/8 November University College London UK Chapter members joined around 100 eminent delegates at UCL. Our Academic Director Professor David Stupples presented on "*The Future of Battlefield ELINT against Emerging LPI Radar*" and I joined him and spoke about EW, Electromagnetic Operations (EMO) and the AOC. I've followed up with a letter of appreciation to UK Chapter member Professor Hugh Griffiths who organised the conference and included an email which he's offered to send to all the delegates about the AOC and how to join at a reduced rate, or even for free if aged under-26.

Collingwood Top EW Student Award



John "Jacey" Wise MBE represented the UK Chapter BOD and membership at an award ceremony at Collingwood on 29 September. The photograph shows him presenting a Chapter commendation and award cheque to the Top EW Student on the PO(EW) Qualifying course to LS(EW) Kelly.

UK EW Documentary – Request for Expertise I received a request this week from a UK company planning on making an EW Documentary. Here is the request based on a couple of emails from Ben Hudson:

I am writing on behalf of Woodcut Media, a production company based in London and Hampshire. We are currently in the research stages of a series that aims to tell stories of interesting military machines and I am focusing on an episode on "Electronic Warfare". Consequently I am looking for people with anecdotal and/or expert knowledge of electronic warfare who might be open to contribute their stories on screen. Woodcut Media is a production company that make historical war documentaries amongst other things: <http://woodcutmedia.com/>. We are currently in the research stages of this series, and I am looking into potential stories of electronic machines that have played significant roles in war. So, for example, things that have come up on the radar (excuse the pun) are the Aspidistra radio transmitter in Sussex, Cobra Mist Radar station in Suffolk, the Cold War story of Operation Ivy Bells etc. We are also looking at stories on smaller, handheld devices – the SCR 300/560 and the GEE-H radio navigation system, both of which were WWII devices. However we are open to any other stories of electronic devices with a good war story. Also, it is always helpful to be in contact with general experts in the field who might help tell the story of electronic warfare in general.

This looks like an interesting and potentially very useful project, so if you are willing and able to help please email Ben: bh13168.2013@my.bristol.ac.uk and please let Ian Fish, our membership executive director, know how you get on. We will also pass this request to the DEHS. Please help spread the word about EW.

New Articles Jacey Wise MBE has provided a report on "*Platform and Sensor News*" – many thanks to John for his prodigious and prestigious contributions, of which this is his 45th. Don't be shy – please feel free to contribute an article to the UK Chapter. As a reminder these articles are only available as attachments to UK Chapter Newsletters – they are not posted on our website. Any views contained in them are the author's alone. **To potential New Authors** - the UK Chapter membership includes many world class professionals and many of them are distinguished writers in

their own fields and on a wide variety of media. All of them are very happy to encourage new thinkers, writers and creative folk and to help them polish their work. Send your articles and let us work together to benefit the field of EW, cyber and EM manoeuvre operations. **In future** we will be looking for members willing to propose topics and mentor young military personnel on courses and specifically on course projects.

Finally That's all folks. I've listed a few dates below, where you might consider joining us and the wider AOC community in 2017 and 2018. In particular, we want as many Chapter members and guests as possible to join us at the **RAF Club Chapter Christmas Party and Awards Dinner on 8 December** to recognise the award winners and well, party! Mark it in your Diary now. More information is on page 4. 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 2017 / 2018 DIARY

54th AOC International Symposium and Convention - November 28 - 30, 2017
Marriott Marquis and DC Convention Center, Washington, DC
"Innovation and Change in Electromagnetic Warfare"

UK Chapter Christmas Awards Dinner – RAF Club Friday 8 December 2017

And for your 2018 Diary

Second AOC EW Singapore Conference – Marina Bay Sands, 30/31 January 2018

UK Chapter AGM, Thursday 22 March 2018, RAF Club, London

AOC EW Europe 2018, Congrès Bealieu, Lausanne, Switzerland, 5-7 June 2018

Visit to 30 Cdo Y Sqn Stonehouse Barracks Plymouth Date TBD 2018

Visit to 11 EOD Regiment, RAF Northolt, Date TBD 2018

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 8 December 2017

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 8 December 2017**. 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 2017 (or simply send Phil the information via email). Payment on the night is preferred 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 by a member after 4 Dec 2017. If you would like to pay early and send a 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 8 December 2016**.

Name: AOC Membership No:

Guest(s):

Telephone: E-mail:

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