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AOC Elections – Visit to NATO JEWCS - EW Seminar at DSEI 2017 - Young Adult Complimentary Membership

AOC Elections 2017 The AOC elections for President in 2018, At-large Director and local regional (US) Directors is about to start on 1 September. UK Chapter members can vote for the new President due to take up office at the Annual Symposium late in 2018 and the At-large post, for which there are two openings and 9 candidates, eight of whom are US citizens. It is noteworthy that the non-US candidate is our very own Academic Director, Professor David Stupples, who some of you will have heard speak at Chapter events and conferences in London, Rotterdam and Singapore on subjects like “EW in the Urban Environment” and “Hybrid Warfare” covering areas such as EW in the fight against terrorist and Russia’s recent military actions and capabilities. Only around 10% of the AOC’s 13,000 plus members generally vote; the non-US component stands at 20% of the overall membership, and is the fastest growing sector. The low turn-out means that every vote counts. David’s thesis is that more non-US AOC directors makes sense, and is indeed essential to the future well-being and growth of the Association. Certainly, International Region 1 Director Dr Sue Robertson, who is also a UK Chapter director, has already made a big positive impact in looking after non-US members interests in the few month’s she has been on the Board. AOC Chapters are not permitted to endorse individual candidates or work to get them elected but if you want to make a difference, please vote. You can read all the statements of those standing for election at www.crows.org or here: [CLICK HERE](#) Bottom-line, please take part and vote early.

Visit to NATO JEWCS Visits Director Dr Sue Robertson has worked with NATO JEWCS to finalise a visit there on Wednesday 1 November 2017. NATO JEWCS do a great job and this is sure to be a great and popular visit. So sign up as soon as possible – numbers are limited. More information is available on page 3 below, together with the registration details.

AOC Pavilion & EW Seminar DSEI 12-15 September 2017, ExCeL, London Dockland. In a new departure for 2017 the AOC Pavilion will be in the prestigious Joint Zone for the 4 days of DSEI. The **first DSEI AOC EW Seminar** will be held in the West Theatre starting 15:00 – 16:30 on Day 1, Tuesday 12 September. Air Marshal Phillip Sturley is chairing the seminar; speakers include Maj Gen Borys Kremenetskyi, Ukraine Defence and Air Attaché; Professor David Stupples; Wg Cdr Garry Crosby RAF (Retd) and Cdr Dave Hewitt. Immediately after the Seminar, the UK Chapter and entire AOC will recognise Dr Alfred Price’s lifetime contribution to EW, by presenting his AOC EW Technology Hall of Fame award to members of his family.

Defence Electronics History Society (DEHS) 2017 Autumn Symposium The DEHS Autumn Symposium will again be held at STEAM, Swindon; this year on Friday 13 October. The title is **Savage “Little” Wars** and includes experts talking about the Russo-Japanese War; the Rhodesian Bush War; Habbaniya, Iraq 1941, and a contrasting look at British Intelligence and German Abwehr on the Eastern Front and D-Day. More details and a booking form are on page 4 below; a discount is available for AOC members.

New Chapter Flyer The BOD has updated the UK Chapter flyer. A PDF version is available from a link on the UK Chapter website; a copy is attached to this newsletter. If you would like some printed copies for recruitment, please let me know and I will send you some.

AOC Young Adult Complimentary Membership The AOC is introducing a complimentary 3-year membership scheme for young adults under the age of 26 in a 5-year trial. Apart from being free, membership is identical to regular membership and gives access to the monthly Journal of Electronic Defense, voting in AOC elections, e-Crow weekly news updates, and in the case of the

UK, access to our events, Chapter newsletter, meetings and possibly conferences. You can download the membership form from the AOC HQ website: <http://www.crows.org/membership/individual-membership.html> Follow by clicking, near the bottom of the page on: [Interactive Free 25 and under Membership Application Form](#) . Completed forms should be sent to Blain Bekele (blain@crows.org) with a copy sent to our membership director, Ian Fish (piscene1@gmail.com) so we can help to resolve any issues, if they arise. You can also contact UK Chapter Board members via our own website www.UKAOC.org and the contacts page.

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. 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.** 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

DSEI Excel London 2017 – 12-15 September 2017 www.dsei.co.uk/

Visit to NATO JEWCS – RNAS Yeovilton, 1 November 2017

DEHS Autumn Symposium, Savage “Little” Wars STEAM, Swindon, Friday 13 October 2017

Visit to 30 Cdo Y Sqn Stonehouse Barracks Plymouth Date TBD 2017/2018

Visit to 11 EOD Regiment, RAF Northolt, Date TBD 2017/ 2018

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, RAC Club, London

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



VISIT TO NATO JEWCS

Wednesday 1st November 2017

Your Board is very pleased to announce that NATO Joint EW Core Staff (JEWCS) have offered to host a visit by AOC chapter members on **Wednesday 1st November 2017**.

NATO Joint Electronic Warfare Core Staff (JEWCS) is located at RNAS Yeovilton (Taranto Way, Yeovil **BA22 8HT**).

The visit will be unclassified; please bring and carry at all times photo ID.

The provisional timetable for the visit is as follows:

10:30	Arrival at NATO JEWCS & Registration for Pass
10:40	Welcome to AOC UK Chapter members
10:50	Introduction to NATO JEWCS
12:00	Lunch in the Wardroom
13:15	Tour of JEWCS assets
15:15	Wash-up Session & Plaque Presentation
15:30	Depart

This visit is likely to prove very popular so it is only open to AOC members at this time. If spaces are available nearer the date then guests of AOC members can be accommodated.

Members wishing to attend should send the following information by e-mail to Sue Robertson as soon as possible (sue@gpl.co.uk).

Full Name:

Company:

AOC Number:

Car Make, Model and Registration:

Nationality:

Mobile Phone:

Any special dietary requirements:



DEFENCE ELECTRONICS HISTORY SOCIETY

2017 AUTUMN SYMPOSIUM

SAVAGE 'LITTLE' WARS

FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER 2017

This year's Autumn Symposium will again be held at STEAM, Museum of the Great Western Railway, Fire Fly Avenue, Swindon, SN2 2EY (www.steam-museum.org.uk). For drivers, a map is available on that website; but **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 this year 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. Steam has its own café, and there are other eateries close by; near at hand also is a Designer Outlet, and so given our Symposium, a Designer Outlet and other shops and cafes, all tastes should be catered for!

The Symposium programme will start with Registration and coffee at 0900-1000 and will end around 17.00. The DEHS Annual Meeting will be held during the day. Presentation topics will include Professor Graeme Gooday and Dr Liz Bruton, on the *Russo-Japanese War*; Brian Austin, on the *Rhodesian Bush War*; Mike Dudgeon, on *Habbaniya, Iraq, 1941*; and in the 'little' war of espionage, a two-screen two-speaker presentation by Arthur Bauer and Phil Judkins on *Klatt-Ostro-Josephine*, contrasting British intelligence and the German Abwehr on these three key agents for the Eastern Front and the D-Day invasion.

Please send completed forms as soon as possible, and not later than **Saturday 30 September**, together with cheques made out to 'DEHS' (DEHS, RAF ADRM, VMARS, AOC, IET HoT TPN, Newcomen Society, CEMT or PRMT members **£16 per person, non-members £20 per person, to include coffee at registration, sandwich lunch and afternoon tea**) to:

Simon Blumlein, 13 Heathfield Road, Petersfield, Hampshire GU31 4DG

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 Symposium on 13 October 2017

Name(s):

Affiliation (Please underline as appropriate):

DEHS/ RAF ADRM/ AOC/ VMARS/ IET HoT TPN/ Newcomen Society/ CEMT/PRMT/None

Address:

.....Postcode:

E-mail:.....Tel: