

STOP PRESS – Chapter of the Year

Just as we were about to publish this newsletter AOC HQ announced that the **UK Chapter had been voted Chapter of the Year for an unprecedented 5th year in succession.** BZ to all who helped make 2015/2016 another extraordinary year for the UK Chapter.

AOC Awards In addition to the awards and winners mentioned last month, the Board is delighted to announce that Julian Grenfell has been awarded the AOC Distinguished Service Award for 50 years of significant service to the cause of EW and for distinguished contributions to the AOC Chapter; the award will be presented at the Annual Christmas Awards Dinner at the RAF Club on 9 December 2016.

Apprentice Award. On the subject of awards, during the AGM, we briefly discussed recognizing the achievements of UK EW industry apprentices with a suitable competitive award. What we need now are some ideas regarding how such an award, or awards, might work in practice. If your company runs a scheme recognising top apprentices please get in touch with the BOD and specifically Chris Howe (cahowe500@gmail.com) and share your ideas. Any ideas from all our nearly 500 members are welcome.

Visit to Type 45 AAW Destroyer HMS Dauntless. Once again members of the UK Chapter enjoyed a most educational and enlightening visit to HMS Dauntless whilst she was alongside in Portsmouth Naval Base. On a fine sunny afternoon of Wednesday 3rd August 2016, 20 members of the AOC UK Chapter were hosted by Lt Ian Ball of HMS Dauntless and his colleagues in what was a fascinating look behind the scenes of one of the UK Royal Navy's latest AAW Destroyers. The tour of the ship allowed UK Chapter members to receive briefings on ship Command and Control, Navigation, EW, Operations and a general appreciation of life on board a naval warship. A most informative and memorable visit was had by all and a big thank you to HMS Dauntless for allowing us to come aboard.



Photographs of Chris Howe MBE presenting a Chapter Plaque and Chapter Members

This latest visit was one in an ongoing visit/events programme run by the UK Chapter Board of Directors and many more are planned, please take a moment to appraise yourself of what else we have in the pipeline by visiting the events page on the website <http://www.ukaoc.org/> and consider joining us at a future event. Indeed if you think you also know of a venue that would appeal and be suitable to be part of the visits programme please do not hesitate to contact a Board Member with your suggestion.

AOC Elections The AOC BOD has announced a change in elections dates:

The Election time frame has been shifted this year. Elections will start September 1st and run through September 31st. The election guide is in the June 2016 JED issue and then it will run again in August 2016 JED Issue.

International Region 1 Nominees are: Pierre-Alain Antoine (France); Johannes Naumann (Germany), and our very own Sue Robertson, who was nominated by the UK Chapter Board. More information on the candidates was in the June JED and can be found under the quick links on the AOC website home page (www.crows.org). On-line voting will open on 1 September and close on 30 September. Every vote in what is usually a low turnout counts, so please make the effort to vote.

US AOC 5-Eyes Classified Conferences I've been campaigning for the US to open up some of their SECRET US-only conferences to the wider AOC community and they have responded. Last year's inaugural Cyber Electromagnetic Activities (CEMA) had around 20 5-Eyes attendees and they are hoping for more this year (18-20 Oct, Aberdeen Testing ground). More details and the call for papers can be found here: <http://www.crows.org/event/192-aoc-conferences/2016/10/18/69-cema-2016.html>. You can also find details at www.crows.org about the 5th Annual AOC PACOM conference scheduled (8-9 Nov, Oahu (HA)) which is unclassified but followed by a 1-day 5-Eyes SECRET workshop.

Air Defence Radar Museum Visit Ian Fish has confirmed the visit to the UK's Air Defence Radar Museum for 29 September. The Chapter-subsidized visit has been warmly and enthusiastically welcomed by the Chairman of the ADRM's Board of Trustees, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Allison, who many of you will no doubt remember. The museum, which is located at the world's longest continuously operating radar site, provides a unique window into the history of radar and is a great day out in Norfolk, for all the family. The museum is located at Neatishead, close to Horning and the Broads. They have a great website, which is well worth a visit: www.radarmuseum.co.uk. The details and booking form are below on page 3. As an aside, we are also working on a visit to 11 EOD Regiment at RAF Northolt at some point in 2016 or 2017.

New Articles 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. Jacey Wise MBE has once again done us proud with another short article, this time on radars and DF with a couple of other snippets.

Finally That's all folks. I've listed a few dates below where you might consider joining us and the wider AOC community in 2016. 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 – but ultimately, what are you doing to recruit more members and join in our activities?



John Clifford OBE
UK Chapter President

SOME DATES FOR YOUR 2016 DIARY

Visit to Air Defence Radar Museum, Neatishead, Norfolk, 29 Sept 2016

Visit to 11 EOD Regiment, RAF Northolt, Date TBD 2016

Christmas Dinner and Award Ceremony, RAF Club 9 Dec 2016, Black Tie and Miniatures preferred.

AOC EW Europe 2017 – London, 6-8 June 2017, Olympia Conference Centre.

Check out our website at www.ukaoc.org

You can also check out **career opportunities** there too, by clicking on the **"News"** Tab and **"EW Job Vacancies"** tab.

If your company would like to advertise job vacancies please contact Chris Howe MBE (cahowe500@gmail.com)

Visit to RAF Air Defence Radar Museum

Thursday 29th September 2016

Your Board is very pleased to announce that a visit to the RAF Air Defence Radar Museum (ADRM) has been arranged for AOC members. The museum, which is located on the site of the world's longest continuously operating radar site, provides a unique window into the history of radar. We will be given a guided tour of the museum and will take lunch in the café.



The museum has twenty exhibition rooms, including a Cold war Ops room. Exhibits include the Type 95 Radar and Bloodhound Missile System. More details on the exhibits can be found on the museum web-site, www.radarmuseum.co.uk.



Members may wish to combine a visit to ADRM with a visit to City of Norwich Aviation Museum (Horsham St Faith) - www.cnam.org.uk - which contains, inter alia, an exhibit about 100 Group.

VISIT LOCATION and TIME

The museum is located at Neatishead, close to Horning and the Norfolk Broads. The visit will commence at 11:00 and is expected to finish at about 15:00.

COST OF VISIT

The visit (including a buffet lunch) will be subsidised chapter funds with the cost to members set at £10 per person, collectable on the day.

AOC Members wishing to attend should send an email to Sue Robertson (sue@gpl.co.uk). Please include the following information in your message:

Full Name: AOC Membership No.:

Mobile No.: Email Address: