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AOC Awards – AOC EW London – Young Person Free Memberships

AOC Awards The Board of the UK Chapter is delighted to announce 2 major awards. Dr Alfred Price has been posthumously selected to join the AOC EW Technology Hall of Fame and Wg Cdr Wynne Davies RAF (Retd) has been selected to receive the Colonel Anton D. Brees Lifetime Service Award. The Board is in the process of finalizing a suitable award ceremony, for Alfred's family which will probably be at DSEI in September.

Fleet EW Effectiveness Award Chapter President John Clifford OBE and Board member Dave Peck travelled to HMS Excellent on 23 May to recognise the winners of the Fleet EW Effectiveness Trophy and to hand over a cheque and Commendation.



HMS Ocean's EW Team, Ocean CO Captain Robert Pedre and Rear Admiral Paul Bennett (Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Capability)) with John Clifford OBE and David Peck

“Unstinting efforts on front-line operations in the Middle East and a string of exercises from the expanse of the Atlantic to the narrow waters of the Baltic and Adriatic earned Britain's biggest warship an effectiveness award. The nine-strong electronic warfare team aboard HMS Ocean headed 180 miles from their native Devonport to Portsmouth to receive the Fleet EW Effectiveness Trophy, presented to CPO(EW) Toby Hunt by Rear Admiral Paul Bennett, Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Capability). EW is a trade which doesn't often pop its head above the media parapet because of the nature of the job: detecting, identifying and, if necessary, countering electronic emissions from ships, submarines and aircraft. But just as a well-trained sonar operator can identify a class of ship or submarine from its noise signature, so an experienced 'golly' can do likewise based on electronic output. Ocean's gollies found themselves thrust into anti-submarine warfare (Exercise Deep Blue 2) in the Atlantic, amphibious exercises Griffin Strike (around the UK) and Albanian Lion (in the Adriatic), as well as the annual amphibious task group workout, JEF(M), to the Mediterranean and Gulf. Throughout, Ocean's EW team provided both the ship and the wider RN with a first-rate service, acknowledged by Admiral Bennett, in a very strong year across the board by the golly department who headed to Portsmouth to receive the trophy in the presence of the Mighty O's CO Capt Robert Pedre and the Association of Old Crows, who were equally impressed by the assault ship's contribution; its representative John Clifford presented a cheque and trophy to reinforce the ringing endorsement.” [From an article at www.royalnavy.mod.uk]

AOC EW London 6-8 June 2017 The AOC EW event at the Olympia Conference Centre was outstanding across the board. Fifty top international speakers covered the entire AOC mission area on Wednesday and Thursday with another 10 at the Intelligence Workshop on Tuesday. Feedback was 100% of responders expressing satisfaction with a very high percentage rating the event as good or excellent. The exhibition hall, with 65 companies was packed throughout and had a great "buzz". Chapter volunteers staffed the AOC stand, organised the prize draw, provided advice and information, chaired sessions and generally helped out, – many thanks to Chris Howe MBE, John Wise, Roger Hannaford, Phil Davies, David Peck, Professor David Stupples (who also gave an excellent presentation on "EW in the Urban Environment"), Richie Canale, Sue Robertson, Bob Andrews MBE and Air Marshal Phillip Sturley. Jane and Anne helped out too. The team recruited 45 new members; over half were from the UK and will be joining our Chapter and the rest were from 12 other countries.

AOC Young Person Complimentary Membership The AOC is introducing complimentary 3-year memberships scheme for those age 18 and over up until an individual's 26 birthday. 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. AOC HQ is working on the arrangements; when we find out more information early in July, we will work to make it work in the UK. If you have any ideas, please don't hesitate to contact the Board (email re-router on UK Chapter website).

DSEI Volunteer 12-15 September 2017, ExCeL, London Dockland - Volunteers Needed. The Chapter have once again been invited to host an AOC stand during DSEI. Volunteers are needed to run the stand over the 4 days of the show and will each receive an "Exhibitor" badge which allows early and easier access. Apart from helping the Chapter out, hopefully recruiting new members and explaining the role of EW, the AOC and the UK Chapter, volunteers have access to all that DSEI has to offer as the largest defence and security exhibition in the world. If you are willing to volunteer please send an email with availability details and I will make the arrangements – jonclif@aol.com. In a new departure for 2017 the AOC Pavilion will be in the prestigious Joint Zone and we will host the first DSEI EW seminar in the Western Theatre starting 15:30 – 17:00 on Day 1 Tuesday 12 September. The AOC will provide assistance with travel and subsistence to volunteers.

DSEI AOC Pavilion Guest Code – If you would like to attend DSEI 2017 and the AOC EW Pavilion as a guest of the AOC, you can register at <https://clarion.circdata-solutions.co.uk/microsites/rfg/publish/DSEI17/default.aspx>

At the top of the second page there is a box to enter a guest code. If you would like the code for your own personal use, please email me via the Chapter website and I will send it to you.

New Articles Jacey Wise MBE has provided a new article "*A New Threat*" – many thanks John for your prodigious and prestigious contributions, of which this is his 41th. 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.

AOC Memberships Benefits – Webinars Chapter members can access the AOC's Live Virtual series of cutting edge webinars as well as the on-demand Virtual Series of presentations. Simply

log onto the home page at www.crows.org and click on the webinar of interest. You can also access back-issues of JED - click on the "Publications" Tab then "JED" for more information.

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. 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. In particular, please send ideas about recognising suitable individuals or organisations for AOC and/or UK Chapter awards. We are particularly keen on encouraging apprentices in industry, academics and serving personnel learning new EW-related skills.



John Clifford OBE
UK Chapter President

SOME DATES FOR YOUR 2017 DIARY

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

Visit to 30 Cdo Y Sqn Stonehouse Barracks Plymouth Date **September TBC 2017**

DEHS Autumn Symposium, Shrivenham, 13 October 2017 – Programme and application form next month – July 2017

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

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

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.

And for your 2018 Diary

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

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

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