

15 November 2015

## Christmas Awards Dinner Winners Announced!

**Chapter Nominations** In 2015 as President with Chapter BOD approval I successfully nominated 2 UK Chapter members for the highest possible Chapter Awards.

### UK Chapter AOC Outstanding Achievement Award – Dr Jim Wickes

Citation: Awarded to Doctor Jim Wickes by the AOC UK Chapter in Recognition of Outstanding Achievement throughout his Career in the field Electronic Warfare.

### UK Chapter AOC Outstanding Service Award – FS Brendon Monckton

Citation: Awarded to Flight Sergeant Brendon Monckton by the Association of Old Crows UK Chapter for Distinguished Service to Electronic Warfare

Come along to the Christmas Dinner to learn more about the awards and what the winners did to deserve them. Dr Jim and his wife have accepted an invitation to attend as our guest at the Christmas Dinner and FS Monckton has been invited.

**Chapter Support** The BOD recognized the work of 30 Cdo and Y Sqn RM last year for their outstanding work in running Exercise Listening Lion in 2014. Subsequently we helped craft a submission for the UK team at the NATO EW Advisory Committee. NEWAC agreed by consensus and the Unit was successfully nominated for the **NATO AOC EW Operational Award**. Lt Col Rob Lynch, former OC Y Sqn, will receive the Award at the AOC Annual Symposium in Washington, where he now works. I will bring it back to the UK to present it to Y Sqn members who will again join us at the RAF Club for the Christmas Awards Dinner

**For Completeness ...** Many congratulations to Dr Bob Andrews MBE from me personally, the BOD and I'm sure all our members. Bob has been awarded the **AOC Hal Gershanoff Silver Medal**, the AOC's highest award for service to the AOC, after being nominated by the US AOC BOD. He will receive the hugely deserved Award at the AOC Symposium, and hopefully bring it and show it us all at the UK Chapter Christmas Dinner.

**UK Chapter Christmas Dinner and Awards Evening 2015 – Friday 11 December** Time is pressing! Last year's Chapter Christmas Dinner was great fun and gave us a chance to recognise the achievements of some of our members – it was also the largest in a very long time. We want it to be bigger and even better this December but places are limited so please book as early as possible – now! As noted above, we will be recognising the achievements of several UK personnel. Black tie was a hit last year so they will be the preferred choice again this year, but is not essential. You will find more information and an application form below. Many thanks, to Phil Davies, for once again making the arrangements for our Christmas party. PS – Phil's email address is [phildavie@aol.com](mailto:phildavie@aol.com) – without the "s"!

**Finally** That's all folks. I've listed a few dates below, where you might consider joining us and the wider AOC community in what remains of 2015 and 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 members to become actively involved in what the Chapter does – any ideas are welcome.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Clifford'.

John Clifford OBE  
UK Chapter President

## **SOME DATES FOR YOUR 2015 / 2016 DIARY**

**AOC 52nd Symposium** 1 - 3 December 2015, **New Venue** Marriott Marquis DC and Convention Center, Washington, DC - <http://www.crows.org/conventions/2015.html>

**11<sup>th</sup> Classified 5-Eyes EW Symposium** 8-9 December 2015, Defence Academy, Shrivenham:  
<http://www.cranfield.ac.uk/about/events/listings/symposia/ew.html>

**UK Chapter Christmas Dinner** 11 Dec 2015, RAF Club, Awards Dinner, Black-tie preferred, flyer below.

**UK Chapter AGM** 18:30 Wednesday 16 Mar 2016, RAF Club, London

**Visit to RN Type 45 Destroyer**, Portsmouth TBD 2016

**AOC EW Europe 2016** 10-12 May 2016, Ahoy Conference Centre, Rotterdam, Netherlands.  
[www.eweurope.com](http://www.eweurope.com)

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



# CHRISTMAS AWARDS DINNER

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

**Friday 11 December 2015**

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 11 December 2015**. 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** 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 4 December 2015 (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 7 Dec 2015. If you would like to pay early and send a cheque please contact Phil and he will provide his address.

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To: Phil Davies

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I wish to attend the AOC Christmas Dinner on **Friday 11 December 2015**.

Name:

AOC Membership No: Guest(s):

Telephone:

E-mail:

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