

Christmas Awards Dinner

Chapter Christmas Dinner With the end of the year fast approaching, it's time to start planning to celebrate 2016 and get ready for 2017. 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. We want it to be bigger and even better this December but places are limited so please book as early as possible – now! 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 3. Many thanks go 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"!

UK AOC Awards Very many congratulations to Phil Davies and Dr Clive Coleman who were this year awarded two of the highest AOC awards there are and who will receive them at the Banquet at the 53rd AOC Symposium on 30 November.

Anton D. "Tony" Brees Lifetime Service Award – Wg Cdr Phil Davies RAF (Retd)
AOC Technology Hall of Fame – Dr Clive Coleman

Dr Jim Wickes was awarded the highest AOC technical honour available:

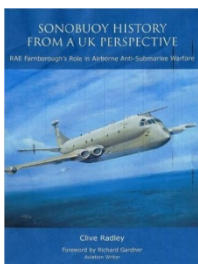
Joseph W. Kearney Pioneer Award – Dr Jim Wickes

Jim is unable to attend the 53rd AOC Symposium and it will be a great privilege for the Chapter to make the award at the Christmas Dinner.

Julian Grenfell was also recognised and will receive his extremely well deserved **Distinguished Service Award** at the Dinner.

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. John "Jacey" Wise MBE has once again done us proud with another short article, this time on Radar Contract News with an interesting note on Chinese Quantum Radar.

Book I was contacted by Clive Ridley who has had a long career DRA/DERA/Qinetiq and several defence industry companies. He is currently retired from paid employment but works for the Farnborough Air Sciences Trust (FAST), where he project managed a new exhibit focused on the RAE's involvement with sonobuoys. This led to him writing a book – Sonobuoy History from a UK perspective. Now I know that this isn't strictly something that the AOC covers, but I thought it might be of interest to some of you. Besides, our very own Dr Sue Robertson contributed a section on the demise of the MRA4.



Any profits go to FAST. You can find the book at online bookshops or direct from Clive (cliver9090@gmail.com).

Apprentice Award. If your company runs a scheme recognizing 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.

Visits We are working on a visit to 11 EOD Regiment at RAF Northolt at some point in 2017 and working with 30 Cdo on a visit to Eastern Kings Fort, in Plymouth, home of Y Sqn RM, early in 2017. If you have any ideas for visits, or wish to propose/offer one, please the BOD know.

Finally That's all folks. I hope to see some of you at the Christmas Dinner. 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 /2017 DIARY

53rd AOC Annual International Symposium, Washington DC, Nov 29 – Dec 1, 2016, Marriott Marquis and DC Convention Center. <http://www.crows.org/conventions/2016.html>

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

AOC EW Singapore 2017 – Marina Bay Sands, Singapore, 17-18 January 2017
<http://www.ewsingapore.com/>

UK CHAPTER AGM – Millennium Suite, RAF Club, 18:00 Thursday 16 March 2017

AOC EW Europe 2017 – London, 6-8 June 2017, Olympia Conference Centre
<https://www.eweuropa.com/>

Visit to 30 Cdo Y Sqn, Eastern Kings Fort, Plymouth Date TBD 2017

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

Check out our website at www.ukaoc.org

You can also check out **career opportunities** there too, by clicking on the Home Page button
If your company would like to advertise job vacancies contact Chris Howe (cahowe500@gmail.com)



CHRISTMAS AWARDS DINNER

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

Friday 9 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 9 December 2016**. 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 2 December 2016 (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 5 Dec 2016. 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 9 December 2016**.

Name:

AOC Membership No:

Guest(s):

Telephone:

E-mail:

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