

Christmas Dinner and AOC Awards

AOC Elections Many congratulations to Dr Sue Robertson, who was elected as AOC International Region 1 Director, in the recent AOC elections. Sue will undoubtedly be a major asset to the AOC BOD, just as she is to the UK Chapter. Thanks to all of you who voted in the elections – the turnout was around 9% of the electorate. News of the results was delayed because the second US Board member position remarkably tied in an unprecedented result which has apparently seen considerable debate about how to proceed. A full telecon is planned by the AOC BOD on Friday to decide the winner – personally, I think that the toss of a coin to decide who won would be equally viable, fairer and probably less contentious in the long run. Sue will take over from Bob at the 53rd AOC International Symposium at the end of November. If you are there, be sure to congratulate Sue. You can read AOC President Dave Hime’s election report on eCrow (19 Oct). Looks like the US is having an interesting year, elections-wise!

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, 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 Jim Wickes, Phil Davies and Clive Coleman who were this year awarded several of the highest AOC awards there are and who will receive them at the Banquet at the 53rd AOC Symposium on 30 November. We will also recognise and congratulate them at the Christmas Dinner.

Joseph W. Kearney Pioneer Award – Dr Jim Wickes

Anton D. “Tony” Brees Lifetime Service Award – Wg Cdr Phil Davies RAF (Retd)

AOC Technology Hall of Fame – Dr Clive Coleman

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

Another Award was presented to **James Day Watson** for a lifetime of support to the SIGINT community. The idea of an award for Day was put forward by a US Company, COMINT Consulting and enthusiastically supported by a number of other European businesses, including Marlborough Communications Ltd here in the UK. Some friends of Day met near Bristol in September for a lunch and Day was presented with his **Outstanding Achievement Award**.



John Clifford presents Day with his Award



Day Watson and friends

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 new Russian Radars.

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.

Air Defence Radar Museum Visit Sue Robertson and Ian Fish collectively ran a very successful visit on 29th September to the UK's Air Defence Radar Museum which 10 members participated in.



Ian Fish presents a Chapter Plaque to ADRM Trustee Dave Lowry



The Chapter ADRM Visitors

We are also working on a visit to 11 EOD Regiment at RAF Northolt at some point in 2016 or 2017 and working with 30 Cdo on a visit to Eastern Kings Fort, in Plymouth, home of Y Sqn RM.

Cyber Essentials A Chapter newsletter reader, Simon Radley (simon.radley@sjgdigital.com) sent a short note which may be of interest to some Chapter members:
"Are you Cyber Protected? From January 2017, if you do not hold a valid Cyber Essentials Certificate you will find it difficult to contract with the MOD either directly or as a subcontractor in a supply chain."
Here is a link to the Government's information on the subject: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cyber-essentials-scheme-overview> (or search for Cyber Essentials if you don't trust links!). And here is an example of one of 4 Cyber Essentials consortia accredited by the Government: <https://www.iasme.co.uk/> - you can find the others online.

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?

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

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/>

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

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)?