



UK CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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AOC Elections – Voting is Open

AOC Elections Voting opened on 1 September and will run until 30 September. There is also a postal option, which closes earlier. All AOC members should have received an email announcing the opening with a hyperlink to the voting site run by an independent company. A copy of the HQ email is also being forwarded to you with this newsletter. Chapter BOD's and members are not allowed to canvass for individuals. From our perspective, it is vital to get the right person as international Region 1 Director, which is why the BOD unanimously endorsed Dr Sue Robertson's nomination for the post. If you do nothing else regarding the elections, **please vote for the International Region 1 Director post.**

International Region 1 Nominees are: Pierre-Alain Antoine (France); Johannes Naumann (Germany), and our very own Sue Robertson. More information on the candidates was in the June and August JED's and can be found under the quick links on the AOC website home page (www.crows.org). There is also a link in the mail attachment to this newsletter. In what is usually a low turn-out election, every vote is vital, so please vote.

Air Defence Radar Museum Visit Sue Robertson is running the visit scheduled for 29th September to the UK's Air Defence Radar Museum, set up by Ian Fish. Both Directors will join Chapter members and their guests for the visit. This 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 and working with 30 Cdo on a visit to Eastern Kings Fort, in Plymouth, home of Y Sqn RM.

Just as we were about to publish the previous Newsletter AOC HQ announced that the **UK Chapter had been awarded Chapter of the Year for an unprecedented 5th year in succession.** The Chapter will be recognised at the 53rd AOC Symposium later in the year.

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 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.

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. John "Jacey" Wise MBE has once again done us proud with another short article, this time on market research predications relating to military and civil radars.

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 /2017 DIARY

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

Defence Electronic History Society 2016 Autumn Symposium, STEAN, the museum of the Great Western Railway, Swindon, Tuesday 6 Oct 2016: <http://www/dehs.org.uk>

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 **"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, their families and guests. 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: