



9 May 2020

**BEREAVEMENT** It is with much sadness I must inform UK Chapter members that our President, Wing Commander John Clifford OBE, passed away on Tuesday 5 May 2020. As many of you will know, John was UK Chapter President for many years but was also a stalwart in the EW community, both here in the UK and globally, for well over 40 years both in his RAF service and in the years since his extensive and impressive military career. His achievements are truly endless and to even attempt to make a deserving tribute here would simply not do him justice. To that end, a proper and deserving tribute will be forthcoming in due course. Rest in Peace John and Thank You Sir

Note: Chris Howe MBE, UK Chapter Vice President, will stand in as Acting President until such times as a new UK Chapter President can be determined and elected under the specified procedure.

**AGM 2020** The 2020 Annual General Meeting of the UK Chapter was scheduled for 17 March 2020 however sadly, due to the current crisis caused by the Coronavirus, the Board of Directors took the decision to cancel the physical AGM. The decision was not taken lightly, but it was felt that the safety of our members may well be compromised by having to undertake travel up to and through the London transport system to attend. Instead the Board held an online meeting. The minutes of that meeting can be found here: <http://www.ukaoc.org/AGMs.html> . Please monitor the website and read UK Chapter newsletters for any future announcements re UK Chapter or other AOC events.

**AOC EW Europe 2020 – Liverpool 25<sup>th</sup> AOC Europe conference.** This large EW/EME conference and exhibition has been re-scheduled for 16 -18 November, owing to the Covid-19 Lockdown. Please refer to <https://www.eweuropa.com/#/> for more details. If the conference goes ahead, albeit with Social Distancing rules in place, and if you feel it is safe to do so, do come and join us for the Silver Jubilee of AOC Europe events, many of which have been held in the UK.

**Proposed Visit to 30 Cdo Y Sqn in Plymouth.** Dr Sue Robertson has arranged a visit to 30 Cdo Y Sqn RM on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020. However, due to the Covid-19 Lockdown it is now unlikely to go ahead as planned. Once the current situation is resolved a future date will be agreed.

**Possible Visit to Josef Pilsudski Institute in London** Visit has been put on hold for the time being.

**EW Technology Conference.** Cranfield University in association with dstl were running an EW Technology Conference at Shrivenham in June. It will come as no surprise to hear that this has been cancelled and will run 07-10 Jun 2021. The call for papers still stands. More information and contact detail can be found here:

<https://www.cranfield.ac.uk/events/symposia/ewtc>

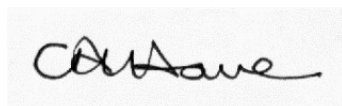
**AOC Trial Membership** A new 3-month trial membership is currently available. By using the code 3MON directly on the AOC HQ website, all of us can perhaps encourage new members to take advantage of this offer. It is available to anyone and after the 90-day trial the membership can be converted to a paid one for just \$25. So why not spread the word amongst the EW community you work or socialise in.

**AOC Membership Benefits** AOC membership provides an outstanding monthly magazine written by passionate world-renowned experts, exclusive on-line access to frequent Webinars with over 90 hours or so of content from world leading academics and military specialists, career advice, CPD at some events, and much more. Here is the perfect reading matter for Lock-Down.

**Serving Military 1-Year Complimentary Membership** As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the AOC BOD has agreed to offer 1-year complimentary membership to serving military. The UK Chapter has been working with the AOC to develop a straightforward practical scheme for individuals, units, stations, etc, who might benefit themselves, the military and the UK, from knowing more about EW, EM Operations including SIGINT, CEMA, IW/IO, cyber, etc. in the warfare contexts of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century including A2/AD, Multi-Domain Warfare, Hybrid Warfare and so on. AOC membership provides an outstanding monthly magazine written by passionate world-renowned experts, access to frequent Webinars and to the 90 hours or so of content from world leading academics and military specialists, career advice, CPD at some events, and much more. The arrangements are now in place. Please contact Membership Director Ian Fish for more information [piscene1@gmail.com](mailto:piscene1@gmail.com).

**Finally** I've listed a few dates below, where you might consider joining us and the wider AOC community in 2020. Do 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. The 3-year young adult complimentary membership is a great initiative and one the UK Chapter has worked towards for many years – please think about it and use it wisely, for example let your apprentice and training teams know about it. Please send ideas about recognising suitable individuals or organisations for AOC and/or UK Chapter awards. We are particularly keen to encourage apprentices in industry, academics and serving personnel learning new EW-related skills.

Take care out there everyone and stay safe



Chris Howe MBE  
UK Chapter Vice President (Acting President)

### **SOME FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR 2020 DIARY**

**AOC EW Liverpool**, 16 – 18 November, Liverpool Exhibition Centre

**Visit to 30 Cdo Y Sqn Stonehouse Barracks Plymouth** new date to be arranged

**UK Chapter Christmas/Awards Dinner**, Friday 11 Dec 2020, RAF Club, Piccadilly

**Check out the UK Chapter website at [www.ukaoc.org](http://www.ukaoc.org)**