



## **UK CHAPTER NEWSLETTER**

### **October 2021**

### **Welcome to the October 2021 Newsletter**

Hello everyone, so having got back to some normality after double jabs we are now lining up to get our boosters. Hopefully this will allow the resumption of a 'near normal' lifestyle, in the run up to Christmas when no doubt many of us are looking forward to getting together with family members as we did before COVID. It is also hoped that the recent COVID relaxations will continue to allow the go ahead of AOC Europe in Liverpool, 12-13 Oct, I hope to see some of you there perhaps.

### **AOC Elections 2021**

The 2021 AOC Board of Directors Elections is now open from 1 to 31 October 2021!

All members eligible to vote should receive an email with their voting credentials from our independent election service - Elections On-Line. If you don't see an email from Elections On-Line, try checking your spam folder. If you have not received it, please contact Glorianne O'Neilin - [oneilin@crowns.org](mailto:oneilin@crowns.org).

1. All AOC members will be able to vote for President-Elect and two At-Large Directors. Members in the Central Region, Mid-Atlantic Region, and Mountain West Region will be able to vote for their respective Regional Directors (Only members of a region can vote for their director.)
2. Learn more about the candidates by reading their platforms and watch some of their videos! go to <https://www.crows.org/page/elections>
3. Voting ends October 31st.

Please take the time to use your vote, thank you.

### **AOC Chapter of the Year Results 2021**

As your Chapter President it gives me great pleasure to announce that the UK Chapter has once again achieved 'Distinguished Chapter of the Year 2021' in the AOC Large Chapter category. Thank you to all those who assisted me with the annual Chapter of the Year submission. Hopefully we can maintain this high standard in future years.

## EW Job Advertising on UK Chapter Website

<https://www.ukaoc.org/ew-job-vacancies>

As previously announced, the recent initiative to provide a low-cost EW Job Advertising section on the UK Chapter website has continued to be popular with UK EW Industry. Why not take a moment to see what your next challenging role in EW might be in 2021?

Any companies/organisations interested in taking advantage of this low-cost job advertising facility, simply contact the UK Chapter President Chris Howe MBE for more information [cahowe500@gmail.com](mailto:cahowe500@gmail.com)

## Letters to the Editor

Launched in an earlier edition, a new section to the UK Chapter Newsletter, 'Letters to the Editor', still does not seem to have found favour, but still not to be put off I once again ask any UK Chapter member to send any feedback you may have. So, if you have a comment, a suggestion or observation to make, (hopefully positive) then please contact me direct at [cahowe500@gmail.com](mailto:cahowe500@gmail.com) when I will be only too pleased to respond and consider your thoughts for future newsletters.

## Future Events/Visits

**AOC Region 1 Chapters' Virtual Presentations** – The next presentation will be given by Harald Hovland, President of the Arctic Roost, who will be giving a presentation entitled: "DIY Air Warfare". This virtual event will commence at 1800 on Wed 6 Oct 2021. To take part you simply need to register with the AOC Region 1 Director, Dr Sue Robertson @ [sue@gpl.co.uk](mailto:sue@gpl.co.uk)

**AOC Europe 2021** - Liverpool 12-13 Oct 2021

Full details here: <https://www.aoceurope.org/welcome>

**UK Chapter Christmas Awards Dinner** – Friday 10 Dec 2021, RAF Club, London – see Flyer below. I am encouraging more members to attend this year; let us all try to get attendance up higher than in recent years! Please consider joining us; witness the award presentations, enjoy some fine dining, good company, and have some festive fun.

## UK Chapter AGM 2022

A date for your diary - The UK Chapter AGM for 2022 will be held in the RAF Club, London on Friday 25 March 2022, start time 1800. A cash bar will be available, and a finger buffet will be provided. It is hoped to see many of our members in attendance. Further details for registration will be forthcoming in the next newsletter due in December.



Chris Howe MBE  
AOC UK Chapter - President

**Keep Checking out the UK Chapter website at:**

**[www.ukaoc.org](http://www.ukaoc.org)**

 **UK CHAPTER****CHRISTMAS AWARDS DINNER 2021****Royal Air Force Club, 128 Piccadilly, London W1J 7PY****Friday 10 December 2021**

The AOC UK Chapter Board is 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 10 December 2021**. All AOC members, their partners and guests will be most welcome at this very enjoyable festive occasion. Let us 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, this cost includes a substantial subsidy from Chapter funds. Members wishing to attend should complete the proforma below and send it by e-mail to Phil Davies (or simply send Phil the information via email), early notification is appreciated for planning purposes. The preferred method of payment is by bank transfer to the UK Chapter account. Payment details will be provided on submission of attendance details. All payments to be made no later than Friday 3 December. 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 after Monday 6 Dec 2021.

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I wish to attend the AOC UK Chapter Christmas Dinner on Friday 10 December 2021.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AOC Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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