



AOC

THE ELECTRONIC WARFARE AND
INFORMATION OPERATIONS
ASSOCIATION

THE FUTURE

The UK Chapter has increased its role to include advocacy for EW at the highest levels of the MOD. We need to do more. We need you to join and support us. All who join the international AOC from the UK automatically become members of the UK Chapter. Women and men under 26 now qualify for complimentary full membership for 3 years under a trial 5-year scheme. Details are on the UK and AOC websites under membership.

WHO SHOULD JOIN?

You! If you are an operational leader, a military, government, industry or academic professional, at any level, working in any aspect of EW, or in radar, sensors, C4ISR, navigation warfare, communications, NAVWAR, intelligence, signals intelligence, information operations, cyber EM activities spectrum management, and especially if you are a student aspiring to join or progress in these fields.

DID YOU KNOW?

- EW HAS SAVED LIVES EVERY DAY IN COUNTER INSURGENCY OPERATIONS AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN ALL FUTURE OPERATIONS ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF CONFLICT
- EW IS RAPIDLY EVOLVING WHILE EM OPERATIONS ENABLE COUNTER-TERRORISM, PRECISION WEAPON EMPLOYMENT, C4ISR & MUCH MORE.
- UK INDUSTRY AND DEFENCE ARE WORLD LEADERS IN EW.
- PEOPLE WITH EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE AND DEDICATION ARE THE MOST VALUABLE EW ASSET.
- EW LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING ARE CRITICAL TO FUTURE OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS.
- YOU CAN LEARN MORE AT: www.ukaoc.org



CONTACT US

You can email the UK Chapter Board members by clicking on the links at

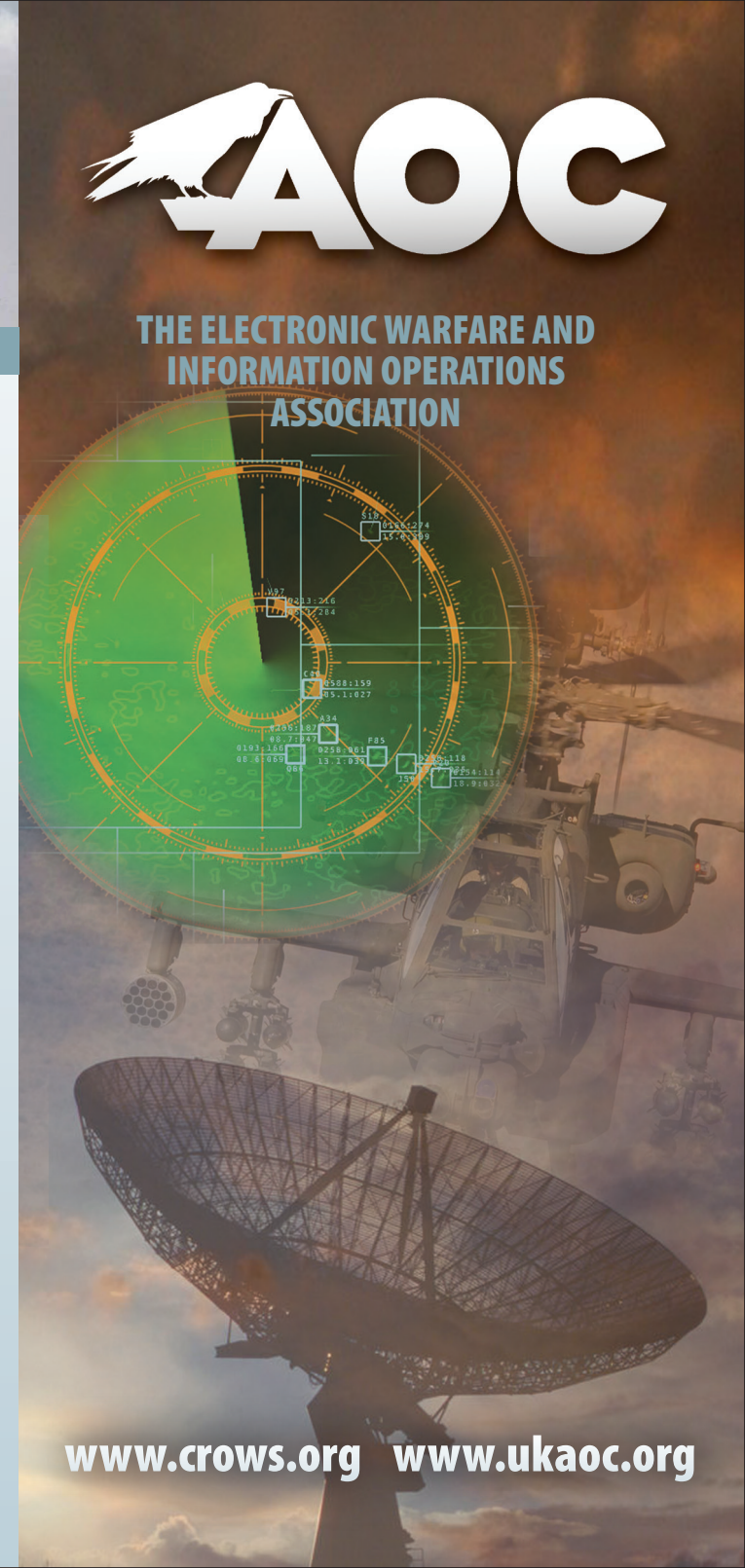
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You can also join the UK Chapter by clicking on the link to the international AOC HQ and then the "Membership" tag at

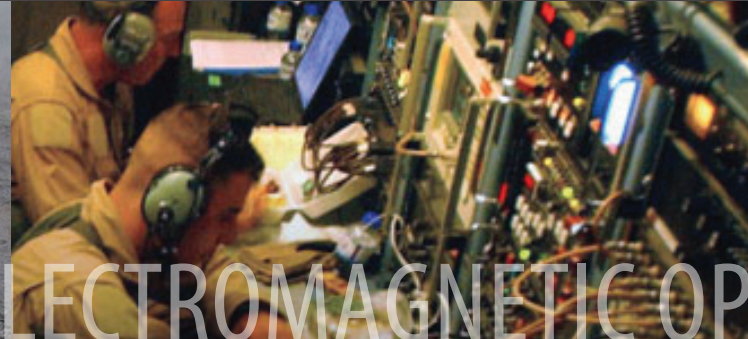
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ADVANCING EW & ELECTROMAGNETIC OPERATIONS TOGETHER

THE AOC TODAY

Electronic Warfare has been, and remains, a critical enabling capability in military operations in peace and war. With the evolution of digital and computer technology, EW, IO, cyber EM activities, SIGINT and related disciplines are increasingly necessary to achieve situational awareness, knowledge superiority, strategic and tactical dominance, and force and platform protection in both offensive and defensive operations. Today the AOC has over 13,000 members from 47 countries, including 67 chapters in 21 countries. The HQ is in Alexandria, Virginia; one fifth of the membership is non-US and this is the fastest growing group.

The United Kingdom Chapter, the first and largest outside the US, was formed in 1972 and has a membership of over 500 from all ranks of the armed forces, industry, research establishments and academia. All members receive free monthly copies of the outstanding Journal of Electronic Defense (JED), and UK members are informed of all local UK activities through regular newsletters.

HISTORY OF THE AOC

During the Second World War US Electronic Countermeasures (ECM) operators, tasked to intercept and disrupt enemy communications and radars, were given the code name 'Raven' to provide a degree of security to their existence. They followed UK operational initiatives like 101 Squadron within the Main Bomber Force and later 100 (Bomber Support) Group, aimed at taking the new EW battle to the enemy. After WW II, US military jargon subsequently changed the name of these former Ravens and they became known as 'Old Crows'. The full history of the Association of Old Crows (AOC), current activities, plans and much other useful information is available at: www.crows.org

VISION & MISSION

The Association of Old Crows serves defence, industry and academia through advocacy and educational forums in Electronic Warfare and related areas. The AOC advocates the need for a strong defence capability emphasising EW to government, industry, academia and the public. The AOC provides a forum through conferences, symposia, online seminars, webinars and courses, online materials and social media for sharing ideas & experiences through communication, education & leadership.

AREAS OF INTEREST

The AOC covers the entire electromagnetic environment supporting military operations, security and UK defence, in the land, sea, air, space & info/cyber domains. Interests include operations; concept, policy and doctrine development; R&D; capability development; information; trials and evaluation; training; procurement; experimentation; sustainability & interoperability. In 2013 Chapter members participated in the classified UK EM Environment review and development of subsequent policy.

JOIN TODAY

The AOC is a not-for-profit international professional association. We are enthusiastic about recruiting more members to join in and help develop and shape the fascinating and vital world of EW. The cost of membership is low and comes with great benefits including delivery of JED as well as on-line journals and a huge amount of searchable material. Join today and become a member of the UK Chapter.



UK CHAPTER

As the oldest Chapter outside the US, and one of the most active and successful anywhere, the UK Chapter has serving and retired members of the armed forces, members from government agencies, academia and industry. A small Board of volunteer Directors comprising both elected and co-opted members manages the Chapter; details are available on the website from where you can also contact Board members:

www.ukaoc.org

Have a look today to see what we do; you will also find details of past and future visits, activities, reports, and a wide range of useful links.

UK CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The UK Chapter arranges a varied programme of activities throughout the year including visits to military establishments such as the Maritime Warfare Centre and Air Warfare Centre, NATO Joint EW Core Staff, to Operational units, to industry and government organisations such as GCHQ and Dstl and to places of historic interest such as Bletchley Park. There are also great opportunities for networking and professional development for anyone changing careers, seeking new opportunities, etc.

UK CHAPTER AWARDS

The UK Chapter makes awards to military units whose work is coherent with the AOC Mission. Recent examples include operational awards to 14 Sig Regt (EW), 3 Cdo Royal Marines, 225 Sig Sqn (FP(ECM)) and the Fleet EW Support Group. Other awards for EW-related excellence and training are made to the RN, RAF, and Army. An award to the best Physics students in each Form was recently initiated with Welbeck Defence 6th Form College. Outstanding Individuals are also recognised and the UK Chapter welcomes more nominations from industry, academia and the defence scientific community and are keen to support apprentice schemes and STEM programmes.