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Appendix A

Prestige Awards Descriptions

Appendix A includes the descriptions of the AOC's Prestige Awards. The Prestige Awards are:

AOC Gold Medal

Hal Gershanoff AOC Silver Medal

AOC Technology Hall of Fame

Anton D. "Tony" Brees Lifetime Service Award

John M. Clifford Award for the Advancement of the Electromagnetic Domain

Joseph W. Kearney Pioneer Award

Award Name: **AOC Gold Medal**

Description

The Gold Medal is the AOC's highest and most prestigious award. It is presented to a senior Government, Military, or Industry official in recognition of outstanding and dedicated service to promote and advance the discipline of Electronic Warfare. It reflects the highest standards of commitment to the welfare and application of Electronic Warfare.

Quantity awarded per year

One

Length of EW Experience to be eligible for the award

Specific individual outstanding achievement and leadership over the previous calendar year or sustained performance over a period of several years shall be used as evidence to justify the nominee's nomination.

Award Nomination Criteria

1. Membership of the AOC is not a mandatory requirement.
2. Current or outgoing AOC International Board of Director/Governor members are not eligible for this award.
3. Nominee should be active duty or retired senior military or civil servant or an executive level industry leader from any AOC country who has led organizations or activities.
4. Leadership Requirements
 - a. The nominee must have, in a significant manner, advanced the science, art, technology and/or operations of Electronic Warfare. Details of the nominee's advancements shall be provided.
 - b. The nominee should be in a leadership role as a position, team leader, key policy maker whereby they have personal responsibility for the success or failure of the advancements made.
 - c. Advancements should be of a systemic or long-term impact influencing a broad and deep improvement in the science, art, technology and/or operations of Electronic Warfare.
 - d. The nominee should be of such stature, and in a position of senior leadership, to have personally led and/or influenced the discussions, policies, technologies, systems and doctrine associated with Electronic Warfare.
5. EW Community Awareness
 - a. Contributions to Electronic Warfare should be of a magnitude causing significant long-term impact.

- b. The contributions and achievements of the recipient should be evident to, and known by, the Electronic Warfare community.

Nomination Process

1. The nominator shall provide written evidence and supporting information, if necessary, to substantiate the nominee's achievements in meeting Nomination Criteria.
2. Nominations shall be provided either by a member of the AOC Board of Directors or by a Chapter President through the Regional Director of the Chapter.
3. Only nominations submitted using the AOC Gold Medal Nomination Form will be accepted.

Award Selection Process

1. The Nominee shall fully meet the requirements defined in the Award Nomination Criteria as above.
2. The Nominee shall fully meet the requirements defined in Section 2 of the AOC Gold Medal Nomination Form.

Presentation Venue

The AOC Gold Medal is normally presented at the annual AOC International Convention. An alternative presentation venue may be arranged if circumstances prevent the award being given at the annual AOC International Convention.

Award Name: Hal Gershanoff AOC Silver Medal

Description

The Hal Gershanoff AOC Silver Medal is presented to an AOC member to recognize outstanding service in furthering the goals of the Association or its Chapter organization(s). It is the highest award given to a member for dedicated service to the AOC at the Chapter, National/International levels over a significant period of time.

Quantity awarded per year

One

Length of EW Experience to be eligible for the award

Must be and/or have been a member of the AOC for at least twenty-five (25) years, and have served at the Chapter and/or International Board of Directors level.

Specific individual outstanding achievement and leadership over the previous calendar year or sustained performance over a period of several years shall be used as evidence to justify the nominee's nomination

Award Nomination Criteria

1. Membership of the AOC is a mandatory requirement.
2. Current or outgoing AOC International Board of Director/Governor members are not eligible for this award.
3. AOC Impact - Chapter, HQ and Community
 - a. Details of the Nominee's achievements and support at the Chapter level or at the Board of Directors level shall be provided.
 - b. The nominee must have, in a significant manner, advanced the goals of the Association or its Chapter organization(s). The stated goals of the AOC are Advocacy, Education and Support.
 - c. Other evidence of the Nominee's support to the AOC shall include awards received, keynote speaker presentations, conference chairman and briefings at University, Government, or Industry Events.
 - d. Nominee must have made significant contributions to the fraternity of the AOC, its Chapters, or its members. The nature of the contributions must have, in some way, materially improved the AOC fraternity.
 - e. Served as an AOC Officer or on the AOC Board of Directors and/or served as AOC Chapter President or Chapter Officer
 - f. Advancements should be of a systemic or long-term impact influencing a broad and deep improvement in the AOC.
 - g. Chaired multiple symposia and committees with tireless effort and success

4. Leadership

- a. The recipient should be of such stature to have personally led and/or influenced the discussions, policies, technologies, systems, and doctrine associated with the advancement of the organization at the Chapter and National/International levels

5. EW Community Awareness

- a. The contributions and achievements of the recipient should be evident to, and known by, the Electronic Warfare community.

Nomination Process

1. The nominator shall provide written evidence and supporting information, if necessary, to substantiate the nominee's achievements in meeting Nomination Criteria.
2. Nominations shall be provided either by a member of the AOC Board of Directors or by a Chapter President through the Regional Director of the Chapter.
3. Only nominations submitted using the Hal Gershanoff Silver Medal Nomination Form will be accepted.

Award Selection Process

1. The Nominee shall fully meet the requirements defined in the Award Nomination Criteria as above.
2. The Nominee shall fully meet the requirements defined in Section 2 of the Hal Gershanoff Medal Nomination Form.

Presentation Venue

The Hal Gershanoff Silver Medal is normally presented at the annual AOC International Convention. An alternative presentation venue may be arranged if circumstances prevent the award being given at the annual AOC International Convention.

Award Name: Anton D. "Tony" Brees Lifetime Service Award

Description

The Anton D. "Tony" Brees Lifetime Service Award recognizes AOC members who have rendered exemplary and sustained service to the AOC at a local and/or national/international level over a period of more than 20 years.

Quantity awarded per year

No more than three (3) awards may be given per calendar year.

Length of EW Experience to be eligible for the award

Must be and/or have been a member of the AOC for at least twenty (20) years and have served at the Chapter and/or International Board of Directors level.

Must have worked in an Electronic Warfare career field for at least twenty (20) years.

Award Nomination Criteria

1. Membership of the AOC is a mandatory requirement.
2. Current or outgoing AOC International Board of Director/Governor members are not eligible for this award.
3. AOC Length of Service: The nominee shall have been a Member of the AOC for a minimum of twenty (20) years.
4. AOC Impact - Chapter, HQ and Community
 - a. The nominee must have, in some significant and enduring manner, advanced the goals of the Association or its Chapter organization(s). The stated goals of the AOC are Advocacy, Education, Support
 - b. Nominee must have made significant, enduring contributions to the fraternity of the AOC, its Chapters, or its members. The nature of the contributions must have, in some way, materially improved the AOC fraternity.
 - c. Nominee must meet at least 2 of the following eligibility requirements:
 - i. Served as AOC Chapter President or Chapter Officer
 - ii. Served as an AOC annual or regional convention committee member.
 - iii. Served as chairman of either a standing committee or an ad hoc committee for the AOC board.
 - iv. Been an AOC annual Convention or AOC sponsored conference speaker or author for an item in the Journal of Electromagnetic Dominance (JED)
 - v. Participated in an official function on an AOC local chapter or AOC regional conference.

Nomination Process

1. The Nominator shall provide written evidence and supporting information, if necessary, to substantiate the nominee's achievements in meeting Nomination Criteria.
2. Nominations shall be provided either by a member of the AOC Board of Directors or by a Chapter President through the Regional Director of the Chapter.
3. Only nominations submitted using the Anton D. "Tony" Brees Lifetime Service Award Nomination Form will be accepted.

Award Selection Process

1. The Nominee shall fully meet the requirements defined in the Award Nomination Criteria as above.
2. The Nominee shall fully meet the requirements defined in Section 2 of the Anton D. "Tony" Brees Lifetime Service Award Nomination Form.

Presentation Venue

The Anton D. "Tony" Brees Lifetime Service Award is normally presented at the annual AOC International Convention. An alternative presentation venue may be arranged if circumstances prevent the award being given at the annual AOC International Convention.

Award Name: **AOC Technology Hall of Fame**

Description

The AOC Technology Hall of Fame recognizes individuals or groups of individuals who have been prime innovators in technology development and whose achievements have resulted in enhanced survivability of forces and equipment. Although focused on individuals, the AOC Technology Hall of Fame may recognize Government, Industry or Academic technology groups or units for specific aggregate technical achievements.

Quantity awarded per year

No more than three (3) awards may be given per calendar year.

Length of EW Experience to be eligible for the award

The nominee should have clearly and continually contributed to significant technical advancement in EW over a long-term sustained period. Could be retired or have worked in an Electronic Warfare career field for at least twenty-five (25) years.

Award Nomination Criteria

1. Membership of the AOC is a mandatory requirement.
2. Current or outgoing AOC International Board of Director/Governor members are not eligible for this award.
3. Candidates will have had a background in EW spanning at least twenty-five (25) years whether in military or in civilian appointments.
4. Technology
 - a. Induction into the AOC Technology Hall of Fame will be awarded to deserving individuals or groups of individuals who have made unique and important technological contributions to the field of Electronic Warfare.
 - b. The technology cited in the nomination must have operational relevance, and value to the warfighter or to those using it to improve the systems and weapons available to the warfighter.
 - i. Descriptions of the specific technology being cited for this award.
 - ii. The operational relevance of this technology
 - iii. The value of this technology to the warfighter
 - iv. The improvement made to EW systems and/or weapons.
 - v. The improvement of survivability of the warfighter and/or equipment.
6. EW Community Awareness

- a. The contributions and achievements of the recipient should be evident to, and known by, the Electronic Warfare community.
- b. The contributions should have clearly and continually contributed to significant technical advancement in EW over a long-term sustained period

Nomination Process

1. The Nominator shall provide written evidence and supporting information, if necessary, to substantiate the nominee's achievements in meeting Nomination Criteria.
2. Nominations shall be provided either by a member of the AOC Board of Directors or by a Chapter President through the Regional Director of the Chapter.
3. Only nominations submitted using the AOC Technology Hall of Fame Nomination Form will be accepted.

Award Selection Process

1. The Nominee shall fully meet the requirements defined in the Award Nomination Criteria as above.
2. The Nominee shall fully meet the requirements defined in Section 2 of the AOC Technology Hall of Fame Nomination Form.

Presentation Venue

The AOC Technology Hall of Fame Award is normally presented at the annual AOC International Convention. An alternative presentation venue may be arranged if circumstances prevent the award being given at the annual AOC International Convention.

Award Name: **Joseph W. Kearney Pioneer Award**

Description

The Joseph W. Kearney Pioneer Award recognizes an individual's notable pioneering activities in, and long service to, the discipline of Electronic Warfare.

Quantity awarded per year

One

Length of EW Experience to be eligible for the award

Specific Individual or Group achievement over a period of 2 years or more

Pioneering contributions should be "first-of" type contributions in technical advancements or capabilities in EW.

Award Nomination Criteria

1. Membership of the AOC is a mandatory requirement.
2. Current or outgoing AOC International Board of Director/Governor members are not eligible for this award.
3. Technology
 - a. The contributions must have in some way materially improved Electronic Warfare and been recognized as a pioneering technical achievement.
 - i. Pioneer = someone who develops or is the first to use or apply a new method, area of knowledge, or activity.
 - ii. Example pioneering work - improving EW techniques; patent awards; engineering department leadership; EW research; technical publications managed an engineering effort and brought it to production.
 - b. The nominee must have made significant pioneer contributions to the discipline of Electronic Warfare. The nature of the contributions must have, in some way, materially improved Electronic Warfare.
 - i. Descriptions of the specific pioneer contributions being cited for this award.
 - ii. The operational relevance of this pioneer contributions
 - iii. The value of this pioneer contributions to the warfighter
4. Leadership
 - a. The recipient should be of such stature to have personally led and/or influenced the development of the pioneering activities in, and long service to, the discipline of Electronic Warfare.
5. EW Community Awareness

- a. Contributions to Electronic Warfare should be of a magnitude causing significant impact.
- b. The contributions and achievements of the recipient should be evident to, and known by, the Electronic Warfare community.

Nomination Process

1. The Nominator shall provide written evidence and supporting information, if necessary, to substantiate the nominee's achievements in meeting Nomination Criteria.
2. Nominations shall be provided either by a member of the AOC Board of Directors or by a Chapter President through the Regional Director of the Chapter.
3. Only nominations submitted using the Joseph W. Kearney Pioneer Award Nomination Form will be accepted.

Award Selection Process

1. The Nominee shall fully meet the requirements defined in the Award Nomination Criteria as above.
2. The Nominee shall fully meet the requirements defined in Section 2 of the Joseph W. Kearney Pioneer Award Nomination Form.

Presentation Venue

The Joseph W. Kearney Pioneer Award is normally presented at the annual AOC International Convention. An alternative presentation venue may be arranged if circumstances prevent the award being given at the annual AOC International Convention.

Award Name: **John M Clifford Award for the Advancement of the Electromagnetic Domain**

Description

The John M Clifford Award for the Advancement of the Electromagnetic Domain recognizes individuals who have promoted and instilled advocacy and leadership in EW and EM spectrum operations. Candidates for the award will be leaders and proponents of electronic warfare and EW spectrum operations who are recognized by the EW community whether in print, presentations, addresses, seminars, or in expert working groups.

Quantity awarded per year

One

Length of EW Experience to be eligible for the award

Nominee will have a background in EW spanning at least fifteen (15) years whether in military or in civilian appointments.

Specific individual outstanding achievement and leadership over the previous calendar year or sustained performance over a period of 15+ years shall be used as evidence to justify the Nominee's nomination.

Award Nomination Criteria

1. Membership of the AOC is a mandatory requirement.
2. Current or outgoing AOC International Board of Director/Governor members are not eligible for this award.
3. AOC Impact - Chapter, HQ and Community
 - a. The Nominee must have, in a significant manner, advanced the goals of the Association or its Chapter organization(s). The stated goals of the AOC are Advocacy, Education, Support
 - i. Advancements should be of a systemic or long-term impact influencing a broad and deep improvement in the AOC.
4. Advocacy and leadership in EW and EM spectrum operations
 - a. At least 15 years in positions of leadership illustrating advocacy of EW and/or EMSO by:
 - i. Awards,
 - ii. Keynote speaker or conference chair in EW conferences or seminars,
 - iii. Publications demonstrating Nominee's leadership/advocate in EW and/or EM Spectrum Operations.
5. Leadership

- a. The recipient should be of such stature to have personally led and/or influenced the discussions, policies, technologies, systems, and doctrine associated with the advancement of EW and EM spectrum operations.
 - b. The Nominee must have made significant contributions to the discipline of Electronic Warfare. The nature of the contributions must have materially improved Electronic Warfare.
 - c. Nominees shall have been in positions in leadership and authority in either EW operations, EW program management, EW industry, EW military units or government defense departments.
6. EW Community Awareness
- a. The contributions and achievements of the Nominee in the advancement of the electromagnetic domain shall be evident to, and known by, the Electronic Warfare community.

Nomination Process

1. The Nominator shall provide written evidence and supporting information, if necessary, to substantiate the Nominee's achievements in meeting Nomination Criteria.
2. Nominations shall be provided either by a member of the AOC Board of Directors or by a Chapter President through the Regional Director of the Chapter.
3. Only nominations submitted using the John M Clifford Award for the Advancement of the Electromagnetic Domain Nomination Form will be accepted.

Award Selection Process

1. The Nominee shall fully meet the requirements defined in the Award Nomination Criteria as above.
2. The Nominee shall fully meet the requirements defined in Section 2 of the John M Clifford Nomination Form.

Presentation Venue

The John M Clifford Award for the Advancement of the Electromagnetic Domain is normally presented at the AOC International Symposium and Convention. An alternative presentation venue may be arranged if circumstances prevent the award being given at the AOC International Symposium and Convention.