

**In Memory of**  
**Colonel Joram Sender**

**A truly exceptional man, individual, Israeli patriot and an important individual  
in free-world EW**

**24 May 1952 – 13 November 2018**



I first met Joram Sender around 10 years ago at an AOC Symposium in Atlanta and immediately recognised his intellect, military knowledge and fierce, but understated, loyalty to his family, company and country. We met frequently at subsequent AOC Symposia and AOC Global Events in Europe and always found time to catch up on unfolding events and touch on family life. Occasionally, we would exchange emails, usually about support he was providing for a forthcoming AOC conference. Recently, I knew that he was unwell, but he never reflected on it and never let it get in his way.

Joram was born on the 24 May 1952 in Haifa, Israel, and passed away on November 13, 2018 in his home with his family in Ramat Hasharon after a fierce battle with cancer.

Between 1970 and 2001, Joram served as a career officer in the Israeli Defense Forces Intelligence Corps. He rose through the ranks rapidly and became a Colonel in 1993, serving in various significant positions including overseas as an attaché. Throughout his service, he was known for his trailblazing and innovative thinking.

After retiring from the Israeli military, Joram joined Elbit Systems EW and SIGINT (Elisra) as Senior Director for Business Development and Planning. During his time there, he established the business intelligence unit and led various strategic processes focusing, most recently, on cyber warfare.

Joram served as an active and dedicated member of several professional associations, including the association of alumni of the 8200 Unit, the IDF's Military Intelligence Directorate's main information gathering unit (as Board member). He was a keen participant in AOC events around Europe and the United States; he was also a key figure on the Israel Chapter Board of Directors. Each year at the AOC Annual Symposium, a meeting is held between AOC Chapter Presidents or Chapter representatives, AOC BOD members and AOC staff. Joram frequently represented the Israel Chapter. On Wednesday 28 November, at the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual International Symposium in DC, AOC President Lisa Frugé-Cirilli announced that Joram had passed. Those in the meeting paused, took a deep breath and reflected on Joram, his contributions and his life.

Joram was a renowned lover of books, with encyclopaedic knowledge that he loved to share and discuss with others; an enthusiastic cyclist, and orchid grower, loved and respected by many.

I missed meeting Joram at the 55th AOC Annual International Symposium at the end of November, and although he has gone on ahead, I will not forget him, and I suspect that many others will remember him and miss him greatly too.

Joram is survived by his loving wife Naomi, three children and eight grandchildren.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Clifford', written in a cursive style.

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