



ASSOCIATION FOR



THE TOM SMITH NEW MEXICO CHAPTER

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INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS:

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In place of our regularly scheduled March luncheon, the Chapter accepted an FBI invitation to visit its Albuquerque Field Office for a series of briefings. A dozen chapter members turned out for this community outreach program – describing the FBI briefers as exceptionally knowledgeable.

Todd Hulsey, a Chapter member and FBI Supervisory Special Agent, opened the seminar by welcoming our AFIO-NM members and introducing his five-person briefing team. Todd led off the discussions with an overview of the Mexican NARCO trafficking crisis and the deterioration of law and order in the northern quadrant of that country, which has had a spillover effect in our own border states.

The FBI briefing team then addressed a slate of other timely security issues: espionage targeted against National Laboratories here in New Mexico, terrorism, border security, immigration, and the fastest growing threat to U.S. security: cyber warfare. In fact, computer security has become a 24-hour-a-day responsibility of the Bureau. Breaches in these systems have a far-reaching impact – affecting world-wide U.S. military operations, government research facilities, national command and control capability, and could potentially shut down the entire financial, transportation, communications and electrical infrastructure of the country.

Following a question and answer session, about half of the members headed for a nearby lunch spot. Located just a stone's throw from the FBI complex, the Chama River Brewing Company has a state-wide reputation for outstanding home-made beer. At the end of the day, AFIO-NM members were duly impressed with both the quality of the FBI presentations on security, and with the quality of the beer served at the Chama River brew pub.

UPCOMING APRIL CHAPTER MEETING

We will meet at 1130 hours on Wednesday, 8 April, at the Calico Café/Vernon's Steak House, located about ½ mile north of Osuna on the west side of 4th Street, immediately adjacent to the old El Camino Motel. The meeting place is in the "back room" behind the package store.

LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Our speaker for the 8 April meeting is still pending. Bob Clark advises us that he is tentatively planning to have a ceremony for the four University of New Mexico students selected to receive a scholarship sponsored by our Chapter and AFIO National. The four students – all ROTC cadets – are considering intelligence careers and were selected for their high achievement at UNM.

Please be on time, as we will endeavor to have lunch, present the awards, and then move on to AFIO business, including elections, as quickly as possible after our guests leave. Anticipate the luncheon meeting to run longer than usual.

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

As required in our By-Laws, we will be holding a Chapter election at the April meeting. Joe Cantergiani, Bob Clark and Jean Yardumian, serving as a nominating committee, have proposed the following members for Chapter Office:

- President - Pete Bostwick
- 1st Vice President - open
- 2nd Vice President - Jerry Monahan to continue in this office
- Secretary - Brendan O'Donovan to continue in this office
- Treasurer - Judith Mead

Please note that you can make nominations from the floor for any of these positions. Elected officers will take office at the end of the June meeting.

SUMMER EVENING OUT

At our April meeting Vice President, Bob Clark, will be asking members for input on whether or not they plan to attend our proposed 26 June Chapter banquet at the Shriner's Center. Bob will also be ironing out some other details:

- Should the local press be invited to the event?
- Should we have one keynote speaker or multiple speakers and in what format?
- Should the public be invited to attend?
- Should Shriner Members be invited?
- Do we want to present an award to someone?
- Which AFIO members will handle what functions?

President – Dick Callaghan
1st Vice President – Ron Cuellar
2nd Vice President/Programs – Bob Clark
2nd Vice President/Public Relations – Jerry Monahan
Secretary – Brendan O'Donovan
Treasurer – Jean Yardumian