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THE TOM SMITH NEW MEXICO CHAPTER

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UPDATE ON FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, RON CUELLAR

INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS:

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NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY
DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE
AGENCY

Ron continues to receive and respond to the medical treatments he is receiving at a VA hospital in Texas. He regrets not being able to be active in the Chapter and sends his best wishes to all the members for a memorable Christmas and holiday season.

NEW MEMBER: Norman Campbell

We want to welcome aboard our newest Chapter member, Norman Campbell. He is retired from the Air Force. After he retired, Norman had numerous overseas assignments where he was responsible for technical systems used by the State Dept. and the CIA. Those assignments were to South Vietnam, with operations in Thailand, Cambodia and Laos; to Iran, with operations in Afghanistan, Turkey, India, Israel and Greece; and to Egypt, with operations in Eritrea.

Mr. Campbell holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama and a master's degree from The George Washington University.

UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETING: WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2008

We will meet at 1130 hours on Wednesday, 10 December, in the "back room" at the Calico Café / Vernon's Steak House, right next to the historic old El Camino Motel, about ½ mile north of Osuna on the west side of 4th Street.

Our December speaker is pending. Bob Clark will email the speaker's name and bio as soon as it is available.

FBI SEMINAR: Our December meeting will discuss Todd Hulsey's generous invitation for Chapter members to attend a session of the FBI's Community Relations Executive Seminar, tentatively scheduled to be held in January 2009. FBI specialists will address topics of interest to the members, ie: security issues such as counterterrorism, counterintelligence and cyber warfare.

REPORT OF CHAPTER MEETING, 12 NOVEMBER 2008:

Filling in for Dick Callaghan, Vice President Bob Clark opened our meeting by calling on Sam Shaw to lead members in the Pledge of Allegiance. Acting Chaplain, Dolph Saenz, gave an invocation asking for the return to good health of Chapter President, Dick Callaghan and First Vice President, Ron Cuellar.

Jerry Monahan reported that Representative Heather Wilson, who had been tentatively scheduled to be our luncheon speaker, would be postponing her visit until the early part of next year.

Next, Bob Clark reported that Dick Callaghan is making available to members a pocket-sized credentials folder identifying the owner as an AFIO member. The design and size is similar to a passport. Callaghan has successfully used the sale of these credentials in the past to raise funds for the Chapter. Interested members should bring two ID photos to any upcoming meeting, and a personalized AFIO ID folder will be prepared for you. Dick Callaghan has redesigned these credential folders to reflect the new AFIO name: Association For Intelligence Officers. Sam Shaw said that he will post the availability of these new badges on our website: www.afionm.org.

SCHOLARSHIP:

Joe Cantergiani took the floor to report that he and Pete Bostwick were continuing to refine the Memo Of Understanding (MOU) between our Chapter and the ROTC Detachment at the University of New Mexico (UNM). Joe and Pete expect the MOU to be completed in late December and the first scholarship to be awarded in the spring of 2009.

The plan has the Chapter donating \$500 and AFIO National matching with the same amount. Deserving students in the UNM ROTC program who are planning careers in intelligence will receive a portion of this yearly scholarship fund, which will be equally divided between Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps ROTC students.

When finalized, this MOU will be sent out in email form to the Chapter membership.

HOLIDAY GET-TOGETHER:

Bob Clark asked for a show of hands on whether or not we should have a Chapter Christmas Party. The majority of us are apparently already over-committed during the holiday period, and the idea was voted down.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chapter Vice President for Public Relations, Jerry Monahan, took the floor next to report that he receives regular feedback from readers of his newspaper inserts about Chapter meetings. He noted that interested individuals frequently express a strong interest in attending our Chapter meetings, but, because of their jobs cannot juggle their schedules to attend a luncheon meeting. It was suggested that we might want to schedule a trial evening meeting in the coming year here at the Calico Café. It was agreed that 7pm would be a good meeting time.

YOUR CHAPTER AND CURRENT EVENTS:

Continuing on the subject of our Chapter becoming more of an informational and educational resource, Bob Clark said that we certainly have members with the expertise and experience to easily participate in any media discussions on national security issues.

The Chapter has formed a committee to evaluate national security issues whenever they are discussed in the local media and to determine what, if any, position we want to take. If appropriate, a Chapter member with the expertise could then present our views by participating in media interviews and debates.

Pete Bostwick believes that a first step might be to compile a biographical sketch on each member who wishes to participate. The Chapter would then have a playbook available at its fingertips with the names of members who could best present the Chapter's views during local media debates and discussions on specific national security issues.

SPECIAL AWARDS EVENING:

Since our last meeting, Bob Clark and Dolph Saenz have discussed details of a possible ceremony recognizing the long service of Senator Pete Dominici to the State of New Mexico. A possible venue for this event is the Shriner's Hall in downtown Albuquerque.

Dolph has invited representatives from the Shriner's to attend our December meeting to discuss options relating to the use of their building. Bob Clark believes that we should schedule this awards ceremony in the month of February.

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IN MEMORIAM

MARY DWORAK (SAL) EAMES

It is with regret that we report the passing of Mary Dworak (Sal) Eames, beloved wife of the late Ed Eames. Both Sal and Ed were long-time Chapter members. The following obituary was published in the Albuquerque Journal on 30 November:

EAMES – Mary Dworak Eames, resident of Rio Rancho, aged 85, passed away on
November 27, 2008.

Those who wish to send condolences may do so at www.danielsfuneral.com

Funeral Services are entrusted to:

Daniels Family Funeral Services

4310 Sara Road SE

Rio Rancho, New Mexico 87124

505-892-9920

Please note that when we receive a more complete obituary on Sal Eames, we will publish it in a future newsletter.

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

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