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NEW MANAGEMENT AT THE PETROLEUM CLUB

Our 24 January Luncheon meeting saw an excellent turnout of some 23 Chapter members and guests. Because of personnel changes at the Petroleum club since our last meeting there in November 2006, the new staff was unaware that our Chapter had standing noon reservations for the 4th Wednesday of every month.

Nonetheless, as soon as Chapter members began arriving and without missing a beat the new Club staff quickly set up a meeting space for us – bringing additional tables and chairs as needed and served up – according to some of our members – one of the best meals they ever had at the Petroleum Club.

Our Chapter has an agreement with the Petroleum club that guarantees at least twelve Chapter members will show up for each luncheon. Chapter President Dick Callaghan also provides the Club's kitchen with a ball park estimate of how many total chapter members and guests he expects will be attending a particular luncheon.

POST CARDS

To help Dick compile a fairly accurate head count for future luncheons we have decided to enclose a post card in some of the Newsletters. If you receive one, please fill it out telling us whether or not you will be attending the upcoming Chapter meeting and mail it back to President Callaghan in Santa Fe.

THE BORDERS WITH CANADA AND MEXICO

Notwithstanding the on-going Middle East turmoil, some of our Chapter members believe that the failure to completely secure our borders continues to be the overriding danger facing our country. Despite recent Congressional initiatives to employ troops, erect new fencing and plant hi-tech sensing devices along these borders, the efforts appear half-hearted at best. The sense of urgency is not there and as one of our members suggested recently: “when the other shoe drops, the proverbial finger pointing will begin in earnest.”

Observers of the border crisis tell us we are overrun. In Arizona, for example, only one in four illegal migrants is apprehended. (Elsewhere, along the entire 2,000 mile Mexican border it is estimated that only one in ten is ever apprehended.) More than 4,000 illegals successfully cross into Arizona daily. The four-thousand-mile border with Canada is also easy to breach with only a single Border Patrol agent every thirty-eight miles in some sectors. During nighttime hours, some remote and rugged sectors are not patrolled at all. This is particularly troubling because Canadian immigration policy tends to create a kind of refuge for guerrilla elements seeking asylum. In fact, Canadian law does not recognize it as a crime to belong to a terrorist group. The country could be described as a haven where terrorist groups raise funds, buy arms and generally coordinate the guerrilla activities they sponsor outside of Canada.

BOOK REVIEWS

Two recent publications on National Security caught our attention:

1. **WHATEVER IT TAKES** by Arizona Congressman J.D. Hayworth with Joseph J. Eule, published by Regnery, Washington, D.C. presents a no holds barred assessment of illegal immigration and ineffective border security. The author recommends as a last resort the building of a border security fence from the Pacific to the Gulf of Mexico. He believes that at an estimated cost of 4-8 billion dollars, it would be a bargain compared with the costs to the country of illegal immigration. He also cites the success of the Israeli security wall. An interesting aside to consider here is that Mexico's southern border is described by some as the most secure in Central America, as the Mexican Government has no tolerance whatsoever for migrants attempting to enter its territory from the south.
2. **INVASION** by Michelle Malkin (a former editorial writer for the Seattle Times and Los Angeles Daily News and currently a nationally syndicated columnist) published by Regnery, Washington, D. C. The author highlights the continuing failures in our immigration procedures to include lax consular offices; porous borders/entry ports and extremely weak detention and deportation policies. In one eye-opening chapter, the author takes a look at passenger screening at major U.S. airports. She discovered that undercover government inspectors tested thirty-two airports to determine the effectiveness of those screenings. The government agents were able to sneak knives through security checkpoints 70 percent of the time, simulated explosives 60 percent of the time and guns 30 percent of the time.

REPORT OF CHAPTER MEETING OF 24 JANUARY

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag President Dick Callaghan introduced our luncheon guests: Ron Paige, a retired FBI Special Agent with a career spanning more than 35

years. Ron had assignments in Washington D.C.; Philadelphia; San Juan and here in Albuquerque; Dan Wilding, a friend of Dick Callaghan's from Santa Fe and owner of a local security firm; Kristy Vladimirsky/Albuquerque Police Department (APD) Homeland Security; Roseanna Archuleta/APD Prisoner Transport; Captain Marie Miranda/ APD Homeland Security.

After the guest introductions, Callaghan continued that he was considering where to present the commemorative plaque that he and Ron Cuellar had designed for Chaplain Albert D. Rice. Dick suggested that we might want to hire a small bus and driver to take us to Truth or Consequences (T or C) and have a Chapter meeting there. Ron Cuellar said he could also drive down to T or C and bring Chaplain Rice back here to Albuquerque for the presentation at one of our upcoming meetings.

Dick then reported that he had contacted AFIO national for a listing of intelligence and security agencies here in New Mexico. He wants to contact as many local security personnel as possible to help increase our Chapter's visibility and to recruit new members.

Next, Chapter member Richard Sullivan took the floor to report that in his work at nearby Kirtland Air Force Base he had numerous contacts with both government and contractor security personnel. He believes that over time this might be a good source from which to recruit new Chapter members and luncheon speakers.

Callaghan then called on Treasurer Jean Yardumian who reported that we had more than \$3,000 in the Chapter's bank account. She added that \$500 was available for a student scholarship at the University of New Mexico (UNM). Former Chapter President Joseph Cantergiani volunteered to look into a possible Chapter-sponsored scholarship outreach to UNM students studying for careers in the intelligence field.

LUNCHEON SPEAKER

With no other Chapter business pending, President Dick Callaghan called on our distinguished luncheon guest speaker retired APD Captain Rob De Buck. The speaker presented a dynamic and colorful overview of Albuquerque's efforts to contain the growth of gangs; drug hustling and general neighborhood deterioration through the judicious use of community based policing.

Our speaker came to police work from academia where he earned a Master's Degree in Anthropology.

Several of his fellow officers who were at our luncheon described Captain De Buck as a natural for police work with the drive to make a difference in the community. De Buck's basic view of successful police work is when residents of any neighborhood regardless of economic status can comfortably enjoy their environs without fear of criminals. Hence he was especially

pro-active in those areas of Albuquerque where resident fear of leaving their homes was most pronounced.

Captain De Buck regularly attended or sponsored neighborhood watch meetings to plan with the neighborhood associations how best to neutralize local crime. He firmly believed in the broken window theory as followed by the NYPD. This approach has the police go after minor offenses such as vandalism with the same vigor as a major crime – thus alerting the criminal element to both an absolute no tolerance policy and to the exceptional awareness by the police of localized neighborhood problems.

One of Captain De Buck's major accomplishments was to successfully clean out the city's notorious SE quadrant near the New Mexico State Fair Grounds that for years was a major drug emporium and murder zone.

FEBRUARY 2007 MEETING

Our upcoming Chapter meeting will be Wednesday 28 February, 12 noon at **SHONEY'S RESTAURANT** on the southeast corner of Louisiana and Menaul, directly across from the Sheraton hotel.

Dolph Saenz, co-founder and former President of our New Mexico AFIO Chapter, will present his views on both the critical security lapses at our borders and the management/policy shortfalls and missteps we are all becoming more and more aware of within the immigration system at large.

Dolph sees the current state of immigration policy and border security as the 800 lb. guerrilla that every policymaker gingerly steps around – hoping and praying never to be called on to discuss it or to provide a realistic solution.

Members who agree with Dolph about this crisis we face should be prepared at this upcoming meeting to volunteer their time and talent by representing our Chapter on radio and television news programs; where they can explain this immigration debacle to the citizens of Albuquerque and the state at large.

Dick Callaghan said he plans to draft a letter from the chapter to the New Mexico Congressional delegation asking for their all out support to finally bring this crisis to the forefront and solve it.

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