

Association For Intelligence Officers

The Tom Smith New Mexico Chapter

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FEBRUARY 2011 MEETING

Wednesday, 9 february 2011

Marcello's Chop House, 2201 Q St, Suite B
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11:00 AM: Lunch - order from the menu

11:30 AM: Call To Order

President's Corner:

Intelligence issues abound, these days, though the astounding turmoil in the Mideast & North Africa has pushed almost everything else off the radar. The recent visits between US and Chinese officials imply not-so-subtle changes in the relationships between our two countries, and North Korea's slow but sure development of its nuclear and missile capabilities injects another destabilizing element into the Asia-Pacific tapestry of interests. There's more, but the focus for now is certainly on the uncertainties inherent in the explosion of popular discontent in Egypt. We can discuss other issues at the meeting, so you'll find a selection of articles attached on issues of current interest. Please bring your own references or issues to the meeting as additional fodder for discussion.

January Meeting:

The January meeting was a congenial gathering, attended by: Al Baye, Pete Bostwick, Joe Cantergiani, Mike Ford, Edna Fowler, Judith Mead, John Pierucki, Sam Shaw, Joe & Jean Yardumian. This was fewer souls than we had hoped, but it was still a productive meeting. The President noted that, apart from the highly successful scholarship program, the chapter has had little success in meeting many of the goals articulated by AFIO National; i.e., providing research on events impacted by Intelligence, providing speakers for other groups, addressing civic or other organizations on the evolution of US Intelligence, providing commentary to the media on Intelligence matters, or participating in other activities to further the goals and objectives of AFIO. Having said that, I do recognize that there are inherent constraints on pursuing such objectives in New Mexico, but we might still consider attempting to broaden our reach a little.

Additionally, there were inconclusive discussions about 1) how often we should meet; 2) the suitability of Marcello's Chop House as a meeting place; and 3) how to achieve a proper balance between professional and social interaction. The debates will continue at the next meeting....

UPCOMING EVENTS:

We have noted, before, that FBI Albuquerque has created a display of various materials to memorialize Special Agent Tom Smith, for whom our Chapter is named. Mrs. Patricia Wood, Ruby Ellen Smith's daughter, has kindly arranged for our members to visit the FBI office to view the memorabilia and hear about Tom Smith's career from the Agent who put the display together. Pat has tentatively arranged the visit for the date of our March meeting (March 9, 2011). To take advantage of this unique opportunity, those wishing to attend must submit their full (legal) names in advance. I will take names, compose the list, and pass it to Pat, who will coordinate our visit with the FBI. It would be a good idea to have about a dozen members to make this worthwhile for the Agent giving his time to host us.

Respectfully yours,

Pete Bostwick, President
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