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UPCOMING VISIT TO THE FBI – WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH

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Rather than going to a Chapter luncheon on Wednesday, March 11th, we will instead be visiting the FBI Field Office here in Albuquerque. (This is only the second field trip in the 25-year history of this Chapter.)

We have enclosed the link to the map of the FBI complex at 4200 Luecking Park Ave. NE, located just east of I-25 between Montgomery Blvd and Comanche Rd. NE, off the north-bound Pan American frontage road. For a map, Google the address above.

The Albuquerque FBI Field Office has invited our Chapter to participate in an Executive Seminar sponsored by the Bureau's Community Outreach Program. FBI Special Agents will brief us on issues of particular interest to Chapter members such as counterintelligence, counterterrorism and cyber warfare. The briefers are also prepared to discuss a range of other topics that might be of concern, such as drug trafficking, border security and the state of criminal activity in New Mexico in general.

The FBI is expecting us to arrive by 8:30 am. Briefings and a question and answer session should last until at least 11:30 and possibly longer.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

- Before entering the FBI complex, you will be asked to show a photo ID. It is suggested that having a second ID available might be a good idea.
- Complete the enclosed FBI visitor information sheet on both sides. Your full Social Security Number is required. Please hand-carry this form with you on the day we visit the Field Office.
- The FBI asks that NO cell phones or other electronic devices that emit a signal be brought into the building.
- Chapter members may bring their own coffee to the briefing if they wish.
- Members should enter the FBI compound through the main entrance and park in the visitor's area. An FBI staff member will meet us.
- **REMINDER: PLEASE ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 8:30 am.**

The following is a list of those members signed up to attend the briefing:

Baye, Bostwick, Brown, Clark, Dyble, Ford, Fowler, Hoffsis, Hull, Jones, Mead, Mogen, Monahan, O'Donovan, Page, Saenz, Schlimme, Shaw, R.Smith, J&J Yardumian, B&S Young.

Following the briefing, it is thought that members might like to join together for lunch at the nearby restaurant, THE CHAMA RIVER BREWING COMPANY. To get there, follow the Pan American frontage road North to Jefferson. Turn left and cross I-25. Take the frontage road South until you see the restaurant.

REPORT OF CHAPTER MEETING - 11 FEBRUARY 2009

Substituting for Dick Callaghan and Bob Clark, Jerry Monahan began our February luncheon by calling on Jim Hoffsis to lead the members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following Jim, Dolph Saenz, our acting chaplain, took the floor to ask for the protection of our servicemen and women in Iraq and Afghanistan. He then asked for enlightened political leadership here at home to bring us through the ongoing economic crisis. Dolph closed with a prayer for the return to good health of Chapter President, Dick Callaghan, and First Vice President, Ron Cuellar.

FBI Seminar

After handing out maps and sign-up sheets for our planned March visit to the FBI Field Office, Jerry called on Todd Hulsey, a Chapter member and FBI Supervisory Special Agent to provide members with an overview of the Executive Seminar we would be attending.

Student Scholarships

Four deserving University of New Mexico ROTC students representing each of the four military services have been selected to receive AFIO NM Chapter Scholarships. Awards will be made at an upcoming meeting. We should note here that AFIO National is providing half the funds for these scholarships.

June Evening Out at the Shriner's

Dolph Saenz and Ron Page, both members of the Shriner's Center here in Albuquerque, reported that they were continuing to work on details of our Chapter's first-ever night time get together.

The Shriner's Center should be a venue of choice for a banquet, according to Dolph, because it has an in-house commercial kitchen, a good location and ample parking. Additionally, Dolph noted how the Shriners have a track record for successfully hosting this kind of event.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SINCE THE FEBRUARY MEETING: Ron and Dolph have arranged with the Shriners to have the event on Friday 26 June, just before our summer break. The banquet will begin at 5:30 pm, with a dinner featuring prime rib as the main course. An open bar will also be available. June has the added benefit of Daylight Savings Time, so members who don't usually drive at night are more likely to attend.

Dolph Saenz sees this banquet at the Albuquerque Shriner's Center as an excellent venue for a presentation on national security issues. He is tentatively planning to have two and possibly three speakers address the crisis of narco trafficking in Mexico and the impact on the U.S. of what appears to be the continuing meltdown of law and order in that country. He believes the local media should be invited. However, he defers to the Chapter whether or not to invite the media. There will be a discussion on this event at the April meeting.

Heather Wilson

Jim Hoffsis suggested that we write a letter to Heather Wilson inviting her to speak at an upcoming Chapter meeting. He remembers the excellent presentation she gave at an earlier Chapter luncheon. With her lengthy service in Congress, including membership in the Intelligence Oversight Committee, he believes she could provide us a unique insight on current events.

Tom Dyle agreed and suggested that in our invitation we provide her several dates to choose from: the April or May luncheons or the June night-time banquet at the Shriner's Center.

Chapter Administrative Issues

Term of Office

As requested by several members, Jean Yardumian led a discussion about whether the two-year term for Chapter officers should be changed back to one year. Until a few years ago, one-year terms were the norm, to encourage greater participation by the membership at large.

Judith Mead advised members that, according to Robert's Rules, a 30-day notice is required before we initiate any change to our By-Laws. She also reminded everyone that a change must be reviewed and approved by AFIO National, with the whole process possibly taking a couple of months.

Joe Yardumian took the floor and suggested that we simplify the whole matter by agreeing to the obvious: that, regardless of term of office, Chapter officers can resign from any position at any time for any reason. The members agreed and a motion was made and approved to leave the By-Laws as is.

Upcoming Chapter Election

The second issue addressed was whether ballots should be mailed out to the entire membership and then tallied and announced at the April Chapter meeting. In a discussion led by Jean Yardumian, a majority of the members saw this as a cumbersome and unnecessary procedure. A cross-section of our Chapter never attends regular meetings for a variety of reasons and, therefore, is unfamiliar with the candidates nominated for Chapter positions. The members voted to continue with an open election at our April meeting where a show of hands elects the officers. Should more than one individual be vying for a particular position, then paper ballots will be handed out. This procedure is specified in our By-Laws.

As we are not having a March meeting, the Nominating Committee will not announce the proposed slate until the April newsletter. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the April meeting before voting begins. If you wish to run for an office or suggest another member for an office, please contact Jean Yardumian before March 25th. (797-1851 or jjyard@q.com)

President – Dick Callaghan
1st Vice President – Ron Cuellar
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