

Association For Intelligence Officers

The Tom Smith New Mexico Chapter

B.E. "Pete" Bostwick, Jr.
President

505-898-2649
foreigndevil@yahoo.com

MARCH MEETING

Wednesday, 10 March 2010

Calico Café (Vernon's Steakhouse), 4th Street, ¼ mi north of Osuna

11:00 AM ---- Socialize and Place Lunch Orders

11:30 AM: Call To Order

President's Corner:

You are as aware as I of the recent captures of senior Taliban leaders in Pakistan, and I have to say that those actions represent an astonishing development in our relationship with Pakistan's murky, secretive, and highly effective Inter-Services Intelligence Directorate (known as ISI). ISI has acted autonomously for decades, and has been deeply involved with various (and nefarious) extremist groups within and outside of Pakistan. Our Intel folks working in that region deserve great credit for establishing working relations with ISI, and for enlisting their aid in the hunt for Taliban leaders.

You are also aware of the fast moving operations in Afghanistan, and I'm not going to dwell on that, here. I do have available some reports of Governor-led eradication operations in difficult areas, which I will be happy to share with anyone interested.

I'd also like to express my sincere thanks, once again, to our other Scholarship Committee members, Joe Cantergiani and Joe Yardumian (who I'm beginning to think of as "Joe #1 and Joe #2"), and to Al Baye for his unstinting assistance in getting snail mail out to those members not "wired" and to those who have requested hard copies as backup. "Mahalo plenty," (many thanks) as they say in Hawaii.

The views presented above are entirely my own, and do not represent those of AFIO or any government agency

THE FEBRUARY MEETING

With a quorum on hand, Chapter members present voted to officially designate our scholarship program as the

Richard L. Callaghan Memorial Scholarship Fund

This is, I believe, a fitting tribute to Dick's accomplishments, and to his long service to the Tom Smith New Mexico Chapter.

Additionally, the Chapter approved the formation of a **Latin American Affairs Committee**, to be headed by Ms. Edna Valverde Fowler. Ms. Fowler's intention is to enhance our knowledge of those affairs in the predominantly Spanish-speaking countries to our south whose policies and activities present challenges to the U.S. Intelligence Community and to Law Enforcement. As a result of this long overdue focus, we hope to invite speakers to address the Chapter on issues affecting both U.S. national security and the security of the border states. Ms. Fowler's long relationship with Intelligence matters in Latin America and Cuba, and her long involvement with New Mexico's Hispanic leadership figures, make her uniquely qualified to expand our horizons in this area.

OTHER CHAPTER BUSINESS

Update on the **Richard L. Callaghan Memorial Scholarship Fund**. Thanks to Joe Cantergiani's persistence and Joe Yardumian's thorough reviews of the revised inputs, we now have four (4) solid applicants from the UNM ROTC program for this year's scholarship awards. I believe the members will be pleased by the caliber of these young men and women.

I'm going to attach a few items of Intelligence interest to this newsletter, and will have more to submit to Sam Shaw's newly upgraded AFIO NM web site. Stay tuned!

PERSONNEL NOTES:

Ruby Ellen Smith remains in the rehab center (still!!), but seems to be improving. She is in good spirits, but looking forward to going home...they took her for a brief home visit recently, to test her ability to get along in the house. While the staff person didn't tell Ruby how well she had or had not done, Ruby believes she's getting closer to escaping from rehab, though she'll probably need to engage a helper for her home activities. She would be thrilled to have some visitors.... Anyone wishing to cheer her on by phone can reach her at: 293-3676.

Brendan O'Donovan has begun chemotherapy, and is tolerating it much better than anyone expected. He has not experienced any side effects, so far, and he sounds and says he feels "fine."

Ron Cuellar is still keeping Big Spring TX in line, and doing well.

Looking forward to seeing you at this month's meeting. The Calico Café has assured me the construction is (thankfully) over at last.

Respectfully submitted, Pete Bostwick

* * * * *

Pete Bostwick - President

Judith Mead – Treasurer

(Vacant) - 1st Vice President, Programs

Jerry Monahan (On Leave) – 2nd Vice President, Public Relations

Brendan O'Donovan (On Leave) – Secretary and Newsletter Editor