

Association For Intelligence Officers

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MARCH MEETING

Wednesday, 14 March 2012

Marcello's Chophouse, Albuquerque Uptown

11:15 AM: Arrive, Sign in, Order Lunch **11:45 AM:** Call To Order

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This month's meeting will be an essentially "closed" meeting; i.e., no guests whose discretion you cannot vouch for. The reason is—as should be apparent from the attachments—that we have an opportunity (if not an obligation) to discuss the content of these articles. I am personally uncertain whether this topic might be considered "too political" for the organization, so I ask you all to be discreet about bringing new faces and personalities to this chapter meeting.

My gut reaction to these disclosures is that the larger the bureaucracy, the more openings there are for inherently dishonest people to take advantage of a lack of oversight, or loopholes, or the lure of easy rewards. There are people in all industries, private and government, who are always on the lookout for opportunities to feather their own nests at the expense of others, or who believe—because of rank, position, or arrogance—that they are somehow entitled to "game" the system in their favor.

Although I have encountered such people in the military, my experience has been that they are (generally speaking) found out pretty quickly and dealt with. The armed forces' emphasis on ethics, integrity and teamwork tends to suppress these tendencies and weed out bad apples more readily than in government at large, or in the private sector. The focus of the attached articles appears to support my thesis, but it's all open for discussion.

Please review the attachments before coming to the meeting, and look forward to some stimulating discussion!

I look forward to seeing you next week.

Respectfully yours,

Pete Bostwick