



AFIO NEW MEXICO CHAPTER

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NOV MEETING -- WED NOV 12, 2014

“The Egg & I” -- 6909 Menaul Blvd (just East of Louisiana)

Sign In and Order Lunch: 11:00 / Pledge of Allegiance, Call to Order 11:30

OCTOBER WRAP:

This was a terrific, well attended meeting. Present were members Al Baye, Pete Bostwick, Joe Cantergiani, Mike Ford, Ron Page, Adolph Saenz, Richard Sullivan, and Joe and Jean Yardumian. Additionally, there were quite a few visitors, notable among them: Prof. Frank L. Gilfeather, Director of the National Security Studies Program at the University of New Mexico; his Executive Assistant, Candace Shirley; several of his students, and Mr. Hamid Rad, a PhD student at New Mexico State University (NMSU) who is pursuing a doctoral dissertation on an Intelligence issue.

OUR SPEAKER:

We were treated to an excellent presentation by Dr. Donald J. Fingleton, PhD, on an unusual topic: providing Counterintelligence (CI) training for national laboratory scientists and engineers. Dr. Fingleton holds an array of degrees in Physical Science and Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Atmospheric Science, Geochemistry, Industrial Hygiene, and Environmental Chemistry – not the sort of person one “usually” associates with the Intelligence field. He has a long and distinguished history, however, in working with various federal agencies, providing insights into how to communicate with scientific professionals about Counterintelligence issues, including how to recognize when they are being targeted for information about their specialties. If you think about it, you may recognize that specialists in esoteric fields who work in US Government laboratories or with agencies that require access to their often unique (and perhaps classified) knowledge, are likely more difficult to communicate with about espionage threats in their fields. Scientific conferences and colloquia, held either here or abroad, are likely to attract participants hoping to elicit information from unsuspecting experts that will advance their own knowledge or provide insight into US interests and priorities. Dr. Fingleton’s presentation was an interesting and sometimes humorous look into the vagaries of instilling CI awareness into scientists who we would regard as not speaking “plain English.” This is a topic rarely encountered by Intelligence agents and analyst, and this presentation was a delightful insight into the CI aspects of dealing with highly specialized communities. We are indebted to Dr. Fingleton for a most interesting talk.

THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

The AFIO New Mexico Chapter is undertaking a different approach to scholarship awards for the 2014-2015 academic year. First—following consultation with Prof. Frank Gilfeather—we are going to extend eligibility for our scholarships to the UNM National Security Studies Program, with whom we feel a natural affinity. The UNM Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC), with whom we originally established the program, remain valued participants in this competition. Also,

discussions with administrators of both programs revealed that, in this economy and job market, our previous approach of offering four (4) \$250 scholarships was no longer attractive, so we have changed the program to offer a single scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to the student making the best presentation to the Scholarship Committee. We believe this change will enhance the competition, and will encourage applicants to think more deeply about possible careers in Intelligence.

I N M E M O R I A M

It is with great sadness that I inform the Chapter that a long-time member and former Public Relations Officer for the Chapter,

JERRY B. MONAHAN

Passed away on October 20, 2014, following a long bout with cancer. He will be greatly missed by all the members of the AFIO New Mexico Chapter.

Please see the full obituary at the end of this newsletter

THE INTELLIGENCE UNIVERSE...

... has become more complicated. An understatement, I believe. The challenges posed by extremist elements in Russia, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, China, Burma, Thailand...and the list goes on, are not to be underestimated, but the most immediate threat perceived by most Americans is the Islamic State. So let's talk about that for a minute. It is not just the upstart Islamic State, but the problem of it being an inspiration to others. The issue of Islamist "wannabes" is only part of the equation. The "lone wolf" individuals who are attracted to the sheer violence of ISIS, and its complete disregard for those who are innocent or who wish not to be involved, may be energized and inspired by their credo. Also, we seem to have in our society an underclass of mentally ill and anti-establishment individuals who may feel enough kinship with the ISIS approach to act out their own worst fantasies on an unsuspecting and likely unprepared public. Law enforcement is more aware of this threat, now, but I surmise that the public is completely unprepared. The Intelligence Community is, at least for the moment, at a disadvantage in penetrating the Islamist movement, but the current environment does raise the issue of how to improve the collection and dissemination of pertinent Intelligence on threats within our borders. The protection of methods and sources is important as ever, though the former has been somewhat compromised by Mr. Snowden and his ilk. Sources, however, must continue to be shielded. This is a real quandary, partly because of the cloud cast over domestic collection activities, and partly because the US mental health community has dropped the ball. Local law enforcement is at a serious disadvantage in most communities. There are several problems to be overcome. One is that, with few exceptions, law enforcement officers are inherently dismissive of, and opposed to, Intelligence derived from national agencies. Police intelligence units face fewer, though similar, problems. Perhaps select law enforcement officers and some local officials need to be educated on the nature, practice and dissemination of intelligence, both criminal and national. The so-called state "Fusion Cells," for instance, which seem to be mostly expensive and emasculated white elephants, could perhaps be transformed into centers for intelligence education and dissemination across a wider audience. Also, the reporting by medical practitioners of delusional and paranoid patients needs to be reformed. There are no easy answers, but all Intelligence officers, retired or active, should be able to help direct the dialogue.

Albuquerque Journal on Friday October 24, 2014



MONAHAN, JERRY B. Jerry B. Monahan, 83, of Albuquerque, NM, passed away on October 20, 2014. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Jeanette Monahan; his son, Patrick; and daughter, Patricia Kalb, and her husband, Jeffrey; and two grandchildren, Marie and Brian Kalb. He was born on May 11, 1931 and was a lifetime resident of Albuquerque. Jerry graduated from Albuquerque High School and the University of Albuquerque and obtained a Master's degree from the University of New Mexico. He served proudly in the US Air Force as a cryptographer, stationed in Japan during the Korean War. He strongly believed in education and was an elementary and middle school teacher for Albuquerque Public Schools for more than 30 years, having taught at Duranes, Mission and Kennedy schools. Jerry was an active member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Jerry cherished life in so many ways and will be deeply missed. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, October 24, 2014 at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 619 Copper Ave. NW in Albuquerque. Entombment will follow at Gate of Heaven Mausoleum, 7999 Wyoming Blvd NE. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Casa Angelica, 5629 Isleta Blvd. SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87105, or online at www.casaangelica.org, or to a charity of choice. FRENCH - University 1111 University Blvd NE 505-843-6333

Respectfully,
Pete Bostwick and Mike Ford
Your Co-Presidents