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Our thoughts and prayers go out to Ron Cuellar, who continues to receive cancer treatments in Texas. Not knowing how long these medical procedures will last, Ron thought it best that he formally resign from his position as a Chapter Officer. Dick Callaghan has asked Bob Clark to assume Ron's position as 1st Vice President.

Upcoming Chapter Meeting

We will again meet at 1100 hours on Wednesday, 24 October, at the Calico Café/Vernon's Steak House, located about ½ mile north of Osuna on the west side of 4th Street, immediately adjacent to the old El Camino Motel. The meeting place is in the "Back Room" behind the package store.

Luncheon Speaker

Long-time Chapter member and former Chapter President, Joe Cantergiani, will speak at this month's meeting. As many of you know, Joe recently returned from a trip to Russia and he will brief us on his impressions of this country since it transitioned from Communism. While an Air Force officer, Joe served some 21 years in the Strategic Air Command (SAC) during the height of the Cold War. His responsibilities at SAC required his having detailed knowledge about the USSR, so he is in a position to provide us a somewhat unique view of how modern Russia compares with the old Soviet Russia.

Report of Chapter Meeting of 26 Sept.

Bill Young again opened our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. President Dick Callaghan followed with a request for a moment of silence whereby members could pause for a brief meditation or a silent prayer.

Next, Callaghan called for guest introductions: Kitsie Hilaire, wife of out late Chapter Member, Dr. Paul Hilaire, was welcomed by the group.

As you probably remember, last year when we were meeting at the Petroleum Club, Kitsie delivered an outstanding report about American Red Cross disaster relief operations. She and her husband had been active Red Cross disaster relief volunteers for many years. This required their being on-call 24-7 for local New Mexico emergencies and also for deployment to out-of-state disasters. Next, Dolph Saenz introduced his luncheon guest, Ron Page, a retired FBI Special Agent, now residing in Albuquerque. Mr. Page is considering joining our Chapter.

Jerry Monahan

Chapter Vice President, Jerry Monahan, has been our public relations officer since July and has routinely placed free public service announcements in local newspapers including those at the Air Force Base and national labs.

We are seeing some positive results with local citizens calling Jerry at home for additional information about our Chapter. Recently, two Air Force active duty intelligence officers attended one of our meetings and at today's luncheon, Jerry introduced Edna Fowler, a retired Air Force Intelligence Officer, who saw one of Jerry's public service ads. Miss Fowler is a Latin American specialist who saw duty in Mexico and Cuba during the Cold War era. In Cuba, she was an assistant to our Air Attaché in Havana just prior to Castro seizing power. With such an interesting career, she will be a valuable addition to our New Mexico AFIO Chapter.

26 September Speaker

We want to thank Bob Clark for his persistence and hard work in finally arranging for a New Mexico Homeland Security official to be our guest speaker on 26 September. We tried in vain for the past three-years to have New Mexico's Homeland Security Chief, Tim Manning, speak to us. Because of meetings and conferences both here and in Washington, D.C. he was just not available at the times we met. Bob credits Director Manning's Secretary Maria Granito, with providing us an excellent substitute speaker from New Mexico's Homeland Security Office.

Earl Rose

Earl Rose began his intelligence career in the military as an intelligence analyst with the U.S. Army. He graduated from the U.S. Army Intelligence Center at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, and then was stationed in Louisiana for his first field assignment. While in Louisiana, Earl participated in counter-drug and anti-terrorism operations in the US as well as providing intelligence support to counter-drug operations in South America. He also supported U.S. forces in Bosnia. In 2003 Earl deployed as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom where he was the Religious, Political and Tribal Intelligence Analyst for the eastern half of Baghdad. After leaving the service, Earl worked on several projects involving the transition of power to the Iraqi government. In 2005, he was hired by the Arizona Department of Public Safety to work at the Arizona Counter-Terrorism Information Center where he was responsible for the International Terrorism profile which included the domestic extension of foreign terrorist groups. Earl was also responsible for the intelligence related to Critical Infrastructure.

In June of 2007 Earl took the position of Intelligence Fusion Manager with the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

A young man in his late 20's, Mr. Rose impressed the members with his grasp of what it takes to effectively keep potential terrorists at bay.

Since its inception, observers have often painted Homeland Security as an excessively large and confused bureaucracy, staffed with much of the same dead wood who worked on security issues prior to 9-11. Our speaker certainly cleared the air on that misconception.

Looking back to the Vietnam era and seeing how our intelligence was hardly ever shared between civilian agencies and the military services in Southeast Asia, and more recently how intelligence was kept close to the chest due to the rigidity and parochialism at both the FBI and CIA, Homeland Security managers over the past 4 years decided they had to clear the decks once and for all and design a new and comprehensive all-source intelligence system. Security officers - on a need to know basis – can now access the system up and down the chain of command from national agency level to the local county sheriff.

Mr. Rose described this concept as a Fusion Center, where worldwide intelligence, law enforcement information and citizen reports are all fed into a central data base. There are no blind spots here and each day a nearly real-time mosaic can be drawn that fairly accurately depicts the current domestic and international terrorist threat.

According to the speaker, there are 34 of these Fusion Centers across the country – including one in Santa Fe. Mr. Rose described how an analyst at the National Security Agency, for example, can now immediately contact a policeman in say, Magdalena, New Mexico, to discuss a security matter.

Earl Rose stressed how the idea of all-source information really goes to the grass roots of every community. For example, in New Mexico, oil and gas companies regularly log into the Santa Fe Fusion Center as do the National Labs at Kirtland AFB and Los Alamos. The utility company, PNM, regularly reports in as do emergency management personnel, public health employees and even public works officials. Cross-country truckers are also a valuable source of information.

Here in New Mexico, trans-national threats from Central American gangs such as MS-13 are closely monitored. Mr. Rose reported how the Fusion Center in Santa Fe now has six full-time intelligence analysts on board. He went on to explain how the credibility of the information flowing into Santa Fe is assessed; If the information did not originate in New Mexico, the analyst tracks the report back to its source. Our speaker gave the example of a report about a donut box possibly wired as an improvised explosive device. Following the information back to the source, the Santa Fe Homeland Security analyst discovered it was a third-hand report originating in the state of Maine some 4-years earlier and the box turned out to be harmless refuse.

Jonathan Pollard Revisited

Chapter President Dick Callaghan remarked at our September meeting that we gave the impression in last month's newsletter that Pollard was first and foremost a Jewish patriot just helping out Israel. To the contrary, as our speaker, Ron Olive, described him: He was strictly a mercenary attempting to sell his stolen secrets to the highest bidder. He reportedly

offered his services to at least 8 or 9 countries including Syria, China and Russia. All of them turned him down, considering him some kind of loose cannon, far too eccentric to be trusted. Pollard's final pitch to sell his wares was to Israel, who accepted him with open arms.

Considering how we are without doubt Israel's only true ally and that we routinely share pertinent intelligence with the Mossad, Dick can't understand why Israel runs such aggressive espionage against us – almost nonstop. One explanation given by Middle East experts is that

from its beginnings in the 1940's, the Mossad and its predecessor organizations have been relatively immune from formal oversight – reporting only to the Prime Minister. The Mossad is also believed to have a tradition of looking upon every nation the same – as merely targets of opportunity.

Having worked undercover for many years in the New York-New Jersey area, Dick Callaghan knows first hand the power and influence of pro-Israel groups residing in this area. They contribute significant financial support to the State of Israel and Callaghan believes this helps explain where the public relations campaign began to try and paint Pollard as merely a Jewish patriot.

After Pollard's apprehension, the pressure from these groups was apparently so strong that senior Israeli politicians – including at least two Prime Ministers – made several petitions to the White House for Pollard's pardon and release - based on the fiction that he was only a patriot trying to help out the Mossad.

What's New With The Chapter

Plenty!

For starters – this coming January we plan to send all Chapter correspondence out electronically to those members with E-Mail. Bob Clark is compiling a master list of Chapter E-Mail addresses.

MOTION TO BE CONSIDERED

At the September meeting a Motion was offered and seconded, to take a vote of the membership, to change the AFIO meeting dates from the fourth Wednesday of every month to the second Wednesday of every month. In conjunction with this change, which would go into effect in January of 2008, these additional changes would also take place:

- A. Meetings would be scheduled from September to June of each year, skipping July and August. A meeting would be held in December.
- B. The January or February meeting may take place at night and/or at a special location to serve as a new member get acquainted event to coincide with an annual membership drive.

These changes were suggested since many members and potential speakers are on vacation during the summer months and attendance is often low. Also, by changing the day from the fourth to the second Wednesday would eliminate the problem of conflicts with Thanksgiving when many are traveling or having to prepare for the dinner. It would also allow for a December meeting which could be scheduled as an evening event and holiday celebration allowing spouses and guests to attend.

Enclosed is a postcard for your vote. A yes vote will change the meeting date and a no vote will keep the current schedule. The decision will be based on the majority vote of those who return the postcard within ten days of the date of this mailing.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Also, in an effort to update our records please email your current email address to Bob Clark at: bobclark19@msn.com. By having your current email address, it will facilitate contacting you in the event of emergencies, to notify you of any last minute information or changes and to enable us to email our monthly newsletter to you and save postage, time and effort.

We appreciate your cooperation in these matters.

AFIO New Mexico Chapter Enters the Computer Age

Long time Chapter member, Sam Shaw, updated the members on the status of our newly constructed Web Site. Sam has been doing a lot of spade work over the past several months to get our Chapter Web Site up and running – with help from Joe Cantergiani and Bob Clark.

Sam explained how Network Solutions will be our network provider and Site Administrator under a five-year agreement. Our Chapter's domain name/website address is: www.afionm.org. It has also been locked in for five-years.

Sam Shaw cautioned that a fundamental concern for us should be Site security to neutralize the ever present threat from hackers.

Procedures will be in place whereby possibly sensitive information is formally reviewed by a Chapter committee before being entered on the Web Site. We will also have a private members-only section within the Web Site, for added security.

The speaker described how the opening page of the Site will feature a photo of our Chapter's namesake and co-founder, Tom Smith, along with a biographical summary of his career.

Dick Callaghan

As he has done in previous years, Dick is using the coming holiday season to promote our New Mexico Chapter both locally and throughout the state. He plans to distribute New Year's calendars containing Chapter information, along with brochures from AFIO National and also specially designed posters to all New Mexico – based security, law enforcement and intelligence organizations. He is also designing and printing updated stationary for our Chapter.

The above promotional materials have been produced at no cost to the Chapter.

Postcards

Note that postcards have been enclosed with those newsletters going to members living in the greater Albuquerque and Santa Fe areas only.

Please complete and sign your postcard and return it to Bob Clark within 10 days of this mailing.

Dick Callaghan - President
Bob Clark – First Vice President
Jerry Monahan – Second Vice President/ Public Relations
Brendan O'Donovan – Secretary
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