

Association For Intelligence Officers

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Wednesday, 14 September 2011

Marcello's Chophouse, Albuquerque Uptown

11:00 AM: Arrive, Sign in, Order Lunch **11:30 AM:** Call To Order

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that I inform the Chapter that a long-time member,

Captain William Forbes Young
CWO-3 (Ret.) U.S. Coast Guard and Master Mariner

Passed away on June 28, 2011, at age 74

Bill had a long and distinguished career encompassing much more than his 20-year career in the U.S. Coast Guard, which included command of three vessels and security for John F. Kennedy's Nantucket compound. Bill also participated in international conferences, consulted for the Admiralty Law Firm in Boston, commanded two anti-terrorist maritime operations for U.S. Intelligence, took part in ocean yacht races, headed the crew that resparred and rerigged the U.S. Constitution, and received the Order of the Elephant, 4th Class from the Danish Crown.

Bill will be much missed, and the Chapter extends its sincere condolences to his wife, Sharon, his children and grandchildren. Bill's Obituary is included at the end of this newsletter.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

One would think the world as we knew it is falling apart...and perhaps it is. The Middle East-North Africa Arab (MENA) world remains not just in flux, but in chaos, and the interrelationships of these nations shift from day-to-day. Syria's Bashar al-Hassad had a chance to be a hero but chose instead to try to crush citizens who oppose his rule. Turkey has just renounced its long running strategic ties with Israel over the deaths of eight Turks and one Turkish-American when Israeli commandos seized a Turkish ship headed for Gaza in May 2010. Libya remains unsettled, as rebel leaders are not yet fully in control and Ghadafi remains at large. The future of Iraq is clouded by intensifying Sunni-Shiite violence, and Iran remains a spoiler in the region by supplying arms to like-minded regional supporters and continuing to develop its nuclear capabilities.

In Asia, our relations with Pakistan fray over the use of drones to hunt militants, even as we continue to score successes against al Qaeda leaders in the ungovernable tribal border areas with neighboring Afghanistan. This crucial (for the U.S.) strategic relationship is very much at risk, today. In Afghanistan, while we're making progress, the Taliban are counting on our withdrawal and intensifying their attacks against both Afghans and the international forces there. In Burma, recently freed democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi risks renewed incarceration under house arrest as she pursues public meetings against the express orders of the still-in-charge military junta. The junta, whose refusal to relinquish power except in the most superficial ways, clearly intends to postpone any real move toward democracy as long as it can continue to rule by force and intimidation. Neighboring Thailand is on the cusp of a generational political redefinition. The recent election of Ms. Yingluck Shinawatra as Prime Minister presages a difficult recalibration of Thai politics, as the Bangkok core comes to grips with a restive rural population and faces the inevitable, eventual passing of their revered King.

The international Southeast Asian scene faces heightened challenges from a more assertive China, especially in the South China Sea, where the threat of a growing Peoples Liberation Army Navy raises new challenges for the many claimants of national interests and holdings in the Spratly and Paracel Islands. China, which refuses to recognize United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) agreements or recommendations, actually seeks to exclude the U.S. and other nations' naval vessels from transiting these waters.

Closer to home, there are recurring problems with keeping secrets secret. Wikileaks revelations are bad enough—worse, now that unredacted cables are available to all—but the recent revelation of CIA-New York Police Department collaboration to establish surveillance on, and infiltration of, ethnic communities in New York creates serious stumbling blocks for the law enforcement and Intelligence agencies charged with keeping us all safe. Is this stretching the First Amendment a little too far? Additionally, an obscure lawsuit in upstate New York has inadvertently revealed details of some past “rendition” flights allegedly conducted by the CIA. It's an interesting article, and I'll bring copies to the meeting.

JUNE MEETING NOTES:

Thanks to Mike Ford for this summary of June 8 meeting --

After 1stVP Jerry Monahan called the meeting to order, the Pledge of Allegiance was given and Dolph Saenz gave an opening prayer. Eight members attended. Jean Yardumian gave the Treasurer's report, and Mike Ford proposed that any cash remaining after lunch expenses were paid be sent to the USO to purchase phone cards for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan; in return the USO would send us a 3' x 5' American Flag. The group accepted the proposal, and a check for \$21 was sent to the USO.

After lunch, Dolph Saenz introduced the speaker, retired U.S. Army Colonel Blas Arquides, former Military Intelligence officer for Latin America in the Pentagon. Col. Arquides spoke on his experiences at the Latin America desk and his travel and meetings in various countries, then focused on his work in Mexico. The meeting adjourned following the talk.

Please take the time to peruse Bill Young's Obituary, which follows on the next page; it's a good read. I look forward to catching up with all of you at the upcoming meeting!

Respectfully yours, Pete Bostwick

William Forbes Young, Master Mariner, dies age 74

Captain Bill was born near the sea and spending his life messing about in boats. He retired from the Coast Guard after 20 years and then worked off-shore for the next 15 years, including assignments in the North Sea, India and China. Bill and his wife enjoyed a third and final career running a adobe inn in Jemez Springs, New Mexico where he developed a sail training program for the Jemez Pueblo, helping young boys experience the romance of sailing.

Bill was born in Newton, Massachusetts on October 6, 1936 to William and Constance Dyer Young. His father was a Brigadier General and executive with General Electric, his mother was a radio singer and artist. Growing up on the Charles River, Bill sailed as a cadet on schooners, yawls and sloops. With local coastal journeys as well as trips to Nova Scotia, North Sea, Baltic Sea, and to Labrador on the *Bowdoin*. He attended the Coast Guard Academy also sailing master of *Eagle* and went on to command three vessels along the New England coast including captain of a Presidential Security Vessel for JFK for two years.

As a qualified Master Mariner, Captain Bill was called to work in England, for a US-based tug company providing services in the North Sea, Celtic Sea, trans-Atlantic tows, South China Sea, Trinidad and the Labrador Sea. Next, Egypt and India towing and handling barges and rigs internationally as well as in the Red Sea and the Arabian Sea. Then, he was invited by the Chinese Government to provide a training program for the Merchant Marine of the PRC in the East China Sea.

A semi-retirement opportunity to Captain the *Victory Chimes*, America's largest pure sailing vessel and Easter seaboard from Maine to Florida. Then command of restored lightship *Nantucket* in the 1986 Statue of Liberty Centennial celebrations. Before moving to New Mexico, Bill was involved again with the *Bowdoin*, this time as Master of its Sailing Training program.

In 1989, with his wife Sharon, Bill bought the Jemez Mountain Inn in Jemez Springs New Mexico. He did substitute teaching in the local schools and was active in many organizations including Association of Former Intelligence Officers, Retired Officers Association, Thoreau Society, American Sail Training Association, Boy Scouts of America and Friend of Boston Symphony, and Santa Fe Opera.

Captain Bill's exciting life at sea included other 'capers' as he called them, highlights include command of two anti-terrorist marine operations. Also, work as a rigger, sail maker and seamanship instructor and the opportunity to be part of a three-man crew that re-sparred and re-rigged the USS Constitution. In his youth, he participated in a number of ocean yacht races.

He is survived by his wife Sharon, son William Palmer Young, daughter Kathy Young, two step-daughters Lisa Bogart and Honora Langwell, Jim Langwell, 8 well loved grandchildren: Nicole, Alex, Cory, Jesse Thomas, Eric and Adam Bogart, Valerie and Brittney Langwell.

FAIR SAILING BILLY!

