



AFIO NEW MEXICO CHAPTER

March 2020 Newsletter

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NEXT MEETING -- WED. 9 SEPTEMBER 2020

At the **Sunnyside Up Café**
6909 Menaul Blvd (East of Louisiana)

1100: Sign-In/Order Lunch 1130: Call to Order 12:30: Adjourn

SPEAKER: Mr. Tom Dyble

TOPIC: Tom may provide a presentation on the situation in Belarus.

Hi All,

It has been a real difficult year since March with the COVID-19 Pandemic which caused the cancelation of our April, May, and June meetings. Our regular Summer Hiatus during July and August extended the time and now finally we are again planning on resumption of our meetings. We know that the virus has not gone away and hopefully we have learned over the last 5 months how to act in a safe and responsible way to navigate this worldwide crisis. I know our country's citizens have reacted to this crises many different ways; with denial, retaliation, rejection, despair, and somewhere in between. I hope our group is more savvy when it comes to taking protective measures and are doing well.

For this meeting, masks are encouraged but optional and no one will take offence at whatever your choice is after you are in our meeting room. The staff at Sunnyside Up have rearranged the tables and restricted occupancy to meet the Governors guidelines, which allow our meeting room to hold 20 people, so we should not have any issues with our normal attendance. We are looking at having a shorter meeting, adjourning at 12:30 instead of 1:00 for those who may want to hang around informally and catchup with one another. Depending on how many show up, Tom may do a presentation.

A reminder that we still need nominations and have an election for the 2020 – 2022 term of Chapter officers but the voting can wait until we are meeting in strength again. The current officers will continue in their capacity until such a time as this. Please give or email your nominations to one of the nominating committee members: Bob Hull (rhull@lata.com), Dick Skelton (richardskelton@msn.com), or Sue Murphy (tmurphy787@gmail.com). Members currently serving in office are eligible for re-election to their current position or election to a new position. Only paid members can vote and serve in elected positions, so Richard Sullivan is accepting your \$25.00 dues for 2021 if you have not already paid.

The following positions are open for election:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

Also, flu season is soon upon us so I would encourage us to get our shots in a timely manner.

It is with sad news that I share the following, and a thank you to Joseph Cantergiani for working with Pete's wife Pik to put this Obituary.

In Memoriam



Burdette E. "Pete" Bostwick, Jr. passed away unexpectedly but peacefully on July 13, 2020 in Corrales, NM. The cause was heart failure. Pete was born on December 5, 1940 in Orange, NJ to Betty and Burdette Bostwick. After graduating in 1959 from Governor's Academy in Byfield, MA, Pete went to Dartmouth College where his studies were interrupted by enlisting in the US Army in 1961, serving in the First Airborne Cavalry Division (AIRMOBILE) in Vietnam. He graduated from the Army Intelligence School at Ft. Holabird, MD and the Defense Language Institute at Monterey, CA where he learned Korean. Pete quickly rose to rank of Captain and was Aide-de-Camp to General Richard Knowles.

After his separation from the military he returned to Dartmouth in 1966 and completed his Bachelor's degree in International Relations, graduating in 1968. Pete pursued graduate studies at the University of Hawaii, Overseas Career Program where he received an MA in Geography - Southeast Asian studies, class of 1973. He was also an East-West Center grantee, class of 1975. As a grantee, Pete did field research in Laos and Thailand as part of the UN Mekong Project. It was during this time in Southeast Asia that Pete became fluent in the Thai language. Upon returning from SEA he taught Geography at UH Hilo while continuing to work on his Ph.D.

There followed a distinguished 25-year career in Military Intelligence at Headquarters US Commander in Chief Pacific/US Pacific Command (USCINCPAC/USPACOM), which included extended assignments in Southeast Asia. Pete was a seasoned area specialist with extensive intelligence background in Southeast Asia. For example, from 1982-1990 he served as counter-narcotics liaison officer with the Royal Thai Border Police; as an analyst he traveled around Cambodia and to the Lao border to interview the Khmer Rouge in the early '80s. He retired from Joint Intelligence Center Pacific (JICPAC) as Sr. Intelligence Officer (SIO) in 2005.

Upon retirement Pete became a member of Association of Former Intelligence Officers (AFIO) where he served as the AFIO New Mexico Chapter President between 2009 and 2016. Pete was also a member of the Ironwood Veterans group, a brotherhood of veterans from all branches of the military.

Despite a demanding career, Pete's thirst for adventure included Ski Patrol at Mauna Kea, HI and Taos Ski Valley, NM; trekking in Mt. Everest; punching cattle and horseback riding in Hawaii and New Mexico; official photographer of the annual Prince Lot Hula Festival on Oahu; teaching CPR for the Heart Association; and running with the Hash House Harriers -- an international running group.

Pete was highly regarded and respected by those who knew him, and loved by his family and friends. He will be missed. Pete is survived by his wife, Marie Pik Ng Bostwick, sister Sherry Bostwick Bishko, nieces, nephews and cousins. A service will be held at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl in Honolulu, Hawaii at a date yet to be determined.

Upcoming Speakers:

Oct. 14th: TBA

Nov. 11th: TBA

Dec. 9th: TBA

Sincerely,
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