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During our summer recess, several chapter members visited with Dick Callaghan, who is recuperating from a fall several months ago at his home in Santa Fe. Dick is currently staying at a rehabilitation facility in Santa Fe, where he is receiving daily physical therapy. His condition remains stable but guarded because of the seriousness of his fall.

RUBY ELLEN SMITH

We wish to thank Ruby Ellen Smith for hosting a delicious barbecue for Chapter members at her northeast Albuquerque home on 12 July. We appreciate her thoughtfulness and certainly all the hard work that went into preparing for this get-together. Ruby Ellen's barbecue was the highlight of our Summer Break and drew more than twenty Chapter members and their guests.

CHAPTER BUSINESS

With President Dick Callaghan and First Vice President Ron Cuellar both on medical leave, Bob Clark will be in the interim position of acting President until Dick or Ron returns.

CHAPTER BY-LAWS

ARTICLE VII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. A Nominating Committee of three members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee prior to the regular *February* meeting. The Committee shall elect its Chairman.

Section 2; The Nominating Committee will report at the regular *March* meeting. The proposed slate of officers will be printed in the Meeting Notice of the *April* meeting. Election of Officers will be at the *April* meeting.

Section 3. Nominations may be made from the floor provided the member is eligible, qualified, and has consented to serve.

Section 4. When two or more nominations are made for any elective office, the vote shall be taken by ballot. A majority vote shall elect. When only one candidate is nominated, vote may be taken by voice.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers of the Chapter shall be a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Section 2. Any Full Chapter Member in good standing shall be eligible for election to any office in this Chapter. Any Associate Member in good standing shall be eligible for all offices except President, First Vice President and Second Vice President.

Section 3. Starting in April, 1986, Officers shall be elected at the *April* meeting and shall take office at the close of the *June* meeting. The term of office shall be two years or until their successors take office.

DUES

For a list of members that have paid their AFIO, NEW MEXICO CHAPTER dues (\$10) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, please see the Members Only section, delinquent members will no longer receive the Chapter newsletter.

SCHOLARSHIP

On 22 August, Joe Cantergiani and Pete Bostwick met with the ROTC commanders at UNM: Lt Col Curtis E. Johanson, USAF, Capt Ronald W. Kennedy, US Navy and Lt Col Erik Sevigny, Army. The problem with UNM and the need for them to have a majority of the votes on any selection was discussed. It was agreed that the ROTC commanders would like to participate in our program. We plan to hold a full discussion at our September 10 meeting.

UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETING

- We will meet at 1130 hours on Wednesday, 10 September, please see the Members Only section for location.
- LUNCHEON SPEAKER FOR SEPTEMBER 2008:

ROBERT W. HULL
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR
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Mr. Hull served as a Cold-War Era intelligence analyst for the US Air Force in the Middle East, but after earning an advanced degree from Stanford University, transitioned into the Air Force's Biomedical Science Corp later becoming Chief of Bioenvironmental Engineering and Acting Chief of Military Public Health for Air Force Contingency Hospitals. He is a consultant to various US government agencies, such as, the Department of Energy, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, and the US State Department on defense issues related to Weapons of Mass Destruction. As a consultant to an international WMD oversight organization, he has for several years prepared and taught advanced courses in chemical and biological weapons, export/import controls on WMD, and small-scale production of WMD. He is a member of the local Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council and the Joint Terrorism Task Force – Terrorism Working Group.

REPORT OF CHAPTER MEETING OF 11 JUNE

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, Dolph Saenz took the floor and asked for God's blessing over our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and a special blessing for Dick Callaghan and Ron Cuellar, asking that they be returned to good health quickly.

JUNE LUNCHEON SPEAKER, P. J. DAVIS

P.J. Davis, a recent Air Force Academy graduate, and currently a special agent of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) at nearby Kirtland Air Force Base, spoke to us about the activities of his agency. AFOSI is a semi-autonomous agency staffed by plain-clothes military and civilian agents. To preclude command influence, AFOSI keeps the local base commander apprised of its activities, but reports only to its headquarters in Washington, D.C. and in turn to the Secretary of the Air Force. The agency has a combined staff of 2000 officers, enlisted personnel, and civilians worldwide. Because of its worldwide responsibilities and interests, AFOSI has, over the years, augmented its own limited resources by developing good working relationships with foreign security services and other U.S. agencies involved in counterintelligence and anti-terrorism.

Since its beginnings in 1948, the key AFOSI mission continues to be countering foreign espionage. With globalization and the advent of the information age over the past 20 years, AFOSI has seen more non-traditional foreign agents attempting to steal critical Air Force technology. This new breed of agent is frequently a part-timer and includes students, professors, scientists and businessmen temporarily residing in or visiting the U.S.. According to our speaker, a major change to the traditional AFOSI culture occurred after 9-11 when more than 220 liaison billets were established between it and the U.S. Army. These are frequently combat billets. In recent years, seven AFOSI agents have lost their lives in Iraqi operations.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jean Yardumian reported that your Chapter's bank balance stood at \$3,171.57 as of 31 May. Within that balance is \$700 donated by members toward our Scholarship Fund for a UNM student. Jean also reminded members that the annual \$10 Chapter dues were delinquent if not paid by 1 August 2008.

INDEPENDENT REPORT

YOUR AIR FORCE TODAY

Several of your Chapter members, including your reporter, who are retired from Air Force intelligence, were taken aback recently by news of the firings of the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force for lack of leadership. The Air Force was cited for not adequately protecting and managing the nuclear weapons stockpile allocated to its strategic bomber force. Specifically, (against every rule in the book), a B-52 flew from North Dakota to Barksdale AFB, Louisiana, with nuclear tipped air-launched Cruise missiles under its wings. The whole fiasco went undetected until reported by an airman on the tarmac at Barksdale.

Since our June meeting, additional negative reports have surfaced about the Air Force. The Secretary of Defense described how it was like pulling teeth to get more Air Force participation in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Despite it being the least involved military service in the current conflicts, the Air Force leadership has been on a nonstop lobbying crusade within Congress to increase its already historically huge budget. Those lobbying efforts are in support of purchasing more F-22 fighter aircraft. At 355 million dollars each, the F-22 is the most expensive fighter aircraft in history. As an air-to-air fighter, it is irrelevant to the conflict in the Middle East, and most observers believe it may even be a gigantic flop against the non-existent conventional air force it is designed to flight: too few are affordable to deal with a major foe; and in realistic air combat testing, the F-22 has failed time and again to deliver effective results.

Air Refueling Tankers: If the above negatives were not enough, reports indicate that nowhere has the Air Force sense of self-entitlement been more obvious than in the unending scandals surrounding the acquisition of new air refueling tankers. The Air Force's plan to "lease purchase" Boeing 767 airliners as tankers at costs well above the price of just purchasing them came to a demise only after Sen. John McCain and the Justice Department found an Air Force official colluding with a Boeing corporate manager. Both were subsequently jailed.

A question of ethics: With that grimy background, and the world watching over its shoulder, one would have expected the Air Force acquisition process to be on its best behavior when it restarted its tanker acquisition; the GAO issued an extraordinarily strong-worded ruling on June 18 that found the Air Force contract award process to be heavily biased, this time in favor of Northrup-Grumman. (This certainly does not sound like the same Air Force – by a long shot - that your reporter and his contemporaries remember.)

The above report was excerpted and paraphrased from the July/August 2008 edition of The Defense Monitor, a Newsletter of the Center for Defense Information in Washington, D.C.

One of our members with long experience in Washington, D.C. has offered some points below to counter the negative issues presented above.

1. He feels that the article exudes service rivalry bias.
2. He agrees that the Airbus would have been a better selection than the Boeing proposal, as it has better range and carrying capability; but he points out that the "lease purchase" argument is specious. Lease purchase does cost more overall, but allows for funding to be spread over the years with much less budget impact in a single year.
3. He strongly disagrees re the F-22. As an air-to-air fighter, it is intended to counter the superb air-to-air fighter currently being produced in Russia. The F-22 has an excellent avionics package, outstanding maneuverability, and will be in service for around 20 years. The cost, however, is prohibitive and large numbers of planes won't be affordable.

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