



Suncoaster

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Chairman's Message



Dear Chapter Members and Fiends;

Wow!

The October meeting was outstanding. Al Robinson, Tom Connolly, and Cy Gamber gave a detailed review of the 53rd national convention held in New York in September.

Former SAC and current author Joe Trimbach gave an outstanding overview of the Wounded Knee case. Joe introduced little known facts concerning the case and how tragic the loss of two Special Agents. Thanks again to the efforts of Ed Fleck the speakers have all been excellent.

As Joe spoke, I looked around the room at the former agent's in attendance, saw and remembered outstanding cases these agents worked and how they too influenced communities and history. What a great privilege to be associated with such group. Again, a great door prize was given away and another will be given away at our November 14th meeting. Yes, November 14. The luncheon will be held early in November due to Thanksgiving. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Bring your spouse and friends. It's a great time to be had by all.

Just an early reminder. Our Christmas party will be in December. Al Scudieri and his committee are planning a great event. Additional information will be published by Al. Please save some time in December to party with your associates and friends at Maggiano's. Thanks again

for your support.

Richard Holland

Suncoast Event Dates

November Meeting – The November meeting will be held a week early, on November 14th, due to a conflict with Thanksgiving week.
December Christmas Party – Dec 10th 11am – 4 pm

Speakers for the November Meeting

From Ed Fleck:

At our Nov. 14th meeting we are very pleased to have two Agents from the Tampa FBI Office who have taken time from their busy schedules to be as our guest speakers, both of whom have had interesting foreign assignments.

Dave Street is a former police officer with the Kingsport, TN, PD, and has been an SA for 7 years, assigned to the Sarasota RA, where he is on SWAT and a team sniper. He just returned from a TDY assignment in the Iraq Theater of Operations.

Chris Reimann previously worked for DOD in Germany and Greece. He has been an SA for 15 years, is the SSRA for Pinellas and Pasco/Hernando RAs and is also Tampa Acting ASAC. Chris' prior TDY assignments were Moscow, Estonia, Latvia, and Kazakhstan, and he has also served as Legat Islamabad, (covering Pakistan and Afghanistan), and Legat Singapore (covering Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, East Timor, Brunel and Diego Garcia).

We think you will find this to be a very enlightening program and look forward to seeing you there. Please contact Treasurer Bob Ulmer for your reservation.

2006 Christmas Party

Al Scudieri sends:

This year's chapter Christmas party will be held on Sunday afternoon (11 AM to 4 PM) December 10 at Maggiano's restaurant, Westshore Plaza, Tampa. The cost is \$30 per person. Maggiano's, the area's premier family style Italian restaurant features an outstanding variety of appetizers, salads, entrees and desserts. All portions are huge - so come hungry! We have reserved our own private dining room with a wet bar. There will be door prizes galore. SAC Carl Whitehead has already accepted our invitation to attend. Space is limited, so please make your reservations early."

From our Treasurer

10/31/06

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I'm starting to compile the reservation list for the November 14 luncheon. Please let me know if you plan to attend this month. Remember, we will be having the luncheon a week early due to the Thanksgiving holiday the following week. Ed Fleck is finalizing the arrangements for this month's speaker, whose identity is unknown to me at this time. I'm sure that Ed will let us know who the speaker will be once everything is finalized.

We are also in the midst of 2007 dues collection time. I would like to have all the members dues paid by Dec 31. I know that is a daunting task and I'm not sure that we have ever collected all member dues by the end of past calendar years. There is always a straggler or two. 20 members have paid their dues as of today.

Checks for the luncheon and the 2007 dues can be mailed to me at 17031 Dolphin Drive, North Redington Beach, FL 33708. You can include both the luncheon payment (\$12) and the dues payment (\$25) in one check. I will also accept payment for both at the door on November 14th.

Hope to see a good turnout this month. We had 45 in September and 38 in October.

Bob Ulmer

New Society Web Site

There is a new society web site. The new site has the same address, but a new look, feel, content and a members' only area. Go to <http://www.socxfbi.org/> and be sure to create a "sign in" for yourself. There is a link in the lower left corner to "Sign Up Today"

Our chapter will have a space on the national site soon.

Tampa Division News

"Washington, D.C. - Director Robert S. Mueller announced the appointment of Joseph M. Demarest, Jr., an 18 year veteran of the FBI, as the Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the FBI's New York Field Office's Counterterrorism Division. In his new role, SAC Demarest will lead a diverse team of professionals assigned to fighting domestic and international terrorism in southern and eastern New York State.

Mr. Demarest began his career as a Special Agent with the FBI in 1988. He was initially assigned to the Anchorage Division..."

Joe applied to the Bureau thru the Tampa Division.

Tampa NA Firearms Shoot

On Friday, Oct. 27, about 10 NA grads and about 30 former Agents attended the FBINAA Firearms Day hosted by the HCSO with the assistance of the Tampa FBI Office. First order of the day was a barbeque meal served up by Sonny's, followed by a welcoming by SA Ed Richardson, Capt. Gary Terry, and SAC Carl Whitehead, who also gave a presentation about the work being done by the office.

The firearms session was conducted by HCSO Range personnel with the assist of Tampa SAs Kurt Huertas and Vic Milanés, with support with 2-3 other SAs from the office, along with our own Brian Kensel. The purpose of the session was to qualify those who wish to carry in accordance with HR 218. Good news is that all shooters qualified. Their "qualified" cards will be issued by the HCSO via the Tampa office in the near future.

Following the serious shooting, Kurt conducted a fun shoot. Sharp-shooter of the day was Larry Klumb.

Book Orders

Scott Deitche advised the books have arrived – Cigar City Mafia, and are being sent out. Scott does not have any extra book just yet.