



Rotary Club of Centennial Colorado



Centennial, Colorado

September 11, 2018

Because of the special presentation by the Special Agent in Charge of the Denver Division, there was no Happy Bucks and there were only two travel gifts.

INVOCATION

The invocation was presented by Chief Baker of the South Metro Fire Department. Along with the invocation prayer, Chief Baker presented some information for Sept 11. Of the nearly 3,000 individuals murdered in the attacks, 411 of those killed were first responders. 343 were fire fighters, 63 were police, and 80 were EMT's.

Chief Baker pointed out that on each South Meter fire fighters uniform is a Maltese Cross. He pointed out there are 8 points on the cross and the points stand for 1. To live the truth, 2. To love justice, 3. Proof of humility, 4. Have faith, 5. Be merciful, 6. Be sincere and whole hearted, 7. To repent one's sins, and 8. To endure persecution.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS



The colors were presented by the Sheriff's Department Honor Guard.

ROTARY MINUTE

Samantha Roe told the club about Amazon Smile, a service that will direct a portion the money we spend into our Foundation.

Go to www.smile.amazon.com. You will have to select a charity. Typing in Centennial Rotary Foundation will get you to a page where you can select our club's foundation. Select that foundation.

BIRTHDAYS



Paul Horiuchi had a birthday, but he is keeping his age under wraps.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



Sheriff Walcher is shown announcing the award for Lieuten-

ment Kevin Heaton for interacting with the community. Kevin, from his early years as a deputy and becoming a School Resource and Crime Prevention Officer, to Lead Advisor for the Law Enforcement Explorer Program and recently as an Executive Board Member for the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Special Olympics program has always made a difference in the community. For the past 15 years, Kevin has been actively involved with the Law Enforcement Torch Run and Special Olympics. Through polar plunges, tip a cop, plane pulls and other events where monies can be raised to help support the 24,000 Special Olympic athletes in Colorado, Kevin is there.

In June 2018, Kevin was chosen to represent Colorado in the Law Enforcement Torch Run "Final Leg" for the Special Olympics during the National Summer Games in Seattle, WA.



GUEST SPEAKER

Calvin Shivers, Special Agent in Charge of the Denver Division, was our Guest Speaker. He graduated from the FBI Academy and was assigned to the New Orleans Division where he worked on violent crime, drugs, gangs, white collar crime, and public corruption. In 1999 he was designated as a Supervisory Special Agent in the Counterterrorism Division.

In 2013, Mr. Shivers was the Assistant Special Agent in Charge in San Antonio. In 2014, he was the On-Scene Commander for the mass shooting at Ft. Hood Texas. Twice he has done duty for the FBI in Iraq. Mr. Shivers has a B.S. from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a J.D. from Catholic University Law School in Washington, D.C.

Agent Shivers' presentation dealt a lot with the history of Al Qaeda and ISIS. The Islamic world has 1.5 billion Muslims. About 90 percent are Sunni. Al Qaeda and ISIS are Sunni.

The remaining 10 percent is Shia. Shia is a branch of Islam which holds that the Islamic prophet Muhammad designated Ali ibn Abi Talib as his successor and the Imam (leader) after him. This view primarily contrasts with that of Sunni Islam, whose adherents believe that Muhammad did not appoint a successor and consider Abu Bakr who they claim was Caliph through a Shura. Shia are primarily in Iran, Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq.

Al Qaeda was formed in 1988 in Afghanistan by Bin Laden and an individual that headed up Egypt Islamic Jihad. Bin Laden had the funds and the other individual has the jihad organization. The formation was in response to the Russian invasion of Afghanistan and was made up of Mujahedeen. The first Al Qaeda attacks against the United States were in 1998 in Kenya and Tanzania when American embassies were attacked. Over 200 were killed in the attacks, mostly Kenyans and Tanzanians. The next most notable attack was against the USS Cole in 2000 where 17 American sailors were killed.

Of course, September 11, 2001 was the biggest attack against the United States. Between the four planes over 3,000 individuals were murdered.

After the Sept 11 attack, the FBI started getting smarter in tracking Al Qaeda. As a result, Al Qaeda, and especially Bin Laden, went underground to avoid detection. Instead of using any electronics for communication, they would use couriers for carrying written paper messages. The intelligence services got smarter and started affecting Al Qaeda.

Al Qaeda started splitting into various groups. One of the groups was Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP). Anwar Al-Awlaki was one of the leaders of AQAP. He was born in New Mexico and got a B.S. degree in electrical engineering from Colorado State University. The underwear bomber, which fortunately was unsuccessful, was an AQAP attack. AQAP tried to put bomb laden printers on FedEx planes for them to blow up over the United States. This was stopped by the FBI.

In 2011 there were two significant events. First, Bin Laden was killed in a raid by Navy Seal Team 6. Later in the year, Al-Awlaki was killed in Yemen in a drone attack. From AQAP ISIS was formed.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 18—Scott Aksamt, Black Belt Marital Arts Instructor, The Healing Power of Deep Practice
Sept 25—Kimberly Konczak, Controller PREMA Corp, Increasing Local Gove Revenue
Oct 2—Caitlin Weber, Her experiences in Spain during her Rotary Youth Exchange
Oct 9—Greta's Story, Marc Garfinkel

ISIS was founded in 2004 and in 2014 it seized significant land in Syria. A lot of ISIS's activity was criminal activity in extortion and kidnapping. This provided funds so ISIS could finance their other activities. One thing that ISIS has successfully done is build on the AQAP success in using social media.

In Iraq, as part of the effort to control the country, individuals were detained. At one time, there were as many as 10,000 detainees. Like in prisons in the United States, an internal organization develops among the prisoners. This happened among the detainees and one name kept coming up. That individual was Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. He created a very formal organization in prison that he was able to use when he was released from detention.



A concern of the FBI is homegrown violent extremists (HVE). They are local and are getting radicalized by viewing videos that are still available. Many of these HVE's might have significant mental health problems. Also, they may be lone wolves that prevents their group from being infiltrated.

TRAVEL GIFTS



This is a painting Cheryl Sartain did from a picture she took at the September 11 Memorial Museum in New York City. In the Foundation Hall is one of the slurry walls from the original World Trade Center. Hanging in front of the slurry wall are three steel beams from the 96th to the 99th floor of the North Tower. She painted in a reflection of the new Freedom Tower. This will be available at the Holiday Party auction.

John Peterson presented a cap from Alaska.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1985 Pete Rose hits into the record books

On this day in 1985, Cincinnati Reds player-manager Pete Rose gets the 4,192nd hit of his career, breaking Ty Cobb's major league record for career hits. Rose was a folk hero in Cincinnati, a homegrown talent known as "Charlie Hustle" for his relentless work ethic.