



North County Chapterline

San Diego World Affairs Council

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by Cy Chadley

Our August 23 speaker's lecture, "The Climate Crisis: Answer the Call", dealt with such an important subject and gave so much information of which we should all be aware that I asked Robert Felt to prepare a press release which is presented below.

"Marshall Saunders, a retired Coronado activist working in the area of climate change updated recent developments in the Global Warming Crisis and the need to educate citizens and government about doing what is needed if we are to preserve our planet for our children and their posterity. He cited the 2007 catastrophic floods in Bangladesh which could ultimately affect 100,000,000 people living there, the re-treating and disappearing glaciers on Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa and in Glacier National Park here in the United States, the warming ocean temperatures, and the increasing severity of hurricanes and tornadoes. Florida would shrink dramatically and see substantial areas become permanently flooded if large portions of Greenland and or the West Antarctic Ice Shelf were to melt or to continue sliding into the ocean.

At present the U.S. produce about 25% of the world's thirty billion tons of annual carbon dioxide and greenhouse gas emissions polluting our atmosphere. It takes nature about 100 years to cleanse the atmospheric pollution, and if we continue our present trends and lifestyles the accumulated atmospheric pollution in 45 years will about double today's historic annual highs. Twenty of the hottest twenty one years have occurred within the past twenty five years and ten of these hottest years have occurred within the past twelve years alone. 2005 was the hottest year to date, and 2006 then set a new record! And have you noticed 2007 temperatures so far?

Scientists including Jim Hansen, Chief Climatologist for NASA, indicated we have a short window of less than ten years to stabilize this situation, but the good news is that we do have technology in hand to address the problem; what we do need is the political will coupled with a sense of urgency. Mr. Saunders urged people to consider and to support proposals for wind turbine generating farms and solar energy projects for electric generation. In addition we all need to do what we can to cut energy consumption and carbon emission and to make people aware of the problems and the consequences of inaction. It is easy to point to other nations, but we need to do what we can in our nation to protect this wonderful earth for ourselves and posterity."

I have been asked if our chapter would actively support disseminating this information but because there are political implications and our Bylaws forbid our committing to any particular point of view, I am leaving it to members to come to their own conclusions individually. Anyone interested in working with Marshall Saunders in promoting public awareness and action on this matter should contact Lea Segel, who is helping to coordinate his efforts; e-mail: lgsegel@sbcglobal.net.

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Chapter's News

- ◆ Details of SDWAC and NCC activities can be seen on www.sdwac.com. SDWAC office: (619) 325-8200.
- ◆ "Foreign Affairs" articles can be read on www.foreignaffairs.org.
- ◆ In order to continue to reduce labor, postage expense and delays, the monthly newsletters will be sent by e-mail to those members for whom we have an e-mail address and will be available for collection by members at the Thursday meeting before the end of the month, prior to being mailed.



North County Chapter October, 2007 Programs

10:00 AM, Thursdays at
THE REMINGTON CLUB, 16916 HIERBA DRIVE, Rancho Bernardo*

Everyone is welcome to attend and to participate in these meetings - free

- Oct 04 **Dr. Farouk al-Nasser**, member, will review the book, "**Statecraft: How to Restore America's Standing in the World**", by **Dennis Ross**, in which the author describes how a state should use its assets (economic, military, intelligence and media) and twelve rules to follow in negotiation and mediation when pursuing its interests.
- Oct 11 **Gen. Joseph P. Hoar** (USMC, Ret.) and **Dr. Robert Gard, Jr.**, Lt. Gen. (USA, Ret.), from the **Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation Outreach Program**, will discuss "**National Security Issues: Withdrawing from Iraq and Dealing with Iran**". Gen. Hoar retired from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1994, after a distinguished career throughout the world; during his final three years he was commander in chief of the U.S. Central Command. He has testified before the Senate Foreign Relations and the Senate Armed Services Committees. Gen. Gard is currently the Senior Military Fellow at the Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation; during his 31-year career served with distinction in Korea and Vietnam. Since retiring from the army, he has served on several boards in eminent positions and is a Member of the Council on Foreign Relations.
- Oct 18 **Lt. Col. Scott Shuster**, Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, since May 2006, 1986, having returned to Camp Pendleton after 8 ½ months in Iraq, will describe "**Success in Anbar Province: How it Happened**". Lt. Col. Shuster will soon be assuming a new position as Assistant G3 Planning Ops, First Marine Division.
- Oct 25 **Dr. Patricia Plovnich**, Assistant Professor for Systematic Theology, USD, will sketch the emergence of Islam in the European Union, review the work of Professor Juergen Habermas on "**Modern Democratic Societies & the Challenge of Fundamentalist Religion**", and review his proposed strategies for dealing with Islam in the U.S.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Call Al Myers (760) 721-9072 or e-mail him at almyers123@cox.net.

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