

AFIO—Florida Suncoast Chapter



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Next Meeting's Featured Speaker: **LTG David P. Fridovich** **Deputy Commander, USSOCOM HQ**



Lieutenant General David P. Fridovich is the Deputy Commander of the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. USSOCOM ensures the readiness of joint special operations forces and, as directed, conducts operations worldwide.

Lieutenant General David P. Fridovich graduated from Knox College in 1974 and was commissioned an

Infantry Second Lieutenant. After serving as a Rifle and Reconnaissance Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, and Light Infantry Company Commander with the 172nd Light Infantry Brigade, Fort Richardson, Alaska, he was assigned as an Assistant Professor of Military Science, Norwich University, where he trained the Mountain Cold Weather Cadre and Rescue Team.

In 1984, he completed the Special Forces (SF) Detachment Officer's Qualification course and reported to the reactivated 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Lewis, Washington, where he served in the 3rd Battalion, commanding both an SF Operational Detachment Alpha (ODA) and Bravo (ODB) before becoming the Battalion Operations Officer.

He served as the Senior SF Observer Controller (O/C), and later Chief, Special Operations Division, at the Joint Readiness Training Center. In 1995, he took command of the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group and the Special Operations Task Force-Haiti, where his command was involved with Operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY, in support of the United Nations Mission in Haiti.

General Fridovich commanded the Combined/Joint Special Operations Task Force in Operation JOINT FORGE, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, from January through July 2000. He assumed command of the 1st Special Forces Group in August 2000. He led Army Special Operations Task Force, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM-PHILIPPINES, Zamboanga, Republic of the Philippines from January through June 2002. In January of 2005, General Fridovich assumed duties as Commander, Special Operations Command, Pacific. He subsequently assumed duties as the Director, Center for Special Operations, United States Special Operations Command in 2007.



General Fridovich holds a Masters degree in Political Science from Tulane and his military education includes the Command and General Staff College, Joint Forces Staff College, and the British Forces Royal College of Defence Studies of Seaford House, London, England. General Fridovich has numerous joint and Army awards and decorations.

Next Meeting

Meeting and luncheon on **Tuesday, December 14, 2010**, at the MacDill AFB Officer's Club.

Please RSVP no later than **December 7th** with the names of any guests. Refer to the information "To attend our Meeting" for important details.

Check-in at 1130 hours; opening ceremonies, lunch and business meeting at noon, followed by our speaker, LTG David P. Fridovich.

We have maintained the all-inclusive cost at \$15.

The cash wine and soda bar will open at 1100 hours for those that wish to come early to socialize.

Welcome National AFIO Members!



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Membership is not limited to those who serve or have served as intelligence officers, but is open to any US Citizen via our Associate Membership level. Associate Members enjoy all of the benefits and privileges of full members.

Contact us or visit us on the Web for more information about our activities and about membership.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO, INCLUDING EMAIL ADDRESS, IF IT CHANGES!

We're on the Web!

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To attend our Meeting

Please remember to RSVP. You must present your \$15 check payable to "Suncoast Chapter, AFIO" (or cash) at check-in to cover the luncheon.

Should you not have a 'bumper sticker' or ID card for access to MacDill AFB, please so state in your RSVP. Be sure to include your license number, name on drivers license and state of issue for yourself and for any guests you are bringing on base.

Anyone with special roster gate access should proceed to the Bayshore Gate. If you need directions, please let us know.

The main gate will send you to the visitor's center and they will not be able to help you enter the base, only give you directions to the Bayshore Gate.

Mission

The Suncoast Chapter actively provides educational outreach via luncheon speakers, scholarships to students, providing Colleges, Universities, High Schools and Civic Groups speakers, assisting local colleges and universities in providing coursework that the local intelligence community is seeking, and our website.

The Chapter's leadership is committed to raising public awareness of the importance of National Intelligence whether we are at war or not, which party is in power and whether the world seems stable or not.

Membership Drive

Adding Wallace Bruschweiler as Chapter Vice President is allowing the Chapter to initiate a variety of new programs, most significantly a drive for new members. Through Wallace's efforts, the chapter has been able to contact a number of intelligence "veterans" in Tampa Bay as candidates for membership.

If you have colleagues or former colleagues in the area who are not members already, contact Wallace for informational materials to help pique their interest in joining our Florida Suncoast Chapter.

Today is the 235th Anniversary of the US Marines

Tomorrow is Veterans Day: Remember our Service Men and Women and our Veterans

Origins of USSOCOM

The idea of a unified special operations command had its origins in the aftermath of Operation Eagle Claw, the disastrous attempted rescue of hostages at the American embassy in Iran. Further problems in Grenada in "Operation Urgent Fury" involving communications problems, training coordination, and equipment commonalities highlighted the problems of inter-service standardization.

The Goldwater-Nichols Act of 1986 would eventually lead to the birth of USSOCOM on April 16, 1987.

From the Treasurer—Bill Brown

Annual local dues are \$10 for the 2010–2011 Year and are due at the October meeting. Additionally, if you missed paying for last year or are unsure, we will have a record of payments at the check-in desk. Note that in order to be a member in good standing of our local chapter, you

Book Drawing

At our next meeting, we will hold a drawing for a book authored by our October speaker, Lawrence B. Sulc, titled *Law Enforcement Counterintelligence*.

Very little has been written about law enforcement counterintelligence, because, until recently, few people realized the extent to which criminal organizations have gone to mount intelligence operations to protect their empires. The author, a former career intelligence operative and manager, uses his extensive experience, interviews with experts, and review and analysis of actual incidents to reveal the extent of the problem and the threat it poses to everyone. Includes detailed analysis of the capabilities of modern urban gangs, prison rackets, domestic terrorist groups and more.

The author has inscribed the book to the AFIO Suncoast Chapter. Remember, you must be present at the time of drawing to win.

Our Following Meeting is February 8, 2011

- **Happy Thanksgiving** ◦
- **Merry Christmas** ◦
- **Happy Chanukah** ◦
- **Happy New Year** ◦

must be an up-to-date member of the national organization.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at (352) 746-1010 or via email, billbrown1@tampabay.rr.com.