MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2014

Time: 5:00 pm Registration & networking
       6:00 pm Buffet dinner
       7:00 pm Program

Location: Cannon Club at the Watervliet Arsenal
          1 Buffington Street, Watervliet, NY 12189-4000

Cost: $30 per person for members; $40 for non-members
      Checks made payable to: SAME. Cash is also welcome.
      Cost includes buffet dinner.

RSVP: RSVPs are absolutely required, no later than Thursday, December 4th. RSVP to: Christine
      Kingery at ckingery@spectraenv.com or (518) 782-0882.

Topic: FBI and National Security Update

The Capital District Post of SAME is pleased to announce our final meeting of 2014! The
topic of the meeting will be the current status of threats to the security of our nation and
what steps are being taken to counteract these.

The guest speaker for this extremely important subject is Andrew W. Vale, Special Agent in Charge, Albany Division of the FBI. His role at the FBI involves assisting the special agent in charge of the National Security Branch. In this capacity, he provides program management oversight for the Counterterrorism, Counterintelligence and Intelligence Programs. Mr. Vale most recently served as special assistant deputy director at FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C. before being named as special agent in charge of the FBI’s Albany Division on January 28, 2013.

Mr. Vale began his career as a special agent with the FBI in September 1991. He first reported to the Newark Division, where he investigated terrorism, background and civil rights matters. In October 1998, Mr. Vale was promoted to supervisor of the Joint Terrorism Task Force to oversee domestic and international terrorism investigations.

In November 2001 he transferred to the Domestic Terrorism Operations Unit at the FBI Headquarters and provided
program management oversight for all domestic terrorism investigations in the Northeast region of the United States. He was promoted to chief of the unit in August 2003. In January 2005, Mr. Vale was appointed unit chief of the Director’s Research Group, where he reviewed, edited, and approved briefing materials for Director Mueller’s congressional testimony, domestic and international travel and meetings.

Mr. Vale transferred to the Albany Division in August 2006 as the assistant special agent in charge of the National Security Branch. In this capacity, he provided program management oversight for the Counterterrorism, Counterintelligence, and Intelligence programs. Prior to his appointment with the FBI, Mr. Vale spent four years with the Buffalo District of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service as an immigration inspector and immigration detention officer.

*Important Note: You will need a photo ID in order to get through security.*

**Directions to the Arsenal:**
- Take I-787 (north or south) to Exit 8.
- Follow Route 32 south (Broadway)
- There are directional signs on poles.
- You will go right past the Main Gate.
- One more right turn and you are at the South Gate.
- Stop and register with the guards.

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