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Mr. Robert de Varona—”Relations with Cuba: A Perspective from Someone Who Fought the Castro Regime”



As the United States and Cuba move to normalize relations, Tiger Bay continues to provide informed and balanced opinion to the Pensacola area.

In August, Tiger Bay hosted Mr. Albert Fox, president of The Alliance for Responsible Cuba Policy Foundation, who spoke in favor of normalized relations with Cuba.

For our October meeting, Tiger Bay is pleased to host Mr. Robert de Varona, a Pensacola area businessman and resident who immigrated from Cuba to the United States in 1962.

Mr. de Varona has followed the Castro regime and Cuban affairs for more than 50 years and will be offering a rebuttal to Mr. Fox. Particularly, Mr. de Varona will offer a perspective on the continued control of the Cuban political system and economy by the Castro family and his thoughts as to why the Obama Administration's change of U.S. policy should be viewed with skepticism and caution.

Mr. de Varona is the nephew of Manuel Antonio de Varona, who was Prime Minister and President of the Cuban Senate prior to Fidel Castro's overthrow of the Cuban government in 1959. In 1960, after he had turned eighteen years old, Mr. De Varona joined Brigade 2506, a CIA-trained unit of Cuban exiles who later landed at the Bay of Pigs in April 1961. Following his capture by Cuban Communist forces, Mr. de Varona survived more than 600 days of imprisonment before he was released and traveled to the United States on December 25, 1962.

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Upcoming Speakers

November - COL Edward Hubbard, USAF (ret.), Vietnam War prisoner of war who will speak about overcoming adversity and his experience as a POW

Thomas Jefferson Receives Standing Ovation at Annual Dinner

Past President Thomas Jefferson gave a memorable program for the Panhandle Tiger Bay Annual Dinner. Being the 3rd President of the United States, Jefferson was responsible for doubling the size of the United States, at the time, with just his single signature for the Louisiana purchase, yet he had never travelled further than 75 miles west of his birth place. He was a very private man, never speaking about or revealing any aspects of his personal life in public. He even went so far as to burn all correspondence he had with his wife after her death to keep future generations from reading their private writings to each other. President Jefferson loved his wife dearly and suffered a nervous breakdown from her death. His oldest child, Martha, was his only child of 6 to survive him and became his life companion. Although he had once said, "I was born to lose everything I love.", he was a perpetual optimist. President Jefferson was also known to say, "I leave fear behind me and hope ahead of me." President Jefferson had a lot of hope for the United States of America. He criticized the Constitution for being too centralized and that it didn't have a Bill of Rights. He played a role in persuading Mr. Madison to add a Bill of Rights later to the Constitution. President Jefferson believed that liberty dies with implied powers. He knew that one day the United States would be the greatest society the world had ever seen, the epitome of what life could be on earth. One of President Jefferson's failed goals while president was to obtain this part of the world from the French. He wanted all of the Florida's, he thought this was a very strategic place on earth, with the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, both of which interested him greatly. He actually tried to obtain Pensacola with the Louisiana Purchase, but did not succeed. Many look up to President Jefferson for what he accomplished within his life and presidency, but he had his own trinity of hero's: John Locke, Francis Bacon and Isaac Newton. He was an interesting and intelligent man. As mentioned before, he didn't travel much during his life. This was mainly because he had so many things he felt he could not live without, books, wine, music and scientific instruments. During his time, traveling with such items was not efficient and mostly could not be done.

Professor Jenkinson gave an astounding presentation as Thomas Jefferson. He suggested if one were to want to read just 1 book about Jefferson, it should be *Thomas Jefferson and the New Nation*, by Merrill D. Peterson.

