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International Consultant

Aviation engineer in America and Europe

Peace diplomat for the U.S. Department of State and Defense

Naples Beach Hotel, Everglades Dining Room

Friday, March 17, 2017



With three decades of international consulting as an aviation engineer in America and Europe, and since 2009 as a peace diplomat for the U.S. Departments of State and Defense, Mr. Sharif is committed to peace-building efforts for the international community.

Mr. Sahrif was born in Afghanistan during the latter part of its Golden Age, 1930 to the mid-1970s. Originally from the southern region of Kandahar, Sharif's forebears, the Mohammadzais, left for Kabul to help govern Afghanistan over a hundred and fifty years ago. Mr. Sharif's father sacrificed family life to serve as brigade commander to protect the country's eastern border with Pakistan in the early 1960s, while his family remained in

Kabul.

Mr. Sharif left Afghanistan in November 1976 and never set foot there again until thirty years later as an American citizen. What he saw and experienced broke his heart, especially having grown up with a happy childhood in Kabul, the capital city.

Half a century later, Mr. Sharif returned as a civilian on behalf of his adopted country-similarly striving to bring peace to Afghans five decades after his father's and others' efforts.

Mr. Sharif has received awards including the U.S. Department of State's Superior Honor Award for "extraordinary contribution to the U.S. effort to bring peace and prosperity to the people of Afghanistan," 2010; the U.S. Department of State's

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Expeditionary Service Award "in grateful recognition of committed service in reconstruction, stability and peace in Afghanistan," 2011; the U.S. Department of Defense's Joint Meritorious Civilian Service Award: "distinguished himself for exceptionally meritorious service as a Senior Advisor to Force Reintegration Cell, ISAF. Utilizing his fluent language and cultural skills, he formed strong bonds with Afghan senior politicians and provincial elders, which led to over 2,000 joint reintegration programs," 2013; and the NATO Non-Article 5 Medal for service to the International Security and Assistance Force (ISAF) Operation, 2013.

Guest Ticket Requests for March 17, 2017 Abdullah Sharif

To place a request for one guest ticket
 please submit to forumclub@theforumclub.org

If guests tickets are available
 requests are processed in order of receipt
 and must be received by

March 10th

They will be mailed by that date and you will be billed \$40,
 or notified if there is no space.

Tickets are non-exchangeable and non-refundable

Please take a moment, if you have not already done so, to
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The ballot for directors was sent out on March 1, 2017.
 Please note that the term for the directors that you are
 electing should be "May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2020."

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On the home page, in the column to the left, is a button for
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