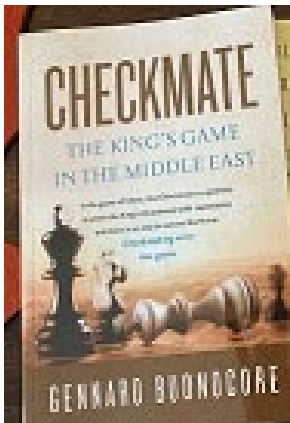




Arizona Chapter MOAA January 16th, 2021 Program

“Checkmate – The King’s Game in the Middle East”

Gennaro Buonocore, CDR, USN



CDR Buonocore is a member of the Arizona MOAA Chapter and currently serves on active duty at the Defense Intelligence Agency as a Strategic Intelligence Planner. He is a native of Naples, Italy, and relocated to the USA in 2003 after a 16-year stint in England. He was commissioned as a naval officer in 2007.

Prior to his US Navy commission, Buonocore served as a reserve Civil Affairs officer in the Italian armed forces in Iraq and as an Economics Functional Specialist in Kurdistan, Guatemala, and Tunisia. He has served with the Special Operations community with SEAL Team Seventeen in Afghanistan and Syria.

In his civilian career, Buonocore is a twenty-eight-year veteran of the international investment banking industry. He has operated across three continents, as a managing director for several prominent financial institutions. He uses his business background to develop strategies for soliciting offerings from our coalition partners to resource our combined operations in Iraq and Syria.

His latest book, *Checkmate* uses the game of chess to weave together the multifaceted relationships of various nation states. Game figurines, each with its own strengths and limitations, represent the major players in the Middle East today.

He will be presenting an in depth analysis of cultural heritage in the Middle East (2020).



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REGISTRATION must be received by 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 12th

\$25 per person includes lunch. Make check payable to: AZ Chapter MOAA

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