

Republican Women of San Francisco
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OCTOBER MEETING
Wednesday, October 27, 2021

THE SPINNAKER

100 Spinnaker Drive, Sausalito Off of Bridgeway

Valet Parking

Reception 6:00 pm Dinner 6:45 pm Speakers 7:45 pm

Members \$75 Non-Members \$85

Guest Speakers

Colonel Joe Felter, USA (Ret)

Colonel Christopher C. Starling, USMC (Ret)

Sami Jamal

Afghanistan, America and the Aftermath

Colonel Joe Felter is a professor at Stanford University. In 2017 he was appointed by President Trump as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Indo Pacific Region where he served for over two years. Colonel Chris Starling retired from the Marine Corps in 2014 and leads NPower California, a nonprofit that moves veterans and young adults from poverty to middle class. Joe and Chris have been good friends since 2008. While on active duty, they both served multiple combat tours and represented their respective services as Hoover Fellows at Stanford.

Sami Jamal served as a linguist with the US Marines, Army, and Special Operations Forces. With over 300 combat patrols, it was no surprise that the Taliban threatened his family and put a \$50K bounty on him. In 2016, he was granted asylum in the United States. He lives in Alameda and will soon be a US citizen. In 2018, Sami was safe in California when he was asked to serve once more in Afghanistan. Without hesitation, he left safe harbor for the combat zone. It was there that Sami met Chris' son Erik, a US Marine squad leader with Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines in Helmand Province. Sergeant Starling relied on Sami's knowledge and experience as they worked together for 7 months training the Afghan National Army and conducting security operations. Erik and Sami became close friends and returned safely to the United States where both are currently enrolled in college.

In August 2021, as the Taliban seized control of Afghanistan. Chris contacted Sami who was at a loss to help his parents and sisters whose lives were in grave danger. Simultaneously, Joe Felter was checking on his linguists and their families. Reaching the same conclusion that something had to be done, Joe and Chris combined efforts. With help from a wide-ranging network of former military, diplomatic and business connections, and a newly founded nonprofit called Help for Afghanistan, they created their own underground railroad to help innocent Afghans escape. Joe and Chris were not alone. Hundreds of veterans and private citizens remain committed to helping thousands of displaced families like Sami's.

This will not be a standard lecture presentation, but rather a very personal account of what happened in Kabul last August. How did some Americans band together to succeed where our government failed? Are the new Taliban kinder and gentler than the old Taliban? Why would people in other countries ever trust us again? You will hear from Joe and Chris, but mostly from Sami, and another special guest or two as well.

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On Wednesday, October 27, 2021

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