



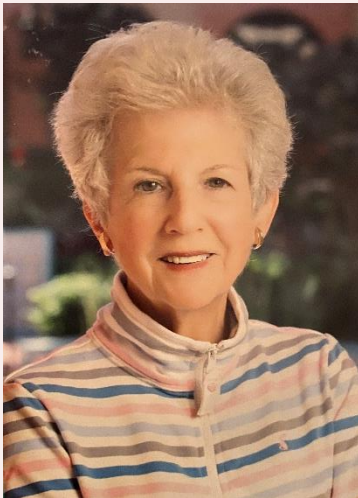
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# From Qadhafi's Rise to Saddam's Fall: My 35 Years in the CIA

Presented by: Heidi August

**One Monday: November 6, 2023**  
**9:30 a.m. – 12 noon**

Bethany Congregational Church  
556 N. Hope Avenue, Santa Barbara



Heidi August will tell us about her 35-year career in the most secret and powerful intelligence service of the United States. Starting as a file clerk in 1968 (the only job open to women at that time), Heidi rose to the equivalent rank of a three-star general. Following foreign language training, she received her first operational assignment as a Case Officer in Europe, where she focused on agent recruitment and counter-proliferation operations.

Major positions she has held at Agency headquarters include Chief of South Asia Operations and Chief of Operations of the Counter-Terrorism Center. Her experiences range from a military coup in North Africa to being in the first group of women to compete against male counterparts in the Basic Operations Course (equivalent to Officer Candidate School in the military).



**PLEASE REVIEW THE STATEMENT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS FLYER REGARDING VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS.**

**Preferred registration deadline\*: October 30, 2023**

\*Early enrollment helps us with our planning; also, those who register by the preferred deadline will be given priority in case of over-enrollment.

## **Enrollment form: My 35 Years in the CIA**

Monday, November 6, 2023

**VISTAS members \$20; non-members \$30**

- **EITHER pay online** on our website by secure credit card through PayPal:  
<https://www.vistaslifelonglearning.org/current-courses>
- **OR mail this form** and your check to: VISTAS Lifelong Learning, Inc.  
P.O. Box 23228, Santa Barbara CA 93121

Number of persons \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*It is understood that attendance is limited to those who are fully vaccinated against Covid-19.*

Ms. August led one of the Agency’s largest overseas stations and was promoted to Senior Intelligence Service in 1996. Her last assignment was in a war-torn Middle Eastern country. She has worked closely with the NSA, FBI, US Military, and many foreign intelligence agencies.

Ms. August was awarded the Career Intelligence Medal upon her retirement in 2004. On the day she retired, the Agency presented her with the U.S. flag that had been flown in her honor over the Headquarters compound on that date.



### IMPORTANT COVID-19 POLICY

The health and safety of our attendees and their families are of utmost importance to us. **Accordingly, we are limiting attendance to those who are fully vaccinated.** Proof of vaccinations and boosters (digital Covid-19 Vaccination Card or a photo of your printed card) must be sent to our business manager via email ([vistas@vistaslifelonglearning.org](mailto:vistas@vistaslifelonglearning.org)) or text (805-967-6030). Participants may also be asked to show vaccination status on the first day of each course in case our records are incomplete. This needs to be done only once—your proof of vaccination will remain valid for all VISTAS events. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

## VISTAS Fall 2023 Calendar

**SUBJECT TO CHANGE; for up-to-date information, visit our website ([VistasLifelongLearning.org](http://VistasLifelongLearning.org)) frequently!**

Course / Event	Date(s)	Time	Venue
Annual Fall Picnic	Saturday, September 9	12:30 pm	Tucker’s Grove
Fiction Book Club / Sharon Alvarado	3rd Thursday monthly	10:00 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Monday Nonfiction Book Club / Dawn McGrew	4th Monday monthly	1:30 pm	Via Zoom
Flight—Ups and Downs of Aviation / Bruce Phillips	Mon. Sep. 11 and 18	1:00 pm	Bethany Congreg. Church
Impact of Railroads on Am. Music / Norm Cohen	Wed. Sep. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Legendary Foods of France and Italy / Larry Canepa	Fri. Sep. 15 and 22	10:00 am	Via Zoom
Women behind Walls / Bee Bloeser	Thur. Sep. 28	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Rethinking Obesity / Dr. Fima Lifshitz	Tues. Oct. 3	9:30 am	Valle Verde
Money in America’s Political System / Ted Anagnoson	Mon. Oct. 16, 23, 30	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
The Nature of Time / Jim Hemmer	Wed. Oct. 18	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Pirates! / Peter Beuret	Thur. Oct. 26	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
History and Development of the Bible / Norm Cohen	Fri. Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17	9:30 am	Venue TBD
The US in the World: A Top-10 Summary / D. Stowell	Tues. Oct. 31	10:00 am	Via Zoom
<b>My Thirty-Six Years in the CIA / Heidi August</b>	<b>Mon. Nov. 6</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Bethany Congreg. Church</b>
<i>Sitting Bull: In His Own Words</i> / J. Ferry & G. DeSoto	Wed. Nov. 8	9:30 am	Valle Verde Theater
Church Music in the 16th Century / Henry Michaels	Mon. Nov. 13, 20, 27	10:00 am	Via Zoom
“The Opulent Summer” Mural / C. Garfinkle	Wed. Nov. 15	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Combating Human Trafficking / Florrie Burke	Fri. Dec. 1	9:30 am	Bethany Congreg. Church
Women Architects of S.B. / Rose Thomas	Mon. Dec. 4, 11	1:00 pm	Bethany Congreg. Church
Science Behind the Botanic Garden / S. Windhager	Wed. Dec. 6	1:00 pm	Santa Barbara Botanic Garden