



# AFSA - IRS

## NEWSLETTER



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### **2011 AFSA Convention Asheville, North Carolina Grove Park Inn September 30-October 5, 2011**



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***In Memoriam***

**David Arnell**  
Phoenix, Arizona  
April 24, 2011

**James Collie**  
Phoenix, Arizona  
May, 2011

**Louis J. Moriarty**  
Wayzata, Minnesota  
December 24, 2010

**James G. Murphy**  
Lake Placid, Florida  
June 3, 2011

**Special Agent Taryn Guariglia** Honored- of the **Miami Field Office** was nominated and is a SAMmie Finalist . This is a very prestigious nomination. The **Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals** awards program pays tribute to America's dedicated federal workforce, highlighting those who have made significant contributions to our country. Honorees are chosen based on their commitment and innovation, as well as the impact of their work on addressing the needs of the nation. CI is honored to have a finalist in the running for this year's Service to America Medals. These awards (SAMmies) are presented each year to outstanding federal workers who are making high-impact contributions critical to the health, safety and well-being of Americans. On May 5, the 34 finalists were honored at Capitol Hill breakfast in Washington, DC as part of Public Service Recognition Week. Taryn is a finalist in the Justice and Law Enforcement Medal category ... "Taryn led the complex investigation that resulted in the indictment, guilty plea and 50-year prison sentence of South Florida lawyer Scott Rothstein, the flamboyant mastermind of a Ponzi scheme that fleeced investors of an estimated \$1.2 billion." Eight award recipients will be selected from the list of finalists , and will be recognized at an awards ceremony on September 15.

## President's Message



I am sure that everyone is as excited as I am about our upcoming 2011 AFSA-IRS ANNUAL CONVENTION in Asheville, North Carolina.

The Annual Convention is our opportunity to reunite with old friends (not that old), make new friends, have a good time and yes, also get some interesting and valuable CPE for our working and non-working members.

The entire Board wants to encourage every member, family and friends to come to this magnificent site. The Asheville area has truly become one of the outstanding vacation and convention areas in the country. We were also able to obtain accommodations at unheard of prices. This may genuinely be a once in a lifetime experience. The entire committee has worked very hard to ensure there is an excellent blend of events.

At some point in our lives, we start a new job or career, we take on duties and responsibilities to work in our communities or we volunteer to do hopefully do our part to make the organizations we belong to better. Somewhere and at some point, it turns into a career, a love, a passion to do whatever we can to "pay it forward" and help others that come after us. Now is our collective opportunity to do what we can to make AFSA-IRS the best association possible. I know all the members of AFSA-IRS share the some of the same passion I have and want to see us continue to grow and prosper. So, let's all make this one of the best attended and successful conventions ever by doing our part to not only come to Asheville, but by encouraging others to attend as well. Let people know what a great and wonderful experience it can be when we all get together.

With that said, I leave you with this thought from Abraham Lincoln; "COMMITMENT is what transforms a promise into reality. It is the words that speak boldly of your intentions. And the actions, which speak louder than the words. It is making the time when there is none. Coming through time after time after time, year after year after year. Commitment is the stuff character is made of; the power to change the face of things. It is the daily triumph of integrity over skepticism."

José I. Marrero, AFSA-IRS President

### **Two AFSA members receive Presidential Rank Awards:**

Recipients of this prestigious award are "strong leaders, professionals, and scientists who achieve results and consistently demonstrate strength, integrity, industry and a relentless commitment to excellence in public service." This year CI has two recipients of this prestigious award: Director of International **Vicki Duane** of MD (retired) and Director of Operations **Mike Thomas** of SC (retired). Both Mike and Vicki will receive a certificate signed by the President along with a monetary award. Congratulations to both.

## From the Executive Director

### Odds and Ends -

- Approved membership continues to grow, recruit your friends. Invite them to the Convention in Asheville to check us out. We are currently at 1232.
- Retired agent badges- my guess is they have been or are just about completely distributed by now, feedback was great about the badges. There are no plans to take new orders.
- Check out our Forum/Discussions on the link. Great place for members to see if someone has something they may want or share information.
- We tweaked some things on the website recently, made it easier to change a password, and also, if you unsubscribed from our email service (Constant Contact) and tried re-subscribing you may have had problems. That is now fixed. If you ever encounter problems, give me a call or drop me an email. Suggestions for the website and improvements or for AFSA in general? Send them to me and we'll see what we can do.
- If you have a contact that frequently hires people with our skills, encourage them to go to our website and post the openings. I review and approve them and then contact the poster if I see a problem. I normally attempt to email them out, or combine a few in an email.
- **Convention 2012-** Do you want to sponsor a convention in your city next year? Does your city have many things to do, places to go etc., that you'd like to show off? Do you feel like you could present a package that could entice the Board and members to hold the convention and your city, then contact me about a proposal that you'd like to present as a sponsor/coordinator for our Convention. It's a lot of work, but it is also nice to sit back and see job you just completed and all the enjoyment it brought.
- **Convention 2011.** The forms are here in the newsletter and on the website in the Members section under Convention, and please note: **there have been changes due to two issues which generally resulted in lower costs.** The restaurant we had planned for a Saturday night affair went out of business and is replaced by an impressive and historic location in Flat Rock NC-the Highland Lake Inn. Traditional Blue Ridge Mountain music will be provided during supper. We've added an after supper and lively musical concert at the NC Playhouse which is located a very few minutes from the supper location. Performance schedules were not published when the original convention schedule and registration form were developed. The motor coach ride back to the GPI will include a special guided driving tour of "Asheville Under the Lights". All other schedule changes are the result of shifting to a new Motor Coach contractor who is well established in the business and provides better rates and much improved coaches. That also led to an opportunity to deal directly with the Biltmore Estates Group Sales staff. Major cost reductions followed re both of the Biltmore Estate Tours on Monday and Tuesday.

Remember our slogan "**Bring a Friend**" and do so. We had some members who stated that they would go if their friends were going. We have 1232 members. We don't know who your friends are. We invite and encourage all members to attend. We agree with you, it would be fun to have a close friend, member or non-member attend with you. It's a nice way for them to get acquainted with us if they are eligible, and if they aren't, everybody still has a great time. They can even get our discounted rates as long as they register with our liaison discussed in the convention article. Our tours are optional and

our dinners are optional, and always have been. Clothing is casual if you like, or if you want to dress up a bit, it is your option. Golf and shooting are optional. We have gotten packages allowing our members to get the discounted rates 3 days prior to and 3 days after our convention, so that you can do even more events/golf/tours/relaxing than just during the convention. We hope that all will be able to make it for a couple days. We have a great site this year. If you have never attended, you know the dates, give it a try, you will truly enjoy it. If you work, you have the business items on a weekend so you can attend, not miss work and maybe even get a tax deduction. If you aren't working and want to kick back, need I say more? If you want more networking, this is the place. You will get more networking about consultant work there than you will by staying home. If you have never attended a convention, Invite a friend, pass along the information, have them check the links and stick with it. Make this a priority with you and your spouse and enjoy some down time, and if you can actually accomplish some business, that's great. Bone up on your war stories, learn how others are working, or where, connect with some vendors and get tips on resumes from them, visit the luxurious Grove Park Inn, see beautiful, mountainous NC in the fall while the leaves are changing, see a play, hear some music, take a zip line, treat yourself to a good meal, pamper yourself at the spa, shoot a round of golf or take a hike, enjoy life a little. I hope to see you in Asheville in October. ~ Mark

### ***From the Editor***

Not a lot of room left for me again but I don't have much to add. You will probably notice that there is no Chief's update in this issue. I didn't receive it from HQ until after the issue was ready for publication. I will forward the update to Mark and ask him to post it to the website. Short of that, I'll include the information in the Fall newsletter.

Many thanks to all of the contributors including Richard Malone and Ray Sherrard for the information passed along. Ray always provides some interesting topics and graphics for the newsletter. I didn't have much room this time but just for your information, Ray displayed part of his collection of hundreds of old IRS badges and patches and pins and old credentials, photos etc. at the National Police Collectors Show in at the Ontario Convention Center in Ontario, California in July, 2011. I tried to get the news write-ups on it prior to publication but was unfortunately unsuccessful. Hopefully we'll be able to include something the Fall newsletter.

As I'm sure you are aware, if you've glanced through the newsletter, we plan to have a special convention this year in Asheville, North Carolina. If you aren't familiar with the Grove Park Inn, check out their website and ratings. It is one of the premier resorts in America. Jim and Myrna Meyers have planned some terrific activities and even some extended activities prior to and after the convention. Please take advantage of this opportunity. I know you won't be disappointed.

I hear from a few members but unfortunately not enough. I know many of you have had awards, know interesting stories about yourselves or others or anything else you would like people to know about. Send that information to me and we'll share it with the membership. For your information, my golf handicap has not gone down with the added play since retirement. Ross

## Frank L. Smith

### AFSA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

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The Frank L. Smith AFSA Scholarship program is so named to recognize the work of Frank L. Smith in establishing the AFSA Scholarship program. Frank first presented the idea of establishing a scholarship program in 1997. Through his research and perseverance the AFSA Scholarship Program became a reality and the first scholarship for \$1,000 was awarded in 1999. Since then numerous children and grandchildren of AFSA members have benefited from these scholarships to further their college education.

#### 2010 AFSA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

AFSA is pleased to announce that the following students have been selected to receive scholarships this year. The funding of these scholarships is made possible through donations to the scholarship fund. To donate to the fund fill in the donation form at the end of this article.



Carolyn Haynes is the daughter of the Director of Field Operations Patricia Haynes and Kenneth Haynes. She just finished her sophomore year at Drexel University in Philadelphia studying Music Industry and is a Dean's List scholar. She graduated with honors from cardinal O'Hara high school in 2009. She was a Diocesan Scholar and a member of the marching band and concert band. She was selected for American Music Abroad and spent 4 weeks touring Europe playing

traditional European songs, as well as American classics.

She volunteers as Program Director at WKDU, Drexel's college radio station. She advises DJs on show content, tests and approves new DJs, and creates each terms show schedule. She also schedules touring bands to perform in the studio and conducts interviews with the artists. She is about to embark on a six-week co-op touring across the country playing music, interviewing bands, and conducting research on the touring industry. She'll be performing with her band Catnaps ([catnaps12.blogspot.com](http://catnaps12.blogspot.com)) in which she sings backup vocals and plays several different instruments.



Scott Ridout is the son of San Diego Special Agent Leslie Gardner and Jeff Ridout. Scott is 19 years old and currently an undergraduate at Arizona State majoring in political science with a minor in Economics. He is also pursuing certificates in Arabic and international relations. Upon graduation, Scott hopes to pursue a career with the U. S. Foreign Service. Outside of the classroom, Scott is involved with ASU's Model United Nations club and Conversations Partner's program (a program which pairs him with native Arab students to foster language learning.

Scott's hobbies include surfing, painting, reading, debate and road biking. This summer he is working at the San Diego Zoo and volunteering as a teaching assistant for an English Second Language class for refugees.

Congratulations to Carolyn and Scott on their accomplishments and being recipients of the Frank L. Smith AFSA Scholarship.

AFSA would also like to commend the other applicants, who though not selected, all showed good abilities indicating leadership, scholarship, work ethics and citizenship. Perhaps those eligible will reapply next year. The Board also thanks the Scholarship committee for its detailed work in ranking the packages, along with its recommendations.

#### MEMBER DONATIONS SINCE SPRING NEWSLETTER

Alva Chocianowski  
Philip Litman  
William V. Parrish

Contributions for 2011 totaled \$5,220.00. Many thanks to all of those contributing to the scholarship fund.

Applications are available through the Office of the Executive Director, AFSA-IRS, P.O. Box 451148, Sunrise FL 33345-1148 and must be received by the AFSA-IRS, Executive Director by May 1 of the year the scholarship is to be awarded. The award recipient will be notified and the award will be mailed directly to the institution on the recipient's behalf.

To make a donation, please fill in, clip and mail the following with your check or other form of payment.

**DONATIONS:** Anyone may make donations to the AFSA for the Scholarship Fund

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_, \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_, \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_, or other \_\_\_\_\_ for the

AFSA\_IRS Scholarship Fund

Send donations to:                   George F. Meyer, Jr., AFSA Treasurer  
  P.O. Box 2841  
  Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32004

## 2011 AFSA CONVENTION SCHEDULE

### **Friday, September 30**

10:00AM-Noon-Grove Park Inn (GPI)-Early bird registration begins in the Great Hall lobby area next to the North wall fireplace.

3:00 PM is the Grove Park Inn's official check in time however they'll gladly provide early check in opportunities on a space available basis. If your room is not ready, proceed with your convention registration in the GPI lobby and consider starting your Asheville orientation via the Asheville Historic Trolley pass. **(The Grove Park Inn is an official Historic Trolley tour stop).**

10:00 AM-GPI Historic Tour is offered daily.

Lunch suggestions are: The GPI's Sunset Terrace, the Grove Wood Café-a short walk from the GPI or the Biltmore Village's Corner Kitchen Café, reachable via the Asheville Historic Trolley Tour. Several downtown eateries are also located in the **GROVE ARCADE**, the 1<sup>st</sup> indoor shopping mall in the US (Also on the Historic Trolley Tour).

12:20 First tee time-Bob Manzi AFSA Memorial Golf Tournament GPI Country Club (100 year old Donald Ross Course)

**2:00-6:15 PM**-Hospitality Suite (HS) located in the Bob Timberlake Suite is available (6<sup>th</sup> floor of the Vanderbilt Wing) **where convention registration continues.**

**6:30 PM-Welcoming Reception & optional/casual group supper buffet-7<sup>th</sup> floor Sammon's Wing Terrace.**

8:00-11:00 PM Hospitality Suite (HS) is available.

### **Saturday, October 1**

7:00-9:00 AM-Hospitality Suite (HS)-**Optional** continental breakfast. Registration continues.

8:30-11:30 AM-AFSA Board Meeting, Coolidge DE

9:00-AM Explore Asheville via your Historic Trolley Tour pass

10:00 AM-Historic Tour of the GPI if you missed it on Friday

11:30-12:30 PM-**Optional sandwich** lunch in the HS for Board Meeting attendees-Helpful RSVP's required.

12:30-2:00 PM-Annual Business Meeting for all attendees Laurel FGJH.



2:15-4:00 PM-Business Meeting Part II for AFSA members.

Laurel FGHI

4:00-5:15 PM-HS is available-registration continues.

4:45 PM-Chartered Motor Coaches depart for the Highland Lake Inn for a group buffet supper followed by a contemporary Rock of Ages gospel music concert at the NC Playhouse in Flay Rock NC-Return to GPI by 10:15 PM includes an "Asheville Under the Lights" tour. **THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE FROM YOUR ORIGINAL CONVENTION SCHEDULE DUE TO REASONS BEYOND OUR CONTROL.**

8:00-11:00 PM-HS is open and registration continues.

### **Sunday, October 2**

**SUNRISE Worship Service**-7<sup>th</sup> fl. Sammons' Wing Skyline Terrace

7:30-9:00 HS **Optional** continental breakfast

8:30 AM-5:00 PM-**Optional** Fall color foliage motor coach via a scenic route, shopping visit to historic Bryson City NC, lunch time box lunch and unlimited soft drinks, admission to the SMRR Museum and a 4 1/2 hour R/T Smokey Mountain Railroad tour with a 1 hour mid-point stop featuring beautiful North Carolina high country Fall colors.

10:00 AM-3:00 PM-Annual AFSA CPE and Consultant's Summit

Laurel FGHI

11:30 AM-**Optional HS** lunch for CPE attendees-Advance RSVP's required and appreciated.

3:00-4:00 PM-Critical issues when creating a will-Laurel FGHI.

4:00 to 6:30 PM Hospitality Suite (HS) is available

6:30-8:30 PM-**AFSA Convention Banquet**-7<sup>th</sup> floor Sammons wing Mountain View Terrace

8:00-11:00 PM-HS is available.

### **Monday, October 3**

7:00-9:00 AM-HS **Optional** Continental Breakfast.

8:45-11:15 AM-Retirement Financial Info & Issues Presentations-CSC, FERS, Thrift Savings, SSA, Medicare News and developing legislation. Laurel FGHI.

11:30 AM-Motor Coach departs-**Optional** Biltmore Estate Tour-Part I that includes a group lunch buffet at Deer Park Center. We'll tour the Biltmore Estate Mansion after lunch and include time to explore the Mansion gardens as well as the Stable Arcade Shops. Return to the GPI @ 5:00 PM. **THOSE TAKING THIS TOUR WILL RECEIVE A\$35 discount on the Estate Tour Part II on Tuesday.**

Open night for your choice of a supper venue and a possible stage entertainment performance. October 2011 performance schedules are not available at this time. We'll be providing several dining recommendations.

8:00-11:00 PM HS opens-Monday night football viewing with modest pizza, snacks and deserts served @ 9:00 PM & halftime.

### **Tuesday, October 4**

7:00-9:00 AM-HS **Optional** Continental Breakfast

8:30-10:30 AM-AFSA Pistol Match-AB Tech indoor pistol range.

11:00 AM Motor Coach departs the GPI for day II of touring at the Biltmore Estate. We start our day with a Dutch treat lunch at your choice of several eateries within the Estate's Antler Hill Village. After lunch we begin the guided motor coach tour titled "Legacy of the Land". The day ends with a return to Antler Hill and Estate's Winery where endless wine samplings are offered.

Optional casual group supper venues will be announced.

8:00-11:00 PM-HS opens

### **Wednesday, October 5**

7:00-9:00 AM HS **Optional** Continental Breakfast

Check-out & depart the GPI

During Convention Registration, attendees will be provided with a variety of after convention recommended activities which include mountain oriented attractions like Chimney Rock State Park, Grandfather Mountain and the NC Arboretum.

Several outstanding highlands golf courses are short drives from downtown Asheville as well as the sister cities of Hendersonville and Flat Rock NC which are great central locations that offer very affordable lodging.

Asheville and vicinity offers no less than 13 stage performance venues as well as seasonal Fall festivals in many neighboring communities.

The Blue Ridge Parkway Folk Art Center and the “Sanctuary of Stuff” are must visit venues for anyone interested in hand crafted items that make unique and interesting gifts.

The Canopy Park is a high adventure attraction that features 10 exhilarating zip lines that elevate you more than 200 feet as you move over valley gaps. One zip line extends more than 4 football fields in length.

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## 2011 PRE CONVENTION GOLF OPTION

The following details describe an early arrival & pre convention golf-sightseeing option that's been developed for interested golfers and extended stay Convention goers:

LODGING-\$80 lodging (2 adults to a Suite) per night, including all taxes and a deluxe continental breakfast, @ the Mountain Inn & Suites, Flat Rock NC. (828-692-7772).

The hotel offers a mix of bed type options. Suites will be available as early as Monday, September 26, 2011. Please reference the AFSA room block when making your lodging reservation.

Tuesday September 27-early PM tee times and Hendersonville NC sightseeing-Crooked Creek Golf Club in Hendersonville NC Golf fee is \$30. Group supper @ Binon's Roadhouse Grille in Hendersonville NC.

Wednesday-September 28-Mid AM tee times visiting Historic Black Mountain NC downtown-Golf fee is \$30. Sightseeing includes the SPECTACULAR Blue Ridge Parkway NC Arts & Crafts Center and a visit to the historic downtown Black Mountain NC shops. Late afternoon-early group supper meal in downtown Black Mountain NC.

Thursday 9:00 AM, September 29- tee times @ Kenmure CC-Golf fee is \$60. Non golfers can tour the Carl Sandburg home in Flat Rock and visit the nearby Asheville Park Town Center or the new Asheville Mall where we can re-group for a group supper.

Some of the group, including volunteers who will be working on pre convention registration tasks, will be checking out of the Mountain Inn Suites late Thursday AM and checking into the GPI Resort Thursday after supper.

AFSA Members and their guests attending the 2011 AFSA Convention are cordially invited to participate in any or all portions of the above schedule. Your non binding intentions re: Golf and early arrival lodging should be communicated to Jim Meyers ASAP. Your interest to participate as the convention dates near, could be based on space available issues. Your lodging can be at a location other than the Flat Rock Mountain Inn Suites if that option works best for you. **Jim Meyers can be reached @ (843) 399-1627 or [jmeyers7@sc.rr.com](mailto:jmeyers7@sc.rr.com). Please contact Jim if you have any questions whatsoever.**

## 2011 AFSA-IRS ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION

**Asheville, NC—September 30-October 5, 2011**

AFSA Member \_\_\_\_\_ **Guest** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please furnish the name that you want on the convention name badge.)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City & State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the respective programs you wish to participate in:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday AFSA Business meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday Sunrise Worship Service \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday Pistol Match \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sunday CPE \_\_\_\_\_ Mon Retirement Issues Conference \_\_\_\_\_ Mon Critical Issues when constructing a will \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I'll have my POA/rental car @ the Grove Park Inn.

Registration fees include: Sunday night banquet, Sunday Professional Development CPE, 15 Hospitality Suite sessions, Monday Retirement issues conference and your "Asheville 2011" convention gift.

| (See convention schedule for activity details)  | Fees (pp)                    | # | Amount |
|---|------------------------------|---|--------|
| AFSA Member Registration Fee  | \$ 120.00                    |   |        |
| Guest Registration Fee  | 115.00                       |   |        |
| Hospitality room non-alcoholic drink preference discount  | (10.00)                      |   |        |
| Sat. -Wed. Hospitality Suite Cont'l breakfast – fee is # of days _____ @ \$6 pp   | 6.00                         |   |        |
| 5 day pass-Historic Trolley boarding pass ( <b>Highly Recommended</b> )   | 10.00                        |   |        |
| Grove Park Inn Historic Tour offered daily @ 10:00AM  | 10.00                        |   |        |
| Friday Bob Manzi Memorial Golf Tournament   | 89.00                        |   |        |
| Friday evening Skyline View Terrace Welcoming Reception/Supper  | 40.00                        |   |        |
| Saturday night Group Supper @ Highland Lake Inn in Flat Rock, NC. R/T motor coach, admission to the contemporary Rock of Ages Music Concert @ the NC Playhouse in Flat Rock and a special Asheville a "under the Lights" tour, all inclusive, R/T motor coach | 70.00                        |   |        |
| Sunday Blue Ridge Mountain Foliage Tour, coach transportation & R/T train ride Crown superior seating, lunch & SMRR souvenirs & admission to museum   | 90.00                        |   |        |
| Mon. Biltmore Estate tour Part I, Mansion, R/T motor coach & lunch included   | 68.00                        |   |        |
| Tues. Biltmore Estate tour Part II, the Legacy of the Land tour, & motor coach, Winery & Antler Hill tour. <b>\$80 pp if you weren't on the Estate Tour Part I</b>  | <b>45.00</b><br><b>80.00</b> |   |        |
| Timely registration appreciation discount for fully paid registrations received by 8/8/11- <b>Only available if your lodging choice is the GPI (PP)</b>   | (20.00)                      |   |        |
| <b>FEE FOR LATE REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER 9/1/11 (PP)</b>  | 20.00                        |   |        |
|   | <b>Total Enclosed</b>        |   |        |

Mail registration form and full payment payable to AFSA-IRS to: **Ron Line**

942 Shireton Ct.  
Cincinnati, OH 45245

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

For any additional information or questions contact Jim Meyers (843) 446-2006 or Al Selby (704) 545-7543

# 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL AFSA-IRS CRUISE

## *Celebrity Eclipse*

### **February 4, 2012 Seven-night Eastern Caribbean Cruise**

We are in the planning stages for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual AFSA-IRS cruise in 2012. This past year we sailed to the Western Caribbean and had a fabulous time. This year we are planning on a seven-night cruise to the Eastern Caribbean for AFSA-IRS members and their guests in February 2012. Group space has been reserved on the *Celebrity Eclipse* ship sailing from the Port of Miami on February 4, 2012. **Ports of Call** include Miami, Florida; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas; Philipsburg, St. Maarten and returning to Miami.

**Celebrity Cruise Line**, owned by Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd, is their 'premium' cruise line dedicated to providing guests with a cruise experience that exceeds expectations. The *Celebrity Eclipse* first sailed in 2010, and showcases spectacular vistas with 85% of all staterooms having sweeping veranda views. Luxury and spectacular design are mainstays aboard this floating masterpiece, along with usual exceptional service. Among some of the venues available on the *Celebrity Eclipse* are glass blowing at sea, 10 restaurants from French to Asian fusion, Aqua spa, a casino, and dazzling theatrical productions. In addition to the main dining room beneath a two-story glass wine tower, *Celebrity Eclipse* hosts Qsine<sup>SM</sup>, a dining venue with a unique and playful approach to familiar dishes from around the world, and *Celebrity iLounge*<sup>SM</sup>, a hip, modern Internet café.

Whether you're being pampered in the AquaSpa® Relaxation Room, indulging at the Qsine<sup>SM</sup> restaurant, or sinking your toes in the lush, fresh-cut grass on the top deck's Lawn Club, you may never want to set foot on land again. So escape from the winter doldrums back home and enjoy the company of your fellow agents for a fabulous time cruising in the Caribbean and visiting exciting ports of call. As an added amenity, book your cruise during the AFSA-IRS convention and receive a specialty dining credit and a bottle of wine.

Kathy Collins of Cruise Planners Unlimited is again making arrangements for this cruise, and details can be found in the separate flyer in the newsletter showing the prices for the different categories of cabins. Travel to Miami is NOT included in these prices. If you think you might be interested in going on this cruise, or would like additional information, please let either Kathy or Ron Line know as soon as possible. Kathy's contact information is on the flyer and Ron can be reached at **513-753-1550** or by e-mail at [r44line@hotmail.com](mailto:r44line@hotmail.com).



## AFSA-IRS CRUISE

### **CELEBRITY ECLIPSE**

**February 4, 2012 7-night Eastern Caribbean**



**Cruise Line:** Celebrity Cruises **Ship:** Celebrity Eclipse  
**Ports of Call:** Miami, San Juan, St. Thomas, Philipsburg, Miami  
**Departs:** Sat. 2/4/12 **Returns:** Sat. 2/11/12 **Nights:** 7

Celebrity cruise ships consistently rank among the best in the world. Every cruiser, from first-time to discerning, will enjoy the premium experience of a Celebrity cruise. Everything onboard has been designed to engage you, pamper you, and renew you. The Eclipse combines modern-day technology with inspired style, world-class cuisine, luxurious accommodations and superlative service.

#### **INTERIOR CABIN**

**\$739 + \$95.23 taxes = \$884.23 TOTAL PER PERSON**

#### **VERANDAH CABIN**

**\$899 + \$95.23 taxes = \$994.23 TOTAL PER PERSON**

**Other cabin categories available**

**\$500 per cabin full deposit – due October 6, 2011**

**Final payment due – November 14, 2011**

**If booked during AFSA-IRS convention, a specialty dining credit and bottle of wine included**

**TRAVEL INSURANCE RECOMMENDED**

**Call or email your reservations:**

**Kathy Collins, 866-486-2800 toll free. 812-739-2800 local**

**[kcollins@cruiseplanners.com](mailto:kcollins@cruiseplanners.com) [www.cruiseplannersunlimited.com](http://www.cruiseplannersunlimited.com)**

**7025 South Collins Lane, Leavenworth, IN 47137**

## AROUND THE NATION

The following is “A letter from John Everett, Baghdad, Iraq” which I wanted to include in the Spring Newsletter but didn’t have room. I’m sure John is already back but here is his letter just prior to returning.

The end is just over the horizon. Yep, my adventure here in the land of the after-birth of civilization is coming to a end. Less than 20 days from now I will fly to Kuwait (another dream vacation spot in the Middle East).

These last few weeks have been the most difficult.

On my last mission, we flew from Baghdad to Baquba at night and I was just able to get into the bird while hefting all of my gear. In addition to my weapon, ammo, water etc, I humped a laptop and two duffel bags. In total my 160 pound frame was a pack horse for 123 pounds of stuff. I know I sound like a little girl. Every step I took was nasty hard. But into the bird I got and was directed by the crew chief to the front bench located behind and in between the two door gunners. Seated in the rear portion of the bird was a 8 man team bound for some other part of the Iraqi darkness.

Like before, knowing where to get off the ship is a little gamble. I now carry a piece of cardboard with my destination printed with magic marker. At every stop I tap the gunner and point to the sign waiting for the eventual up and down head shake.

Baquba is a city within Diayla Province and has always been the site of sectarian violence. One night it is the Shia ambushing the Sunnie and the next the remaining Sunnie burn the houses of the guilty Shia. This is the Hatfield and Maccoys without end.

I am at a isolated SF camp near Al Kut located next to our Iraqi brothers...the ERB (Emergency Response Brigade).

The students were polite and seemed to appreciate what it was we brought to them. But because I was delayed returning to Iraq I had to cut our visit by half promising that someone else would return to train the remaining 100 troops. We had provided instruction to about 60 before heading to Tikrit.

The real adventure started when we tried to leave Al Kut for Tikrit the hometown of Saddam and the site of his burial place. Wet and cold weather prevented all air traffic and a road convoy was out of the question due to distance and the need for the required number of armored vehicles and gunners.

A week of waiting for a clear night came early and by surprise. We were told to be ready for a possible 1130PM pick up if any pick up was to be attempted. Well I am on my bunk ready a book which all of a sudden the sound of arriving choppers cut into the silence. A rush of grabbing gear and hot footing it in the dark to a waiting truck where we had pre positioned most of our gear went without a hitch except that I could not close my door; the strap of the lap top bag was wrapped around the passenger seat of the p/u. I was halfway in the truck for the 3 minute scramble to the landing pad. Now it get nasty. I have my weapon, ammo (basic load of 9

magazines, each holding 30 rounds), vest and 70 pound of duffel bags to get from the truck over about 200 meters of rocks to the bird. About 1/3 of the way one of the straps from a duffel bag is caught by my moving foot and in one second I was slammed face down onto the rocks. If I ever wanted to click my heels and get back to Kansas this was it. Blood on my face, I scrambled up and grabbed those damn duffel bags and started off again. The team CPT who drove us to the pad saw me struggling and ran to take one of the bags from me. He carried it as if it weighed 2 pounds.

I am too f\*\*\*\*\* old for this shit. Again into the front seat for a windy freezing flight to our 1st stop on the journey to Tikrit. At Balad where I had spent 15 months in 2007 we switched to a Sherpa fixed wing. This aircraft is designed for cargo and to air drop 13 fully loaded paratroops from the rear. A few days at the main SF base inside Camp Speicker we finally convoyed to the team house in Tikrit...in the middle of Tikrit.

I am in Saddam's father's estate house. I think I will remain here instructing the ERB troops until they are all done. But that was not to be. After 3 weeks it was time for me to arrange for a return to Camp Dublin.

The other day I got back and then the "Day of Rage" for Iraq took place and my former home took some sniper fire. No one hurt; just another day in paradise.

With any luck I will fly to Kuwait on the 17th and return most of my gear there. That is a big plus since it will avoid the long process at Benning with the next step getting on a flight home. At Kuwait we have to wait a day any way so why waist it sitting in a tent. Once at Fort Benning I return my weapon, gas mask and other sensitive items and then it is off to the airport for a flight or series of flights home...YEAH.

Thank you all for listening, I hope you have enjoyed these missives. The men and women of our armed forces are volunteers all; they put up with all this crap and a lot more executing the foreign policy of the United States. These kids (and that is what they are) hump into harm's way every day of their deployment here and in Afghanistan. Don't forget them in your prayers and take a moment to thank them if you should see one stateside. A simple "thank you" works.

John Everett

Sometimes I think the surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that none of it has tried to contact us.

**Richard Malone** sent along this article relating to IRS past history. You can follow his links on the web version or type them into your browser. You'll find them interesting.

While doing some Internet research for my current position at the DEA, I stumbled on to a 1921 New York Times article about Elmer Irey . The following is a link to the article:

<http://query.nytimes.com/mem/archive-free/pdf?res=F10D1EF83D5D14738DDDA10894D9405B818EF1D3>

In it, Elmer Irey and the Chief of the Special Intelligence Unit in New York City, Hugh McQuillan are quoted. They describe the successful investigation of forged whiskey withdrawal



permits. Apparently the Intelligence agents were cooperating with the Secret Service when the Secret Service agent discovered "spurious" Internal Revenue stamps at the site of a liquor seizure.

A few of the perpetrators mentioned in the article ended up in US District court before the Honorable Judge Learned Hand. Judge Hand sentenced the violators to 30 days in federal prison for selling whiskey to an undercover agent. Any of you who worked the "tax protestor" cases way back in the 1980's probably were confronted with one of Judge Hand's more famous rulings. I can't recall how many times I saw in protestor literature, or was told directly by supporters of the cause that Judge Hand said the following in one of his decisions:

"Anyone may arrange his affairs so that his taxes shall be as low as possible; he is not bound to choose that pattern which best pays the treasury. There is not even a patriotic duty to increase one's taxes. Over and over again the Courts have said that there is nothing sinister in so arranging affairs as to keep taxes as low as possible. Everyone does it, rich and poor alike and all do right, for nobody owes any public duty to pay more than the law demands."

The protestors always failed to mention that the above case, the Judge actually ruled for the Commissioner.

I sent the above link and info out to retirees in the Southern California area. That garnered a response from Ray Sherrard. For those of you who do not know Ray, he is somewhat of a CI historian. He has one book already in print and is working on another. Ray responded by saying that retirees might be interested in seeing a Time magazine article on Al Capone, as Capone was featured on the Cover of the March 24, 1930 issue. Ray mentioned that this was about a year prior Capone's tax conviction.

God Bless the Internet. Here is a link to that issue, with Capone's face filling the cover:

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/0,9263,7601300324,00.html>

And lastly, here is the link to the cover story for that issue of Time: Al Capone's release from state prison, just in time to face the tax charges:

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,738873,00.html>

**Lee Williams** has had his book, "Sins of the Father", (excerpted in a previous edition of the AFSA newsletter) published. The novel is now available in paperback and as a e-book on amazon.com. For more information on Lee and his book, you can visit his website: [leejwilliams.com](http://leejwilliams.com).

According to NARFE's magazine (August, 2011), the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) was up .5% in May and 3.46% from the third quarter base. What does that mean? The CPI-W is used to calculate the potential cost of living adjustment for federal retirees and social security recipients. If it stays there it could mean a 3.46% increase in you pension check. That is if we are still receiving them. Hopefully this debt issue will be resolved before you receive this newsletter.

## New Members

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Following are the new AFSA members who joined since the publication of the last Newsletter. Please welcome these new members to our organization. The AFSA Website Directory contains more current information for not only each new member but also all current members.

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**P.O. Box 451148**  
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IRS-CI Special Agent Service Dates: From: \_\_\_\_\_; To: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a current Special Agent? \_\_\_\_\_

Retirement Date: \_\_\_\_\_; Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current or Last Post of Duty: \_\_\_\_\_ Current or last Supervisor & Ph #: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Employment (type of work): \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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As an AFSA member, I am interested in:

Doing investigative work \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Serving AFSA in other positions \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Being a member of an AFSA committee \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Being an AFSA Representative \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

(Representatives assist Regional Directors)

Place a check mark in the blank for the items that apply to your skills, training, accreditation, or interest:

A. Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

B. Certified Public Accountant \_\_\_\_\_

C. Certified Fraud Examiner \_\_\_\_\_

D. Enrolled Agent \_\_\_\_\_

E. Foreign languages \_\_\_\_\_

Specify:

Language(s) \_\_\_\_\_

F. Instructor training experience \_\_\_\_\_

G. Foreign: \_\_\_\_\_

Teaching experience \_\_\_\_\_

Consulting assignments: \_\_\_\_\_

H. Computer forensics \_\_\_\_\_

I. Investigative equipment training experience \_\_\_\_\_

J. Licensed or certified private investigator \_\_\_\_\_

K. Management training experience \_\_\_\_\_

L. Other skills or investigative interest: \_\_\_\_\_

Specify \_\_\_\_\_

AFSA receives requests from various sources for members who may be interested in performing different types of work. If you desire to have this type of information available for AFSA to assist in matching your skills, expertise and abilities to a particular request, please complete this part of the membership form.

Membership is open to all retired, former and current IRS special agents with at least five years IRS special agent service. Current special agents are admitted as non-voting associate members. I am applying (or submitting changes) for membership in the Association of Former Special Agents of the Internal Revenue Service. I am either a retired special agent, a former special agent, or a current special agent. I have neither been convicted of a felony nor left the IRS under any adverse circumstances.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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