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Executive Director Corner - Summer 2014



Greetings and salutations to all from San Antonio, TX. Home of the **2014 NBA Champs. Go Spurs Go!!!** Hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful fall (cooler) weather, good health and these beautiful crisp days. I cannot believe the holidays are almost here ;0)

Convention 2014 was a good time for all. Our weather was excellent!! Many of the AFSA-IRS members enjoyed the diverse tourist attractions like: The Mission Tour, the San Antonio City Tour and the beautiful Texas Hill Country Wine Tasting Tour.

Tradition continued!!! We began Convention 2014 with the annual Bob Manzi Memorial Golf Tournament at the Republic Golf Course. This year Mr. William Schroeder of Madison Associates, Inc. donated funds for the male/female longest drive and closest to the pin contests. There were some surprise winners and we all had fun.

Following the golf tournament many of us went to the Board of Directors Meeting. During the Board of Directors Meeting and at the Annual Business Meeting the following board members were nominated and approved:

2015 President – Jim Meyers

2015-2016 President Elect – Dan Pieschel Regional Director – Gail Donaldson

Second Vice-President – Peggy Thomas Regional Director – Darrell Smith

Secretary – Iris Bohannon

Additionally, there were two new Presidential Appointments:

Historian – Al Selby

IT Advisor – Chuck Taylor

Mr. Selby has been collecting and organizing AFSA-IRS historical data and documents and is doing an outstanding job.

Mr. Taylor has been the “go to” person for AFSA-IRS technical issues. (*His assistance has been timely and invaluable to AFSA.*)

This year is almost over ... looking back on 2014:

I am thankful to have had the opportunity to continue to be your Executive Director and serve you the members and the Board of Directors. I look forward to another great year. May 2015 bring countless blessings and excellent health to each of you and all of your loved ones.

Have an awesome day.

~ Mary~



A Message from the Outgoing President

Mary Fran Martin

Respectively, I would like to honor the memory of Frank Smith who passed on Thanksgiving evening, he will be dearly missed. Frank of course was a very prominent and important member of this organization and I am a member because of him. When we first met in 1993 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of CI he convinced me to join and also asked me to assist in the formation of the first scholarship. Frank and Eileen, his wife, were extremely dedicated to furthering and steering this organization into the future. Eileen recently gave me the flags that flew at prior conventions and they will fly at future conventions. I know Eileen would welcome cards and phone calls to remember Frank.

I would like to thank Mary Ruiz for a wonderful convention she hosted for all of us in San Antonio, TX. I know it is a location we have been to before however, we all had an outstanding time. We stayed on the Riverwalk in a brand new Wyndham. We had an opportunity to explore a developing area of the Riverwalk which included the art museum. Most exciting was to meet Dr. Martin Dolan, grandnephew of our most revered undercover agent, Mike Malone. Dr. Dolan provided intimate details of Mike Malone's life which gave us all a better understanding of the man and agent Mike Malone. Frank Wilson and Mike Malone remained such close friends throughout their lives that Frank Wilson delivered the eulogy at Mike Malone's funeral. The boxes and boxes of original records he shared with us belong in a museum and I will be working with CI Headquarters to determine a place to honor these historical documents.

Also, during the convention it was determined that myself, Gail Donaldson and Peggy Thomas will be hosting next year's convention in Annapolis, MD. Currently the potential dates are mid-September to early October. The weather is usually perfect for any activity. We have to work around the Navy football games and the two week boat show. We are working with a free convention planner in Annapolis and hope to stay in downtown Annapolis. We are currently working with the Historic Inns of Annapolis which would allow us to stay within walking distance of wonderful restaurants, historic homes of Annapolis, the Naval Academy and great shopping venues. Lots of plans are unfolding and there are two brand new casinos in close proximity to downtown Annapolis.

I would like to thank Toni Weirauch for attending on behalf of the Chief and giving a great presentation on the status of CI today. It was enlightening and a little disheartening to hear considering the budget situation and our inability to hire and train new agents. Our agent numbers are the lowest, 2200; however, the agents are producing and forwarding excellent prosecution cases to DOJ. Toni also touched on the new and changing workforce and how working with our new "entitled" agents is evolving.

In closing, thank you for this opportunity and I have thoroughly enjoyed being the president of AFSA-IRS for the last two years. I have been actively involved in this organization since my retirement in 2005 and a member since 1993. I would like to thank so many people for their support during this time that work in the background and foreground of our fraternal organization. First I would like to thank Jose Marrero for recommending me to this position. I would like to thank the following for their assistance and undying commitment to AFSA-IRS: Ron Line, Bob Armentrout, George Meyer, Al Selby, Mark Kroczyński, Jim Meyers, Peggy Thomas, Dan Pieschel, Mary Ruiz and Ross Brown. If I have forgotten anyone it was not intentional just a senior moment. I leave you in good hands with Jim Meyers. I look forward to seeing you all and many more in Annapolis in 2015.

A MESSAGE FROM INCOMING PRESIDENT JIM MEYERS**SAN ANTONIO CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS & OTHER AFSA HAPPENINGS**

A “Big Hats Off” goes out to Mary Ruiz, our AFSA Ex. Director for her planning and hosting of the SATX 2014 Convention. Hosting any convention is always an enormous undertaking and our 2014 edition was the first convention that followed the AFSA Convention Model. While there was no example to follow, Mary accomplished much as we were treated to a fun filled AFSA Fellowship reunion-“San Antonio Style”. What a wonderful city we all were able to enjoy! Every convention will encounter unusual challenges for the planner and Mary’s good work yielded an outstanding event.

Iris T. Bohannon from Phoenix AZ was elected as our newest Board member. Let’s give Iris a great big “Welcome Madam Secretary”! Iris was asked what the initial T stood for and the evidence of her spirit came thru when she replied “Terrific”.

Thanks so very much Iris for your willingness to serve the Assn.

Dan Pieschel from KY was elected to 1st Vice President after a two year stint as 2nd VP. His qualifications include serving as a Regional Director, Board member and a past convention host. Dan is “On the Go” often but has always been able to add wisdom and good old common sense to our most complex Board discussions. In spite of being a very busy person, Dan continues to be a fully involved Board member.

Al Selby steps up once again! Al is one of AFSA’s charter members and has worn many hats in his dedication to the Assn. We had the opportunity to receive a significant amount of original documents that represent the true corner stone of the AFSA. The need for creating the position of the first Official AFSA Historian arose and Al graciously agreed to take on the challenge. A measurement of his “Trial Run” so to speak has been nothing less than remarkable and has served as an inspiration to many. An example of Al’s work is found in the informative new content we enjoy in our annual Directory as well as reminders of how it all started which will be presented in our quarterly newsletters. Al was able to accomplish all of this while continuing to fulfill his duties as our Region 5 Director and a member of the AFSA Board of Directors.

Secretary Peggy Thomas was elected as our new AFSA 2nd Vice President and will continue as the chairperson re our Scholarship Committee which also includes past AFSA President Al Allison from CA and former Ex. Director Mark Kroczyński from FL. Not only does this team oversee all aspects of the Frank F. Smith Scholarship Fund, they also manage the important James F. Howell Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund as well.

The Board heard 2015 convention venue nomination presentations from President Mary Fran Martin, Gerard Dupczak and the team of Chuck Druancik and Jerry Padar regarding Annapolis MD, Milwaukee WI and Branson MO respectively. Included in the venue presentations, came the significant news that all three locations will have actual member teams and their spouses willing to serve as convention planners and hosts. The “Team Maryland” of Mary Fran Martin, Peggy Thomas and Gail Donaldson will cover “Annapolis 2015”. The team of Gerard and Cindy Dupczak together with Chuck and Barb Taylor will support the Milwaukee venue. Chuck and Stacey Durancik will join Jerry and Marie Padar who have pledged to cover the planner/host chores re Branson MO. While the Annapolis 2015 dates are TBA, it’s looking like we’re going to be Annapolis bound in late September or early October. Team Maryland is off to an impressive start. It cannot be overstated regarding the asset our Assn. has received by these dedicated AFSA’ers being willing to step-up.

More news from the SATX convention pertains to Chuck Taylor from WI. Chuck has agreed to serve as AFSA’ Board’s first official IT advisor. Chuck and Gerard Dupczak have been serving in the IT advisor roles for several years but more or less in ad hoc modes.

More good news has been received via AFSA Parliamentarian and past Ex. Director Bob Armentrout's pledge to lead the development and presentation of our AFSA CPE offering at Annapolis 2015. We hope to use Bob's 2015 CPE program as a model which we can build upon to enhance and solidify high quality CPE programs for many years to come. We'll absolutely need the help of a few others to assist Bob and to solidify another very important AFSA asset. Please contact Bob with your CPE ideas and suggestions- AND MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE!

We would be remiss to not acknowledge the past CPE foundation efforts contributed by past Presidents Jose Marrero from FL and Al Allison from CA. They have spent serious amounts of time in their efforts to benefit many of our AFSA second career members.

A final important message from SATX relates to a project Bob Armentrout and past AFSA President and Ex. Director Charlie Gibb have offered to support the actual worker bees. The project relates to a planned team effort that will result in a fresh and updated AFSA foundation, A/K/A our AFSA by-laws. This is a VERY important undertaking and every one's assistance and support will be sincerely appreciated.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST-We hope our AFSA membership can step back a bit and reflect on all of the of the above mentioned members who are willing to support the myriad of important Assn. issues and tasks that will hopefully serve us all for many years to come. It's clear that they and many others are the life blood of our great AFSA organization! Many more members are out there who also deserve SPECIAL mention and that will happen in future News Letter editions. Our Assn. is absolutely blessed to have a certified group of talented and willing organizational leaders. Their willingness to serve has not gone unnoticed and is sincerely appreciated.

2014 SATX CONVENTION REPORT

We had a very different but interesting convention gathering in the inspiring city of San Antonio. AFSA had been to SATX in 1994, 2004 and now 2014 for our annual convention.

San Antonio itself is an inspiring community. SATX has a significant position in our Country's history. The general area is very large and SATX is the second largest city in TX. The fast growing city presents itself very well to tourist and convention groups.

Our attendance was above average and tour options seemed to be an excellent mix of choices. Mary Ruiz's welcome gift bag was well done indeed. The same can be said for the Bob Manzi Memorial Golf Tournament. We had 5 groups play the very impressive Republic Golf Club which could serve as a perfect SW Texas motion picture set. The course is located in the SE quadrant of the city. The team of Van Carlton, Darrell Smith, Jim Meyers and team Ross A/K/A Robin and Ross Brown made up the winning team. Bob Schweitzer won the men's long drive prize and Robin Brown took home the same for the ladies competition.

The host hotel, a 5 month old Wyndham Garden Inn went above and beyond in many respects. Friday was "Tour" day with two primary interesting and satisfying experiences. Some ventured out on their own and also enjoyed other venues.

Thursday evening was a special treat with a good number of AFSAer's taking in the Jeannie Robertson comedy show at the most impressive Tobin Center for the Performing Arts which was walking distance from the host hotel.

The Saturday AM welcoming ceremony may have been the highlight of the week. We began the session with a wonderful and traditional rendition of the National Anthem which was sung by Iliana Hernandez, Mary Ruiz's daughter in law who deserves our special thanks.

The meeting included a very appropriate and timely message and prayer provided by Father John, a local military chaplain. A very professional and much appreciated local VFW post color guard presented the American flag.

Our next speaker was a midcareer rooin, tootin Texas Ranger who happens to be the Ranger's primary financial crimes investigator. His presentation was absolutely awesome. He answered many questions from our attendees and spoke to the difficult and emotional issue of illegal border crossings. The topic of the vast numbers of children crossing was raised and he provided a point of view that was extremely well done and stressed the emotional pain and suffering that families endure when elders turn over their small children in hopes of allowing them a chance at a better life.

After a brief intermission, the nephew of early SA Mike Malone gave a very comprehensive presentation re his uncle's career and other Intelligence Unit official's experiences. He educated us on how motion picture and TV producers have twisted and distorted many truths regarding the early days of our original SA's. Peggy Thomas, Secretary and AFSA Scholarship Committee Chairperson gave an in-depth summary status report that was very informative to say the least. Peggy reported on a meeting she and other AFSA reps attended with Bill Schroeder who is the COE of Madison and Associates and the primary funding source for the James Howe Scholarship which AFSA and Peggy's committee administer.

President Mary Fran Martin provided a preliminary report re Annapolis 2015 regarding our next convention site. Post- convention happenings are already moving forward and have indications of yielding a VERY special convention.

Our hospitality suite once again won the MVP (Most Valuable Place) distinction. It was basic per our convention model but served us well.

The Saturday night Texas BBQ catered banquet at a nearby VFW post was a major change of pace for our attendees but the absolute highlight was the arrival of our invited special guests, Charlie and Shirley Matthys-who have been devoted convention attendees for many years.

FYI-We received a special thank you message from Charlie and Shirley who reported they are absolutely planning to be with us in Annapolis in 2015. They pledged to encourage Bob Sawyer from the Houston area to accompany them as well. Charlie was a highly respected "Group Supervisor" when that was the appropriate title. He served as a National Office Group Supervisor advisor regarding the creation of the first specialized Group Supervisor management training program.

Jim Meyers

Frank L. Smith

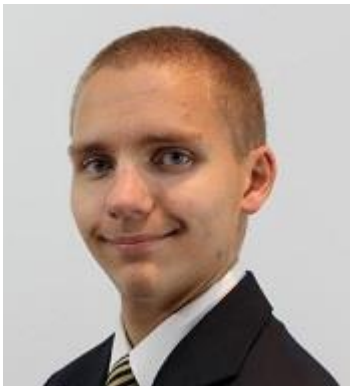
AFSA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Each year AFSA recognizes outstanding students through its two scholarship programs, the Frank L. Smith and the James F. Howe Sr.

The Frank L. Smith Scholarship program is so named to recognize the work of Frank L. Smith in establishing the AFSA Scholarship program. Through Frank's perseverance the first \$1000.00 scholarship was awarded in 1999. AFSA has continued to award this scholarship to numerous children and grandchildren of AFSA members who have used this scholarship to further their college education. The scholarship award has also been increased to \$2000.00 and in addition has been expanded to include nieces, nephews and high school seniors starting their college education.

2014 Frank L. Smith Scholarship Recipient

AFSA is proud to announce the following students have been selected to receive \$2000.00 Frank L. Smith scholarships:



Eric Almon (Sponsored by his father, Mark Almon)

I am entering my sophomore year in the Mechanical Engineering department at Virginia Tech. Previously, I attended Woodgrove High School in Purcellville, Virginia. I was a member of the National Honor Society, a travel soccer team player and a member of my local rescue squad. I continue to volunteer weekly 12 hour shifts and during the summer enrolled in Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) - B class. Throughout high school I volunteered, ranging from tutoring at my elementary school to week long summer work camp trips with my church. I have found the most rewarding opportunity giving back to my community is through my rescue squad.

Throughout high school I refereed soccer as well as worked at the local pool and continued to referee and work during school breaks. While at Tech, I referee soccer weekly with the Virginia High School League and am applying to the local rescue squad this coming fall. Currently, I am aspiring for Virginia Tech's Biomedical Engineering master's program and becoming a paramedic. I am honored to receive this scholarship and will continue to hold nothing less than a high standard for myself - Go Hokies!



Tia Bolden.

I am currently a sophomore at Savannah State University in Savannah, Georgia.

I've decided to become a technology educator and inspire our next generation to achieve. My goal is to give back to others the opportunities that were given to me. Through the technology industry, I'll use my experiences to inspire our future generations to achieve more. Today's learning is more technology based than ever before. Through Online research, E-learning, mobile computing and social networking education is driven in today's schools. Through this scholarship and attaining a degree, I believe I can give back the opportunities that were given to me and produce more teachers,

scientists, mathematicians and engineers. I am a firm believer that "a life is not important except the impact it has on other lives." - Jackie Robinson



Emily Faro

Emily graduated from Dobbs Ferry High School in Westchester, New York. Throughout high school, Emily was involved in many clubs and activities including Model UN, Green Club, and Girl Scouts. She was apart of a program called Destination Imagination which helped her be creative, collaborative, and confident. Emily loves to exercise and played soccer, softball, and ran track. Emily will attend UCLA, 3,000 miles away from home, in California. She hopes to study political science and possibly minor in gender studies. She would love to help young women in developing nations and become a lawyer after college and law school.



Taylor Branson LeBaron is the grandson of SA Jack Branson, who retired from CID in 2003. Taylor has been attending Liberty University Online while working full time and saving money for college. This fall, Taylor will continue his education at San Diego Christian College, Rivendell Honors Program.

Taylor is active in his community and his church. At 14, he developed a teen-oriented fitness strategy and cut his body weight in half. He wrote a book, *Cutting Myself in Half: 150 Pounds Lost, One Byte at a Time* (HCI Books), which chronicles his weight loss journey and resulted in numerous media opportunities including *The Today Show* and *CNN Headline News*. Taylor was a torch bearer in the 2010 Winter Olympics.



Brandon Line

Brandon Line is the grandson of Ronald Line. Brandon graduated with Honors in the top 10 of his class from Glen Este High School in Cincinnati, Ohio. There he earned a GPA above 4.1, took numerous Advanced Placement courses and a Post-Secondary college course. He was a member of the Glen Este National Honor Society and participated in many service projects throughout high school. Brandon played soccer all four years, he was a three year Varsity letterman and a captain his senior year. In addition to receiving the Scholar Athlete award all four years of high school, he also received 2nd team All-Conference,

Sportsmanship and Coaches Choice Awards. Outside of school he volunteered his time in the community by tutoring younger kids and working part-time. In the fall Brandon will attend Miami University in Oxford, OH, to study in The Farmer School of Business. There he has high aspirations to lead a company or own his own business.

Congratulations to Eric, Tia, Emily, Taylor and Brandon for all of their accomplishments and for being recipients of the Frank L. Smith Scholarship.

James F. Howe Sr.

The James F. Howe Sr. Scholarship is named to recognize a former Internal Revenue Service Special Agent who passed away after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. In remembrance of Jim, William R. Schroeder, the President of Madison Associates, Inc. made two very generous donations to AFSA to administer a scholarship fund for law enforcement candidates. The endowment was set up to help instill integrity and character that Jim's personal exemplification of those high standards will be a model for those who follow him in a law enforcement career.

The James F. Howe Sr. Scholarship the applicant must be enrolled in a declared law enforcement major or in the profession or in the major that can lead to a law enforcement career. The other qualifications are the same as the Frank L. Smith Scholarship.

2014 James F. Howe Sr. Scholarship Recipient

AFSA is proud to announce the following students have been selected to receive \$2000.00 James F. Howe Sr. scholarships:



Timothy Bowman is a current Senior at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. Since he transferred to Liberty in the Spring of 2013, he has been studying Criminal Justice. In the summer of 2014, Timothy began his career in law enforcement as a Seasonal Police Officer in Ocean City, MD. He will graduate with his Bachelor's degree in May 2015, and he plans to attend a Police Academy shortly thereafter.

Timothy is very grateful for the generosity of the AFSA for awarding him with the James F. Howe Sr. Scholarship. He is confident that he will do his best to uphold the quality of this scholarship by always working hard at the things that matter most in life.

Daniel Coppola (No Photo available)

I am 19 years old. I live in Schenectady, New York with my family, my mother, my step father, my grandmother and my younger brother. I have an older brother and two step sisters. I started my education at a small catholic elementary school, I continued on in a private catholic military middle and high school. I am an alumnus of Christian Brothers Academy in Albany, New York. After graduating high school in 2012, I continued my education at Schenectady County Community College, where I earned an associate of science degree in criminal justice. I am attending Siena College in Loudonville, New York to complete my Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology.

I work part time at two jobs while attending school. In my free time I enjoy sports, golf, lacrosse, football, snowboarding, hunting and fishing. I have always been athletic and active. I have enjoyed being a part of team sports since I was a very young boy. I also enjoy volunteering my time to work with youth, I coach lacrosse and teach snowboarding. I look forward to continuing my education and am eager to begin my career in law enforcement.

Congratulations to Timothy and Daniel for all of their accomplishments and for being a recipient of the James F. Howe Sr. Scholarship.

AFSA would also like to thank and compliment all of the other applicants who even though were not selected they all showed great abilities indicating leadership, work ethics and citizenship. The scholarship committee was very pleased with the applicants this year and found it very difficult to make a final decision with so many outstanding applicants. We encourage all members to reach out to your family members and inform them of this excellent opportunity to receive financial assistance. Don't be discouraged and feel that you don't have a chance. AFSA awarded seven scholarships this year and this could have been one of your family members. Scholarship applications will begin again next spring. Information will be provided at the AFSA website and via emails.

Remember also that that these scholarships will not exist without donations from our members. Donations can be made any time online or by completing the information below.

Peggy Thomas
Scholarship Committee Chairperson

Scholarship donations since the last newsletter:

Jules Dorner Richard Malone Jim Meyers William Parish
 Mary Ruiz Bob Schweitzer

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. Myer, Jr., AFSA Treasurer
P.O. Box 2841
PonteVedra Beach, FL 32004

Historian's Corner

Al Selby, our historian is requesting the membership to send him old Newsletters and Directories or other documents and artifacts concerning the early years of AFSA. Anything you plan to throw out, or give to someone who does not want them; please send to him to go into the History Box. Anything submitted will become the property of AFSA-IRS. A lot of people are downsizing and AFSA would appreciate early memorabilia more than the landfill.

AFSA CHARTER MEMBERS WHO ARE STILL ACTIVE MEMBERS

There were 402 Charter Members of AFSA. As of 7/1/2014, there are still 78 of those 402 who are listed as members for 2014. Those 78 members are:

John J. Banta	Seymour Bard	James A. Barrett	Richard C. Bauer, Jr
Donald G. Beadle	James M. Bittman	Lennis Brinson, Jr	Arthur B. Brown
Gerald Bryan	Brian M. Bruh	Salvatore M. Cali	Anthony Carpinello
Jerry Carrier	Thomas J. Clancy *	James A. Coleman	William J. Connors, Jr
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Kent V. Domogalla	Bernard J. Dugan	John F. Fahey	Paul Finer
Charles E. Flanik	Daniel M. Foley	Arthur Fredheim	William R. Frugoli
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John F. Hanlon	Lowell L. Harris	Ben B. Hayes	John D. Heeney
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Peter J. Kennan	George A. Kelt, Jr	Dennis A. Kleinvachter	John J. Kuper, Jr
Harry Kushner	Leon Lebensbaum	Edward Licht	Herbert A. Linder
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Bruce B. Miller	Dale C. Mitchum	Lee N. Mohs	Thomas E. Murphy
Wallace Musoff	Wallace S. Oshiro	Alexander S. Parks	Stephen J. Pastva
Richard J. Pozecki	Robert L. Schweitzer	Arthur Al Selby, Jr	Jerry Shea
Raymond Sherrard	Jerome R. Siegel	Donald C. Skelton	Frank L. Smith
Leslie R. Stull	Paul A. Sullivan	Fred A. Swick	Raymond C. Turner
John M. Walsh	Harold L. Whipple		

* **FOUNDING MEMBERS.** We only have 3 Founding Members that are still alive and still members. As far as we know, all of the other founding members are deceased.

THE MONEY TRAIL BY ROBERT G. FOLSOM

How Elmer Irey and His T-Men Brought down America's Criminal Elite

This is a great book about Elmer Irey and the beginnings of the **Special Intelligence Unit** of the Treasury Department. As the first chief of the SIU, Irey accomplished what J. Edgar Hoover wouldn't and Elliott Ness couldn't. The first 1/3 of the book deals with the background of Irey and the fact that there was little or no Federal law enforcement prior to about 1919. The Postal Inspectors were the cream of the crop of Federal investigators. Although the Secret Service and the Marshall's Service existed back to the middle 1800's, they were not investigators at that time and had few Federal laws to enforce. The 16th Amendment (1913) establishing a Federal Income Tax, and subsequent acts of Congress, was the beginning of an explosion of Federal criminal laws that has not stopped. The SIU began in 1919.

The middle 1/3 of the book deals primarily with Prohibition from the early 1920's to the early 1930's and primarily in Chicago and Al Capone. This was a period of expanding Federal criminal law and unbelievable corruption by Federal, State, and Local law enforcement. It was said that Dutch Schultz amassed more illegal cash in one week than John Dillinger stole in his entire career. While Hoover and the F.B.I. went after bank robbers, Irey and his T-Men went after organized crime for tax evasion.

The final 1/3 of the book deals with various racketeers and organized crime figures and the beginnings of the five Mafia families. Irey moved to New York and worked with U. S. Attorney Tom Dewey. Their initial focus was Waxey Gordon and Dutch Schultz, but eventually included many other racketeers in the New York area. The New York effort culminated in the conviction of Charles "Lucky" Luciano, the Mafia Boss of Bosses

Along the way, Folsom tells how Irey and his SIU Special Agents brought down Boss Tom Pendergrast in Kansas City, Huey Long and his gang in Louisiana, Enoch "Nucky" Johnson in Atlantic City, Morris Kleinman of Cleveland's Mayfield Road gang, and Leon Gleckman, the "Al Capone of St. Paul". The T-Men also got Moses Annenberg, a cagy New York racketeer, and at the time one of the nation's wealthiest men.

Daniel Roper, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, a former Assistant Postmaster General, realized that Postal Inspectors were the best investigators available anywhere (at the time) and bragged that "Postal Inspectors can spot a missing penny quicker than anybody in the world." Roper got permission to recruit six Postal Inspectors for his new SIU, but got away with seven. Elmer Irey was tapped to be the chief of this new unit. He was a Postal Inspector in Lynchburg, VA at the time making about \$ 700 per year (\$14,700 in 1990 dollars). Irey received \$ 2,500 per year (\$50,000 in 1990 dollars) when he took over SIU at the age of 31. He was an unassuming man who never tooted his own horn. He retired in 1948.

This is the kind of book that provides some of the rich history of the beginnings of IRS-CID and makes you proud to be a Special Agent, active or retired. Al Selby

FOUNDERS PROFILE – BY AL SELBY

Last issue we profiled our first President, TOM CLANCY. In this issue we are profiling our first Secretary, CHARLES A. GIBB. In the beginning we did not have an Executive Director position and Charlie was the "go to" guy for almost everything administrative, and he in effect served as a de facto XD.

Charlie grew up in Pennsylvania. He served four years in the Air Force as an accountant before attending Shippensburg State College where he obtained a four-year degree in accounting in 30 months. He then served two years as an accountant & office manager of a dairy business in Carlisle. He became a Special Agent in 1962 when hired as a GS-7 in Harrisburg, PA, where he remained for four years until transferring to Baileys Crossroad, VA. Charlie's initiative and drive surfaced early, and he was selected for increasingly higher responsibility which required additional educational opportunities and some moving around. He was selected for a year in the National Office as a Compliance Intern, served two years as a Group Manager in Greensboro, NC, a year at Indiana University where he earned a Masters Degree in Public Administration, followed by several years in the National Office in a variety of unique positions. He devoted a lot of energy to the Disclosure function from 1974-1977, and was frequently called to testify with the Commissioner before Congress as a result of the Watergate hearings.

Charlie returned to CI as Chief of the Operations Branch from 1977-1981, followed by four years as Chief/Director of Planning & Development from 1981-1985. Those later years required a lot of travel, and chances are that many of you working in those years ran into Charlie somewhere. Charlie retired at the end of 1985, continued work for 10 years as a contract investigator with a federal agency, and moved to Boiling Springs, PA, in 1986.

Charlie has served AFSA in a number of ways since his retirement. First as a founder and a driving force behind setting up AFSA and establishing the by-laws, rules, organizational structure, and procedures, handling day-to-day operations, and helping to prepare legal documents to incorporate. Charlie served as Secretary from 1988-1990, At-Large-Director 1991-1992, Second Vice President 1994, Vice President/President Elect 1995-1996, President 1997-1998, Past President 1999-2000, and Parliamentarian 2001-2008. He still attends the DC area Wednesday luncheons as often as possible and stays involved with AFSA. He is an AFSA Life Member (First one of only three so honored).

Charlie and his wife Isabelle have attended most of our national conventions until recent years. Charlie is our “cowboy” and loves Wyoming, cowboys, and dude ranches. He loved riding in the Wyoming mountains. He collects cowboy-style cap guns which are displayed in his cowboy-decorated rec room. Charlie and Isabelle have two daughters and five grandchildren all of whom are very active in sports and have many other interests. Charlie is an NRA certified firearms instructor and is a competitive shooter in a central PA league.

AROUND THE NATION

IRS-CI OLDER S/A -VS- NEWER S/A

By Ray Sherrard:



The CIDEA (Criminal Investigation Employees Association for those of you who do not remember) Shootout and Potluck.

The old-timers present were Bob Sterling, Rich Malone (who took one of the top five slots in the matches) John Reimer, Virgie Romo, and Ray Sherrard.

We had a whole range area to ourselves. Good food and desserts - *no toilets nearby though tough on us old guys.*

I can tell you I feel a lot better after seeing the quality of SAs that we are hiring now. You remember when we came onboard (1969 for me) that it was all males, and only one black guy, and one or two Asians.

Well today, it is only a few white males, and CI is mostly minority, and largely female, but the SAs there were fit, intelligent, dedicated to the job, and happy to work for CI. Can't ask for much more than that. I think the agency is in good hands. They have vastly better equipment than we had-in terms of weapons, vehicles, communications, information-gathering sources etc., but I think that we had more freedom of action in our day.

I tried out my Glock 27 with the integrated laser sight (useless in bright daylight) Just about everyone else had larger weapons. I can tell that I am not getting enough range time in, as my right arm is sore

today. Their scenarios are better than some of our old “stand at a station, shoot at the paper target and go home.” Now you jog up to the firing station, and have multiple steel targets at varying distances, and you shoot off three magazines. More realistic than our old paper targets. Also, the range master uses targets that you have to hit in vital areas, or they don't go down.

All in all, it was a good day.

We are planning to do this again, John Reimer had a discussion with one of the Managers there, and with the CIDEA principals. They agreed that it was good to have active and retired SAs meet and discuss things and compare notes.

The AFSA newsletter will probably have some photos of the event. Once I learn how to transfer the pix I took from my iPhone (still new to me) I will send them out. See you the next time. Ray

Los Angeles District IRS Reunion Luncheon – January 26, 2015

All retirees, alumni, and current employees of the "Old Los Angeles District - DO95" are invited to attend (and anybody else you want to bring...we're not picky). This year's event will be held January 26th once again at the Quiet Cannon at the Montebello Country Club, 8 miles east of Los Angeles, just off the Pomona (60) Freeway at the Garfield exit. This is an excellent location for our luncheon. It is close to downtown Los Angeles, they have a very large parking lot close to the country club with free parking for the full day, and the food is excellent. And best of all, this venue has worked with us every year to keep the price of the luncheon at \$30. Can you think anything that has stayed the same price for the last 5 year?!?!

If you have attended before, I can guarantee that everything you liked about last year's lunch will be repeated this year (with some added surprises). If you have never attended before, it is time to join us for the best party of the year. Good food, friendly people, great conversation, some outstanding raffle items, and most importantly the opportunity to renew friendships with former coworkers, see how those still on the job are doing, and maybe make some new friends.

We are still going to raffle off our normal gift cards as well as some \$100 bills, and we will also give away an additional \$100 bill to one lucky attendee whose reservation and payment is postmarked December 31st or earlier. This is the extra "Early Bird" raffle so that means you could walk away with two \$100 bills. And if your reservation includes payment for a friend (or even an enemy, we really don't care) who has NOT previously attended our annual luncheon (2009 - 2014) you will receive a second raffle ticket, which means you will double your chances to win.

Don't miss your chance to have a great day, a delicious lunch, renewed friendships with coworkers and colleagues, and your chance to walk away with one (or two) of the \$100 bills to be raffled off. [Download the flyer today \(PDF\)](#) and make your reservation today to join us for a truly special reunion lunch.

We also want to announce that we are having an extra special display this year that we think everyone will want to visit. Ray Sherrard, the former CID Historian for the Western Region will be bringing and displaying actual badges used by Internal Revenue going back to the post-Civil-War era, along with Commissions (not the smaller pocket commissions we all carried-but full-size Commissions) for Special Agent and Agents, some signed by the first Commissioner of Internal Revenue, George Boutwell, who later became the Secretary of the Treasury.

He will also display some pre-1900 Internal Revenue Detective badges (the title changed to AGENT in

1872.) A photo of badge that reads “Roving US INT REV Marshal” and is inscribed on the back to the holder, who worked in Colorado in the 1880s. Badges never seen by anyone in the District from the 1880s to just before the inception of the Special Intelligence Unit in 1919. And examples of the IRS Inspection and Criminal Investigation and ATU, Prohibition, and Federal Narcotics badges and credentials.

He will also be displaying movie and TV production prop IRS badges and credentials, which will amuse you, since there are specimens carried by Nancy Sinatra, Dyan Cannon, David Janssen, Robert Stack, Lloyd Nolan and numerous other actors you have never heard of, who played us back to the late 1930s.

In addition, Dr. Martin Dolan, the grand-nephew of famed IRS Undercover Special Agent MIKE MALONE, who infiltrated the AL CAPONE mob, as well as a number of other Organized Crime organizations, has recently discovered some long-lost documents and historical records pertaining to his ancestor and is planning a movie about MALONE’s career, which he is scheduled to display. You may recall that SEAN CONNERY played MIKE MALONE in the film of THE UNTOUCHABLES, and won an Academy Award for his work. Ray Sherrard

HELP WANTED

Your AFSA Board has made a commitment to develop a highly respected CPE model program that will be part of the Annapolis MD annual convention agenda that will take place in the fall of 2015. Initial convention planning has started, however precise dates have not been determined at this time.

A highly qualified core of program developers is being formed at this time under the leadership of past AFSA president & former Executive Director, Bob Armentrout.

If you are interested in filling a role within the AFSA 2015 CPE leadership cadre, or learning more about the program in general, please get in touch with Bob via barmentrout@verizon.net and consider lending a helping hand.

Our CPE program principals have been certified by IRS under the leadership of Jose Marrero, Managing Partner with MRW Consulting Group LLP.

Our half day CPE program will likely take place on a Saturday afternoon and will allow participants opportunities to meet current recruiters from firms interested in connecting with former or retired IRS-CID Special Agents.

In Memoriam

Denita Jackson
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Albany, GA

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Scenes of San Antonio





AFSA – IRS Membership Application

We STRONGLY encourage members to apply on line: www.afsa-irs.org, however you may mail completed application with \$50 check payable to AFSA for first year dues to: **AFSA-IRS**

**P.O. Box 761869
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Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Telephone: () _____

Home Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

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: _____

Address: City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: () _____ FAX: () _____

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As an AFSA member, I am interested in:

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|---------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Doing investigative work | _____ Yes _____ No | Being a member of an AFSA committee | _____ Yes _____ No |
| Serving AFSA in other positions | _____ 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: _____

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.

Specify _____ 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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5	Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, North Carolina and South Carolina,
6	Florida
7	Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin
8	Arizona, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming
9	Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington

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