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AFSA-IRS Convention 2015

As reported in the spring newsletter, the AFSA-IRS board of directors announced the Westin-Annapolis as the selected hotel site for the 2015 AFSA-IRS convention, which will be held September 23, 2015 to September 27, 2015.

The rate at the Westin will be \$159 (plus tax) per night for single and double occupancy. The rate will be offered two nights before and two nights after the core dates of the convention. All reservations must be made individually through Westin Annapolis by e-mailing Donna Flynn at dflynn@westinannapolis.com or calling her at 410-972-4304. The weather in September is beautiful with plenty of sunshine; the hotel has wonderful guest rooms and a full complement of onsite activities including the only indoor heated pool in Annapolis.

The Westin is approximately one mile from the city dock and waterfront. The city circulator starts and ends at the Westin and costs one dollar to ride. It operates until 11:00PM daily. Our banquet is being held at the Fleet Reserve Club located on the waterfront on Ego Alley. While there, we will see many beautiful boats/yachts come in and out of Ego Alley. The **Fleet Reserve Club** is the oldest and largest association, representing enlisted Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel. Established in 1924, the FRA mission is to safeguard pay, benefits and entitlements of the active duty, reserve and retired members of the Sea Services. We will also be hosting a happy hour in the Hospitality Suite throughout the convention, following activities.

Although there are planned group activities, there's plenty to do and see in Annapolis. It is conveniently located near Washington DC and Baltimore, MD. There are two casinos in close proximity and great shopping.

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Formal registration will begin at check-in and the first event will be the Bob Manzi Memorial Golf Tournament, which will be played at the Eisenhower Golf Club in Crownsville, MD. It is a four person scramble. Bring one with you or team up on site. The cost is \$60 and includes lunch. The afternoon is a boat ride on the Severn. Board meeting will be held from 3:00PM to 5:00PM. Then an optional dinner at Cantler's Riverside Inn for all you can eat crabs, corn on the cob, french fries, coleslaw, and soda.

Friday, September 25, 2015

A Historical walking tour of the United States Naval Academy is scheduled at 10:30AM. This tour highlights life at the U.S. Naval Academy reflecting the past and present day. Tour includes Lejeune Hall, Dahlgren Hall, Bancroft Hall, Tecumseh Court, Herndon Monument, the main Chapel (when open) and crypt of John Paul Jones, Revolutionary War naval hero. Lunch will follow at the Drydock. The afternoon offers two tours, the first tour is a walking colonial stroll of the historic district, St. John's Church and an in depth tour of the Maryland State House. The second tour is discovering Annapolis from a trolley: a little bus with big windows. We'll travel down charming streets laid out over three centuries ago. You'll learn about the City Dock, The Maryland State House, St. John's College, Maryland WWII Memorial, handsome colonial mansions, and beautiful Victorian homes. You'll also view sailboats along the waterfront and spectacular water views from bridges. There will be a happy hour at the bar in the Westin, and we are inviting all local agents both retired and active. Dinner is on your own.

Saturday, September 26, 2015

The annual Business meeting is at the Westin. Presenters include the Chief CI and or Deputy Chief, Beth Putman, Supervisory Special Agent of the Global Illicit Financial Team and Don Manser, Director of CIS. The CPE will follow. One presenter will be Donald Semesky, retired SA, and premier anti-money laundering expert. The banquet will be at the Fleet Reserve Club from 6:00PM to 10:00PM. Transportation will be provided for those that need it as there is parking available at the club. The hospitality suite will be open throughout the convention to meet and greet new and old friends. There will also be a special one day convention rate available to local current and retired agents.

Possible Convention Addendum

Sunday, September 27, 2015

The afternoon after our Annapolis Convention ends on Sunday Sept. 27th. The Baltimore Ravens play the Cincinnati Bengals in Baltimore AND the Washington Nationals play Philadelphia in DC at the Nat's brand new (almost) stadium in DC. The Ravens kick-off at 1:00 PM and the Nationals 1st pitch is at 1:35 PM.

Those game(s) are an easy commutable distance from our convention and could be a good supplemental attraction to get more attendees to our convention, particularly fans of the visiting teams (i.e. Cincinnati and Philadelphia).

Purchase of game ticket(s), transportation, etc. should be done by game attendees themselves. I will not be at the game (my Patriots and Red Sox play elsewhere that Sunday) but I will volunteer to be a general contact for any questions, logistics coordination etc.

I did review Ravens ticket prices. Nosebleed seats seemed available for under \$100. There seemed to be good tickets available for under \$200.

Also keep in mind, you are welcome to invite friends (non-members). For example, if you have friends who are serious Raven's fans or who like to visit new ballparks (the Nationals), you are welcome to invite them as your guest(s).

Cheers,
Dave Nicholson
978-204-9009

**2015 AFSA-IRS ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION
Annapolis, MD-September 23, 2015 to September 27, 2015
Westin Hotel & Resorts Annapolis
100 Westgate Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401**

You can register on line, by using the following link: dflynn@westinannapolis.com or by calling the hotel and speaking with Donna Flynn 410.972.4304
(Ask for AFSA Group Rate)

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 _____
 Tee shirt size(s) _____

Please check the respective programs you wish to participate in:

- # _____ Thursday Bob Manzi Memorial Golf Tournament Single ___ Playing Partner Request: _____
- # _____ Thursday afternoon- Harbor Queen Boat Cruise # _____ Thursday night dinner-Cantlers Riverside Inn
- # _____ Friday morning- Naval Academy Tour # _____ Friday – Lunch at Drydock Restaurant
- # _____ Friday Afternoon Trolley Tour # _____ Tuna Salad Sandwich
- # _____ Saturday AFSA Annual Business Meeting # _____ Deli Sliced Turkey Sandwich
- Saturday Night Banquet Entree:* # _____ Deli Sliced Ham Sandwich
- # _____ Crab Imperial # _____ 2 Slices of Pizza (No Chips)
- # _____ Chicken Chesapeake # _____ Friday afternoon MD State House and Colonial Stroll Tour
- # _____ Filet Mignon
- # _____ Rockfish stuffed with Crab Imperial # _____ Saturday CPE

Registration fees include: Saturday Night Meal, Saturday Professional Development CPE, hospitality, room support and your "Annapolis 2015" convention gift. **(See convention schedule for activity details)**

(See convention schedule for activity details)	Fees (pp)	#	Amount
AFSA Member Registration Fee	\$ 90.00		
Guest Registration Fee	75.00		
Hospitality (non-drinker)	-10.00		
Thursday Bob Manzi Memorial Golf Tournament	60.00		
Thursday Harbor Queen Boat Cruise	15.00		
Thursday Cantlers Crab Feast	42.00		
Friday Naval Academy Tour and lunch at Drydock Restaurant	18.00		
Friday Trolley Tour	18.00		
Friday MD State House and Colonial stroll	15.00		
Saturday Special one day convention fee for locals includes banquet (please include dinner choice)	60.00		
	Total Amount		

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For general CONVENTION INFO, please visit WWW.AFSA-IRS.org

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS August 23, 2015



Chief
IRS Criminal Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Budget and the Way Forward ... Good evening everyone - it was great to be back at work today and I'm feeling really good. I wanted to send an email re the budget situation before the week is over! As you no doubt saw in the Commissioner's message last week, the FY 2016 budget process is well underway. Congressional committees are marking up the President's proposed budget and the IRS is again facing a tough battle to justify our funding - as are other agencies. This is a long process and we are only at the very beginning, but I know that many of you follow these issues closely in the news and are concerned about our future funding. While we will continue to do everything we

can to show our value and tell the great story of the amazing case work you all do each day, the truth is that Congress may continue to punish the organization as a whole for issues that occurred years ago and had nothing to do with CI. And while it is way too early to talk about specifics or impacts of the current budget negotiations, I do want you to know that you will continue to have the funding that you need to do your job and investigate your cases.

As you continue to prove, the size of our organization has no impact on the quality of our cases. I have no doubt that the tide will turn and we will eventually be able to hire more agents and professional staff. And as an agent said to me recently, "it has to stop raining at some point!"

But until that happens, you will continue to have the money you need to work cases, travel, and train in order to maintain the quality of work that you have consistently produced.

The most important thing for CI is our relevancy, not our size. And we have never been more relevant than we are today. I continue to get requests for national media outlets who want to know more about CI. I will continue to tell our story at every opportunity - the media, the public, the Hill and even the ER doctor who took good care of me.

The Deputy and I continue to engage Congressional members and staffers on issues that directly affect CI. At each meeting, we discuss the work you are doing and the investment in our organization that they need to make. We are engaging Congress on their home turf by having SACs reach out to local offices and conduct meetings and presentations. And we are looking for efficiencies wherever we can so that we can use the resources we do have in the way that will have the biggest impact. I'm not aware that this level of engagement has been conducted by CI in the past. And I am proud of our Senior Leadership Team who has stepped up to the challenge and are working hard to move us all forward.

Further, we are also cautiously optimistic that the TEOAF budget will be in better shape this year to assist us in funding our asset forfeiture program and other initiatives like the fight against cyber-crime and identity theft. The suggested rescission this year is lower than last year's rescission, which all leads to a healthier Treasury Forfeiture Fund for all participating agencies.

So now is the time to keep our eye on the ball more so than ever before. We are reviewing staffing levels and hiring and training procedures so that when we do have the authority to hire, we will be able to do so in the right way, with the right mix of people in the right locations. We are also actively engaged in a

CONOPS (Concept of Operations) initiative that is designed as a strategic planning effort to challenge us to consider our future and make proactive adjustments to ensure our track record of success. No matter how big or small we get, in the end we will always continue to work great cases and be the best financial investigators in the world.

I'm proud of all that you continue to accomplish and honored to be your Chief.

Executive Director Corner – Summer 2015



Greeting and salutations to all from San Antonio, TX. Hope everyone is enjoying good health and these lovely summer days. I am looking forward to the camaraderie at Convention 2015 in Annapolis, Maryland.

I have been reading about Annapolis, Maryland, which was founded in 1649 and is a delightful historic city. The average September temperatures are a low of 71 and high of 87 with average precipitation of 3.9 inches. While there I hope to take advantage of the following:

- ❖ A walking tour of the United States Naval Academy whose campus is a National Historic Landmark
- ❖ A walking tour of the downtown area with its old brick sidewalks and taking in the sights of the finest 17th and 18th century buildings
- ❖ A visit to a religious landmark that is incredibly popular in Annapolis - St. Anne's church. There has been a total of three St. Anne's churches in existence from 1704–present time and has welcomed famous figures such as Francis Scott Key, William Paca, and Samuel Chase to this place of worship
- ❖ A walk through the most visited park in the Annapolis area, called Quiet Waters Park, which allows visitors to participate in biking, bird watching, kayaking, running, and picnics.
- ❖ Going for a stroll along the waterfront and enjoying the charm of the City Dock as boats cruise the famous Ego Alley or sit on the seawall and watch the sailboats as they return to harbor
- ❖ And last but not least -- The highlight of Annapolis, for me, will be playing at the Eisenhower Golf Course. It has more than 220 acres of splendidly wooded landscape through forestland and around one of Maryland's finest lakes and alongside numerous creeks and swales.

Looking forward to seeing you and a friend in Annapolis for Convention 2015.

Have a great day.

Adieu

~ Mary~

AFSA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

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.

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

2015 FRANK L. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Ian E. Hernandez
(Sponsored by my father, Ernesto D. Hernandez, Retired Special Agent)

Thank you for the honor of being selected for the Frank L. Smith scholarship. This fall I'll be starting my sophomore year at Drury University in Springfield, Missouri. I am studying history and international political science, both of these subject are of great interest to me. I graduated from Logan-Rogersville High School in Rogersville, Missouri in 2014. During my high school years I participated in cross-country and track, earning letters and varsity status. I was also on the scholar bowl team, an officer in the history club, a member of the National Honor Society and on our state qualifying archery team. My volunteer time was spent mostly helping students in my school and local community through our food backpack program, tutoring and working with a local charity. I'm currently working two jobs that help offset my college expenses and provide me with valuable work experience. I work for the Logan-Rogersville School District assisting with their summer daycare program and I also work at a veterinary clinic. I hope to one day study abroad and then focus on a career as an analyst for the government.



Kayla Hoffstee
(Sponsored by her Mother, Tami Stine)

Kayla graduated with First Honors from the Academy of Our Lady of Peace High School in 2015. She earned a 4.30 Cumulative GPA and was a member of the National Honors Society and California Scholarship Federation. Kayla played as a Forward for the Varsity Basketball team and also served as the President and Founder of the Red Cross Club at her school. She was also a Nursing Aide at Sharp Grossmont Hospital and volunteered over 200 hours of her time in the Oncology Department. Kayla will attend University of California, Los Angeles in the fall perusing a degree in Physiological Science as a Pre-Medicine student.



Morgan Werth
(Sponsored by her Father, Douglas Werth)

My name is Morgan Reed Werth, I am from Madison, Connecticut. I recently graduated from Daniel Hand High School and I finished my senior year with a 4.18 weighted GPA. My success has come with many challenges along the way, I have been faced with many concussions, but specifically three within my junior year of high school. Overcoming such obstacles has taught me that hard work does pay off, and to persevere no matter how hard times can get. I will be attending Clemson University in the fall and am majoring in Sports Communications. Throughout high school I was on the varsity cheerleading and golf teams and was named captain of both teams during my senior year. Not only that, but I also volunteered my time coaching Madison Youth Cheerleading, youth golf for the Connecticut First Tee, as well as volunteer coaching for CT Tumblers, which is a gymnastics program for those who are physically and mentally handicapped.

Additionally, I have worked as a camp counselor for three summers, and have worked at a small local diner for two years. I believe that determination and passion can get you anywhere in life, and want to thank you all for this opportunity.

Judson Smith (Sponsored by his Grandfather, Darrell Smith)

Judson has not submitted a photo or Bio for publication in the newsletter.

Congratulations to Ian, Kayla, Judson & Morgan for all of their accomplishments and for being recipients of the Frank L. Smith AFSA Scholarship.

2015 JAMES F. HOWE SR. SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Matt Cotiguala
(Sponsored by his Father, Will Cotiguala)

My name is Matt Cotiguala. I am currently entering my first year of the Masters of Accounting program at St. Ambrose University. I graduated from St. Ambrose this past spring with the highest academic honors. I am also the punter/kicker for the football team. I enjoy giving back to the community's youth by participating in community service activities. I prioritize my time with Special Olympics and Education programs with the schools surrounding St. Ambrose.

My goals as a student include graduating next spring with my Masters. I aspire to pass the CPA exam as I have been studying hard all summer. The CPA certification will help my knowledge and background as I begin work as an auditor at McGladrey in the fall of 2016. I hope that these skills will help me grow to eventually become a financially skilled investigator as an agent for the US government. My passion to become an agent grew exponentially after interning at Homeland Security this past summer. It is a dream to someday use my skills to become a valued member in the law enforcement community. I want

to thank all the Agents supporting the AFSA Association and hope to honor the highest of standards you created in this profession.



Kristen Gallagher
(Sponsored by her Father, John J. Gallagher)

Born and raised in Hicksville, N.Y. Kristin is the youngest child of Ret.SA (NY) John Gallagher. She will be entering her junior year at Iona College, in New Rochelle, NY this fall. Kristin is enrolled in a combined BA/MS Criminal Justice program. Along with her studies she is active in the Animal Welfare Coalition, the Criminal Justice Club and the Edmund Rice Society. Highlights of her college experience include an Iona in Mission service trip to Baltimore where she volunteered with Catholic Charities and a five week study abroad trip to Rome, Italy.

Congratulations to Matt & Kristin for all of their accomplishments and for being recipients of the James F. Howe Sr. Scholarship.

AFSA would also like to thank all the other applicants who applied for the scholarships. All of the applicants were excellent candidates who all had outstanding qualifications which only made it more difficult to make the final selections. AFSA would hope that those eligible will apply again next year.

We would love to hear about our scholarship recipients and how they are progressing in their careers. Please send us information or articles regarding your family members such as the article we received regarding Sarah Woodruff. Sarah was a 2013 James F. Howe Sr. recipient who obtained her career goal and was accepted in the Hampton Roads Police Force.

The funding of these scholarships is made possible through the generous donations of our members. These students are family members of our members and could also be family members of former co-workers or friends. Why not consider making a donation to help a student with their career. Donations can be made any time or by completing the information below. To make a donation, please fill in, clip and mail the following with your check or other form of payment.

Peggy Thomas
Scholarship Committee Chairperson

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HISTORIAN'S CORNER - BY AL SELBY

Last newsletter we finished Profiling the 3 remaining living members of our 10 Founding Members. I had hoped to do an article on the 7 deceased Founding Members, but I was unable to get the information together. Maybe later. Starting this issue, I plan to profile the Executive Directors of AFSA. As most of you know, Charlie Gibb was the First Secretary and he handled the day to day responsibilities of an unpaid Executive Director until John Jennings was elected to succeed him in 1991. John Jennings served as Secretary until 1993 when the position of Executive Director was created and John was elected. John served as Executive Director from 1993 to 1998. In 1999 Bob Armentrout was elected to succeed John as the Executive Director and John Jennings became Secretary again from 1999 - 2000. John was also Newsletter Editor from 1990 - 1992. John became our **Second Life Member** in 2004. John W. Jennings, Jr is a Charter Member and has dedicated his life and energy to AFSA, and deserving of our thanks and respect.

John W. Jennings, Jr. was born and raised on a Virginia tobacco farm. After graduating from Lynchburg College in 1962 with a degree in Business Administration, he was employed by the IRS as a Revenue Officer in Richmond, VA. Three years later he became a Special Agent and was assigned to the Baileys Crossroads, VA office (DC suburb). After completing Special Agent training he transferred to the Roanoke, VA office and later to Richmond. From there he was promoted to Group Manager in Baileys Crossroads. In 1975 he was promoted to Chief in Wilmington, DE. In 1979 when small districts were streamlined and chief's positions were abolished, he transferred to the National Office.

At the National Office he advanced through the ranks to Staff Assistant to the Assistant Commissioner, Criminal Investigation. While in this position, he was the first IRS special agent assigned to the staff of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement, Department of the Treasury. His duties at Treasury were largely related to determining how the government was using the provisions of the Bank Secrecy Act and what could be done to make BSA provisions more effective for law enforcement. He later created the Tax

Haven Offshore Bank Project, a stand-alone investigative unit that used data reported under BSA, and other related information to help identify individuals who were possibly using offshore facilities to evade taxes. In 1985 John became the Chief of the Baltimore District, a position he held until 1989. For the last year of his career he again was on the staff of the Assistant Commissioner, CI.

After retiring from IRS he was employed as a private and contract investigator with various Federal agencies. He finally hung up his working career in 2011 and has been enjoying life sailing his boat on the Chesapeake Bay. John has always been active. In earlier life he was an avid jogger completing the Marine Corps Marathon, then becoming a long distance bicyclist, climaxing with a 100 mile ride. Most recently he biked with his son in a five day event covering about 250 miles.

John was a charter member of AFSA. In 1990 he was elected Secretary in absentia. (That is what happens when you do not attend a meeting.) As Secretary he handled the daily operations of AFSA until 1993 when he was appointed the first Executive Director and continued to run the organization. In 1999 he gave up the EX D position but continued to serve the organization as Secretary for two years. Locally, he often attends the monthly AFSA luncheons. He is an AFSA Life Member (Second one of only three honored).

As noted, John and his wife, Barbara, a Department of the Treasury employee, both enjoy sailing. They recently completed a two week round trip down the Chesapeake Bay to Portsmouth, VA and the beginning of the Dismal Swamp. (And they are still married). They also enjoy traveling domestically. They met while bicycling and currently live in a planned community in Columbia, MD. John has two children from a prior marriage and five grandchildren. The two families are located in Falls Church, VA and Cumming, GA. John sits on the sidelines for a lot of his grandkids' sporting events. John also has a stepdaughter who is working full time while completing night law school -- and has a two year old son. No rest for the weary.

New Members since the last newsletter

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AFSA-IRS Board of Directors is Proud to Announce**Two****LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARDS****THOMAS J. CLANCY**

Tom played a major and most significant role in the formation and early functions of AFSA-IRS beginning in 1998, the year this Association was established. He was one of the ten founders of the Association and assisted in every aspect of the formation of AFSA and the development of the organization's sense of purpose and direction. His initial guidance was provided in the capacity of President. The other founding members unanimously named him President, and he served as President for the years 1988 – 1991. Upon completion of his final term in that capacity, he continued to serve on the Board of Directors as an at-Large Director for the year 1992.

In summary, Tom Clancy was a steady hand and a major contributor during the formative stage of AFSA-IRS, and he continues to support and encourage success for this organization.

GEORGE F. MEYER, JR.

George F. Meyer, Jr. is awarded a Life Membership in the Association. This award is made to acknowledge the many significant contributions he made during the years 1994 – Present, in support and leadership to enhance the mission of the Association. Mr. Meyer, a CPA, has served as Treasurer for over nine years from 2006 – Present. Mr. Meyer has set the example of an AFSA-IRS member who showed dedication, loyalty, and great interest in the future of the Association. He is a distinguished member of AFSA-IRS who is most deserving of its highest form of recognition.

Article II, Section 6, of the Association's By-Laws provide that honorary life memberships may be awarded to deserving members by a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. (Approved October 25, 2006)

In Memoriam

Stephen J. Pastva
Fairfax, VA

George J. Kurvers
Eagan, MN

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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: () _____

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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 #: _____

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Business Name: _____

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As an AFSA member, I am interested in:
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 _____
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- 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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Region	Area of Coverage
1	Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont
2	New Jersey and New Jersey
3	Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, U.S. Territories and International
4	Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, and West Virginia
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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