



AFSA - IRS

NEWSLETTER



*A Publication of the Association of Former
Special Agents of the IRS*

Vol. XXIX No. 1

Spring, 2018

**2018 AFSA Convention
Chateau on the Lake
Branson, Missouri
October 17-October 21, 2018**



Executive Director Corner – Spring 2018



Greetings and salutations from beautiful San Antonio, TX, hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful spring.

COMING EVENTS:

Convention 2018:

This is the 30th Anniversary of AFSA-IRS and a great time for us to get together and discover an Ozark Mountain oasis, at the elegant and upscale lakefront Chateau on the lake. It sits up high on the hill, with beautiful landscaping and pool overlooking Table Rock Lake. As you walk into the lobby the sounds of water flowing in the atrium make you instantly feel

relaxed.

It is just 10 miles from downtown Branson. You'll love the exceptional cuisine and stunning settings and savor fine dining at the Chateau Grill, Atrium Lobby or have a glass of wine and listen to live piano music in the Library Lounge. Looking forward to seeing you and a friend at the Chateau on the Lake in Branson, Mo for Convention 2018.

Additionally, AFSA is partnering with IRS-CI in planning for the 100th anniversary of CI. More details coming soon.

Have a fabulous day.

Adieu,

~ Mary ~

In Memoriam

Stephen Todd

South Elgin, IL

Tyrone Barney

Edgewater, MD

Bob Erchull

Wood Dale, IL

Dan Foley

Tustin, CA

SPRING 2018 PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hello Everyone! Spring has arrived but not as we wanted on the East coast. The first day of Spring came in like a lion and brought us lots of snow and ice that made us all wish we were residents of Florida.

I know you have seen my name quite often in the newsletters regarding the AFSA Scholarship program but I am now proudly your new President of AFSA. I am very honored to be in this position and I hope to uphold the fine standards and accomplishments set forth by all of our past Presidents. A little about me, I was a Special Agent in the Baltimore Field Office for twenty-five years and retired in 2008.



I loved being a Special Agent and throughout my entire career I was active in recruiting and hiring new employees. I also served as the Public Information Officer (PIO) for the last seven years of my career.

I want to first thank our outgoing President, Dan Pieschel who served as our President for the last two years. Dan was always very dedicated and enthusiastic in all of his endeavors. I truly enjoyed working with Dan and was excited when he asked me to work with him as his Vice President. I am so glad that I will still be working with Dan as he remains on the Board as the Immediate Past President.

I next want to thank Mark Kroczyński who has graciously agreed to assist me as Vice President. Mark and I have worked very well together on the Scholarship committee and I am sure that we will continue this same great working relationship as your President and Vice President. Mark has also agreed to become the Chairperson for the scholarship committee and I will continue to assist him with the program. Mark has always done an excellent job for AFSA in whatever position or program he is involved in and I know he will continue this admirable service.

Speaking of the Scholarship program, I want to thank Al Allison for his continued commitment and dedication to the Scholarship committee. Al has been a true asset to the program and will surely be missed. Betty Stewart has volunteered to join the committee in Al Allison's place. Mark and I are looking forward to working with Betty reviewing the applications. Just a reminder, make sure to notify any of your qualified family members to apply for our scholarships. We continue to receive excellent applicants and wish that we could give many more of them assistance. Please continue to make your generous donations to such an outstanding program. Our Conference Committee is hard at work and Mary Ruiz and Iris Bohannon have graciously agreed to be our conference chairpersons for 2018. Our 30th Anniversary Business Meeting and Convention will be held in Branson, Missouri at the beautiful Chateau on the Lake on October 17 – 21, 2018. Updated information will continue to be emailed to you and also on the website and future newsletters. Mark these dates on your calendar and join us in Branson, Missouri.

On February 12, 2018, the IRS was featured on an episode of Strange Inheritances which featured Mike Malone and the documents that his nephew Dr. Marty Dolan inherited from his family. Ray Sherrard, our nationally known CID memorabilia collector and Paul Camacho a Mob Museum Board Member were also interviewed on the program. Marty, Ray and Paul all did an excellent job educating the public eye to the contributions and exceptional work that our agency has been doing since 1919. Thanks to everyone for a job well done! We have also been featured in several articles by the American Board of Forensic Accountants Newsletter (ABFA). Look for one of these articles in this newsletter.

Lastly, I want to thank our 100th Anniversary Committee who are continuing to prepare for our 2019 Convention. The committee is working with IRS-CI to plan and celebrate this historical event that will be held in the Washington, DC/Virginia area. We will keep you updated on the progress of this hard-working committee. I am looking forward to working with everyone on the Board who serve AFSA with their knowledge and dedication to our cause. I am honored to serve as your President and hope that you will consider getting involved with such a great organization.

Fraternally yours,

Peggy Thomas, President



Message from Chief Don Fort

Hello again, CI family. It is my pleasure to again share some thoughts and updates with each of you as we head into Spring, reaching the halfway point of this fiscal year. If you pay attention to CI, then you have no doubt seen us in the news over the last few months. To say that we are involved in the most significant and newsworthy investigations would be an understatement. I am incredibly proud of the men and women of this organization and the results that we have been able to achieve in a time of challenging resource constraints.

This issue, I wanted to share some exciting news about CI's role in international tax compliance and enforcement. This is an area where we have been very successful for the past 10 years. Starting with the UBS cases almost a decade ago, many financial institutions, individuals, and enablers have been brought to justice due to the work of CI and the successful partnership with DOJ-Tax.

To further our international enforcement efforts, we recently stood up a new international tax and financial crime group in our Washington, DC Field Office. The primary role of this dedicated group of elite special agents is to identify, investigate and recommend prosecution of international offshore tax evasion schemes. This includes US citizen account holders that move their monies offshore to avoid detection, foreign banks, financial institutions, their employees and facilitators and enablers that assist US citizens with hiding their funds offshore.

The group is an operational unit with the ability to work criminal tax cases developed from all international leads sources. This group will focus on several different program areas including Ex-Patriates, US Corporations, FATCA, Promoters, and emerging technology to name a few. The group will also be focused on finding the next foreign financial institution/jurisdiction being used to facilitate tax evasion and hide money.

I'm extremely excited about this group and they are fully operational as of this writing. Gathering our investigative expertise under the umbrella of one group is a new way of doing business in CI, and one of the ways we are innovating for the future to be more effective at the work we do.

Another component to our international tax enforcement strategy is to partner with other tax enforcement agencies from partner countries around the world. We have done extensive work with OECD, but our work in this area goes far beyond this organization and it goes beyond tax. In February, I attended an international tax symposium hosted by The Dutch Fiscal Information and Investigation Service (FIOD) in Amsterdam. This was a small working meeting of a handful of my counterparts from around the World. This group recognized the increasing trends in sophisticated tax evasion, money laundering and other financial crimes, crossing international borders and is beginning to work closely together on some exciting initiatives.

I expect more announcements in the area of international tax enforcement in the coming months, but suffice it to say; working together across borders will only make it harder for international criminals to evade their tax obligations. I want to leave you with a clear message with respect to international tax enforcement – while we have had many successes, we cannot afford to rest on our laurels as there is still much work to be done to combat offshore tax crimes. I know we are up for the challenge!

**2018 AFSA Convention
Chateau on the Lake
Branson, Missouri
October 17-October 21, 2018**

From the Editor: This issue will continue some of the more historical items we have started from past issues which may be of some interest to you. Al Selby has continued to provide bios of past Chiefs or Directors of CI and/or the Intelligence Division.

Some articles we have recently come across which have been published in the American Board of Forensic Accounting (ABFA) newsletters. You have the opportunity to read Chief Don Fort's message to the membership and also his article in the aforementioned newsletter, which helps explain his view of the function of IRS-CI. In addition, the ABFA newsletter recently published an article relating to the Lindberg Baby kidnapping discussing the case and the IRS-CI role in bringing that case to a conclusion. Check out the ABFA website at ABFA.us.

These articles go along with the request made in our last newsletter for more information of IRS-CI involvement in more notorious cases beyond the Capone case. I know we have a long and illustrious history so maybe publicizing some of these cases will go a long way to showcasing what the agency has done over the past century.

Take a look at some of the cases from Dr. Martin Dolan's files that belonged to his uncle, Mike Malone.

Mary Ruiz and Iris Bohannon have graciously volunteered to host this year's convention in Branson, MO and are hard at work putting together the itinerary for our 30th annual get together. They have already made arrangements for a beautiful hotel on the lake near Branson, as you can see from the photos on the front page of the newsletter. As you have probably seen in the emails, reservations are now being accepted, so get your reservations in early. By the time the Summer, 2018 newsletter is published, the full itinerary will be available and will be included in that publication. Iris sent the following information about Branson and some of the various activities:

See You There!

Nestled in the beautiful Ozark Mountains, which encompasses Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas and Oklahoma, lies Branson, MO, where there is entertainment or just plain relaxation, if that's your preference. Whether it's a off Broadway show, Biblical production, music of any variety, fishing, hiking, museums, thrill rides (and slow rides), crafts, wineries and even a still, its here. There are about 90 ongoing shows/activities.

Times may vary depending on the time of the year. Go to <https://www.branshows.com/bransonShows.cfm> to take a look.

The 2018 Convention marks 30 years for AFSA and it is scheduled for October 17, 2018 through October 22, 2018, at the Chateau on the Lake Hotel in Branson, MO. The Chateau is located next to the Table of the Rock Lake and it has a spa, three restaurants and a sweet shop. There is even a theater room. While activities are being finalized, reservations can be made by using the direct link <https://reservations.travelclick.com/11529?groupID=2117151> or calling 417-334-1161 or 888-333-5253. A deposit of the first night will be charged to hold your room at the rate of \$139.00 per night plus taxes. It is refundable if canceled 72 hours before your check-in date. And of course, with so many activities that you

may want to enjoy, this rate is extended to include three nights prior and three nights after our Convention. Just refer to AFSA if you call.

Chateau on the Lake is located a 20 minutes from downtown Branson and 10 minutes to Highway 76 where most the entertainment venues and restaurants are located. Branson has an airport 16 miles from the Chateau, however, Springfield, MO has the closest major airport. When querying rates for airport service rates from the Springfield Airport to the Chateau, the rates lowest rate that I found was \$75.00 one way and \$150.00 round trip. If you are driving on, self-parking is free at the Chateau. Valet parking is available at \$20.00 per day.

Information regarding registration for the 30th 2018 Convention and Annual Business will soon be available. Look forward to seeing you there!

Frank L. Smith

AFSA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Major Scholarship Changes and Time for Students to Apply for Scholarships NOW!

It's time again for eligible students to apply for AFSA's College Scholarships. **All applications must be submitted by May 1, 2018** according to the complete rules on the website. The rules for the scholarships can be viewed by anyone you sponsor on the AFSA website (<https://www.afsa-irs.org/welcome>). Applicants do not need special access or to be a member to have access to the rules and to the forms. If students applied before and were not selected, that does not preclude them from applying again. Applicants change every year, and your sponsored student may have a better chance this year.

The **James F. Howe, Sr. Memorial Scholarship** program was established in 2012 and has been totally funded by William R. Shroeder, President of Madison Associates, Inc., along with interest earned, to provide funds for a scholarship to qualified children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews of current (approved) members of the Association in the memory and honor of James F. Howe, Sr., an AFSA member and Madison Associates employee, and the character, integrity and dedication he exemplified, to memorialize his high standards as a model for those who follow him in law enforcement careers. The program administered by AFSA.

In March, 2018, upon recommendation of the Scholarship Committee, **the Board approved a major change in one of the scholarship awards, the James F. Howe Sr. Scholarship Award amount.** This award is for applicants currently enrolled full time in college (either two year or four year accredited colleges) who are declared law enforcement majors, or will be in a profession or major that can lead to a law enforcement career. High school seniors ARE NOT eligible for this award for this reason. The differences include qualifications, application procedures and award amounts. Qualified applicants may apply for both scholarships, but may be awarded only one scholarship. Once a student is awarded a scholarship they cannot apply again.

In recent years, perhaps as a result of law enforcement coming under fire in the media, we have noticed a significant drop in the number of applicants for the James F. Howe, Sr. Award program. A little history into

this award may be noteworthy. AFSA IRS is an organization comprised of law enforcement officers who have served a proud career with the IRS and were law enforcement officers who served proudly, with the utmost professionalism, integrity and skills. Consequently, doesn't it make sense that we should push this career to our relatives, to continue to maintain these high standards in the Government, thereby benefitting the taxpayers, IRS-CI, and our legacy? Is not our proudest legacy not so much the cases we worked, but instead, the people we recruited, or hired or mentored?

The Committee noticed this trend, and to encourage students who are related to members to join the proud ranks of Law Enforcement and specifically, IRS-CI, the Board considered a proposal and approved the same, to increase the **James F. Howe, Sr. Award up from \$2,000 to \$3,000 effective this year!**

Who was James F. Howe, Sr.? James Howe was an AFSA IRS member who was an exceptional criminal investigator and law enforcement officer. Jim passed away in August 2011 from pancreatic cancer. Although his life was shortened by this disease, Jim left a lasting legacy as an inspiration to young people who are considering pursuing a career in law enforcement.

Jim was also a former police officer. Within IRS-CI, he served as a special agent and as a supervisory special agent in the Chicago Office as well as a training instructor at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, Georgia. Jim's investigative oversight included narcotics, political corruption, organized crime, investment fraud, and undercover operations. Jim was responsible for the oversight and supervision of multi-agency task force investigations and served as the Director of Chicago's High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), High Intensity Financial Crimes Area (HIFCA) and the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) operations. He accumulated extensive experience in conducting money laundering criminal investigations and the gathering of intelligence concerning commodities and stock fraud, narcotics trafficking and tax fraud. As a respected FLETC staff employee, Jim supervised, instructed, facilitated, and counseled new recruit training classes at FLETC. He also conducted Financial Investigative Techniques training classes for local, state, county and other federal law enforcement agencies.

Jim was respected by all who knew him as a person who was always there to lend a helping hand. The Chicago Tribune newspaper featured an obituary on the passing of James Howe on August 24, 2011. The article cites a special agent's comments about Jim as his supervisor. "As a supervisor, Jim was always available and understood it's not a 9-to-5 job," said Chris Carlson, a special agent with the IRS since 1988 who trained under Mr. Howe. "It didn't matter if it was six in the morning or 10 o'clock at night, he'd always pick up his phone."

As a tribute to the memory of one of Madison Associates most dedicated professionals, **Mr. William R. Schroeder, President and founder of Madison Associates**, Inc. provided the seed money for the establishment of a fund in Jim's name to highlight the integrity and character that he showed throughout his career and continues to support this scholarship fund on a sustaining basis.

James F. Howe, Sr. Memorial Award

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States and the son, daughter, grandchild, great grandchild, niece or nephew of an active (approved) AFSA member, including a member who may have passed away before May 1 but would be considered active if the member was current in dues for the application year;

2. Be a full time student at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university and be a **declared law enforcement major, or in the profession attending school full time for related classes, or be in a major that can lead to a law enforcement career.**
3. Be a candidate for a major leading to an associate's degree, a four-year undergraduate degree, or advanced degree and have a 3.0 overall grade point average;
4. Have completed at least one full academic semester of college work at an accredited college or university; and,
5. Submit the completed application ([JFHowe Scholarship Application](#)), and forward the following to AFSA Executive Director:

Certified current college transcript May 1, and an updated certified transcript, if desired, no later than May 15, two letters of recommendation from instructors or professors familiar with the applicant, two letters of personal reference (no former teachers) from persons who can attest to your character, personal essay of a maximum of two pages outlining why they chose their field of study and the career they hope to pursue after graduation, and why, as part of the package, as well as accomplishments, leadership skills, community and civic service and accomplishments and certification on the application that the sponsoring AFSA member has reviewed the application package and it is correct as part of the application.

Some of the criteria upon which the applicant is evaluated are:

- a) Work record – after/during school – both high school and college
- b) Quality of Application & reference letters
- c) Extra Curricular activities – Boy/Girl Scouts, Civic Assoc., Campus Org., Volunteer work – both high school & college
- d) Timeliness, including that of reference and recommendation letters, transcripts and the application itself, which is the responsibility of the applicant. Late applications or portions, thereof, will not be considered in the evaluation process.

The **Frank L. Smith Scholarship Award**

The applicant can be a graduating high school senior or without a specified law enforcement career. The Frank L. Smith Scholarship Award remains at \$2,000. The Frank L. Smith AFSA College Scholarship program was established to provide funds for a scholarship to qualified children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews of current (approved) members of the Association. This program is funded entirely by member donations and interest earned on the account.

QUALIFIED APPLICANTS must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States and the son, daughter, grandchild, great grandchild, niece or nephew of an active (approved) AFSA member, including a member who may have passed away before May 1 but would be considered active if the member was current in dues for the application year;
2. Be a full-time student at an accredited two-year or four year college or university; or a graduating senior from high school.

3. Be a candidate for a major leading to an associate’s degree, a four-year undergraduate degree, or advanced degree and have a 3.0 overall grade point average;
4. Be a graduating senior at an accredited high school or have completed at least one full academic semester of college work at an accredited college or university; and,
5. Submit the completed application ([Scholarship Application](#)), and have the following items forwarded to the Executive Director, AFSA:

Certified current college transcript May 1, and an updated certified transcript, if desired, no later than May 15, two letters of recommendation from instructors or professors familiar with the applicant, two letters of personal reference (no former teachers) from persons who can attest to your character, personal essay of a maximum of two pages outlining why they chose their field of study and the career they hope to pursue after graduation, and why, as part of the package, as well as accomplishments, leadership skills, community and civic service and accomplishments and certification on the application that the sponsoring AFSA member has reviewed the application package and it is correct as part of the application.

The evaluation criteria are similar to those listed in the Howe Scholarship above.

See website for COMPLETE info on both programs!

Hopefully, this information has inspired you to encourage children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews to apply for one of the scholarships. AFSA offers two scholarship programs, the Frank L. Smith and the James F. Howe Sr. Scholarships. While the two programs are similar, there are significant differences, including qualifications and application procedures. Qualified applicants may apply for both scholarships, but may be awarded only one. Once a student is awarded a scholarship they cannot apply again. Sponsors are strongly encouraged to solicit participation from qualified students in their family, and to monitor their progress and sign off on their submission.

Finally, these scholarships would not exist without donations from our members. Donations can be made any time online or by completing the information below.

By Mark Kroczyński Scholarship Committee Chairperson and by Howard Karsh

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

Scholarship Donors Since the last Newsletter

Olga E. Acevedo
 Nancy Anderson
 Charles A. Bandel
 Robert D. Beranger
 Tedd A. Boomershine
 Joan M. Brazzale
 Hubbard Burgess
 Terry Catalina
 Robert M Colasacco
 Ronald V. Corey
 Dennis E. Crawford
 Charles J. Durancik
 Willie J. (Jim) Ellerson
 A. Jack Fishman
 William R. Frugoli
 Robert W. Galbraith
 Robert A. Gorini
 Scott Hammond
 John D. Heeney
 Cheryl Hessler
 Richard F. Hufford
 Thaddeus A. Jalkiewicz
 Peter J. Keenan
 Michael F. Kulpa
 Patrick Dugan Leonard
 Ronald N. Line
 John O. Lohmeyer, Jr.
 Dennis L. Lubbe
 Mary Frances Martin
 Wayne A McEwan
 Paul Mesh
 G. Gregory Michael
 Stephen J. Moore
 Timothy H. Myers
 Ron Nimmer
 Don Olsen
 Joseph J. Ponzio
 George Regan
 Kent M. Rogers
 Joseph R. Rosetti
 Michael D. Schmid
 Arthur A. Selby, Jr.
 Raymond Sherrard(2)
 M. Robert Snead
 Fred A. Swick

Mark Almon
 John Anderson
 Jerry J. Bandy
 George F. Blair
 Frederick E. Boyd, Jr.
 Ross H. Brown
 Patrick (Robert J.) Calhoun
 Anthony A. Cesare
 David J. Cook
 Ryan T. Corrigan
 Gail R. Donaldson
 Richard J. Durant
 Michael Faiella
 Elizabeth Fleaher (Rogers)
 Robert R. Fuesel
 Isabel Christina Garcia
 William Gran
 Lowell L. Harris
 Raymond T. Heffernan
 Robert Hessler
 Russell E. Higgins
 John W. Jennings, Jr.
 Robert Kennealy
 John J. Kuper, Jr.
 David M Lieser
 Alan Lipkin
 Thomas A. Lopez
 Howard Mann
 Alfonso Martinez
 Robert M. McLaughlin
 George F. Meyer, Jr.
 Bruce B. Miller
 Woodland R. Morris
 James P. Nielsen
 Michael J. O'Brien
 Gerald A. Ontko
 Cathy M. Prebe
 Kenneth L. Reger
 Leo H. Rolfes, Jr.
 Mary L. Ruiz
 Robert M. Schmus
 Roma Sexson
 Darrell G. Smith
 David C. Solar
 Gregory R. Szczeszek

Richard D. Andersen
 Michael James Anderson
 Ronald M. Baumann
 Iris Bohannon
 Calvin N. Boyer, Jr.
 Patrick W. Brown
 William J. Casler
 Mary Chin
 Kenneth Cooley
 Will Cotiguala
 John Drew
 Gilbert D. L. Elberson
 Edward L. Federico, Jr.
 Anders E. Flodin
 John P. Funyak
 Charles A. Gibb
 Marsha L. Griffith
 Michael J. Harris
 Ernesto D. Hernandez
 Theresa D. Webb Howard
 Larry R. Hyatt
 Les Jenson
 Michael S. Kochmanski
 Martin G. Laffer
 Paul J. Lillis
 Philip Litman
 Joe (Vincent J.)Lozowicki
 Edmond J. Martin
 Charles O. Matthys
 Harry Magerian
 James D. Meyers
 Floyd S. Mitchell
 Wallace Musoff
 David Nicholson
 Sheila Ann Olander
 Karl R. Oroz
 Margaret Merillot Putman
 Donald R. Rehmer
 Robert L. Rooks

 Robert L. Schweitzer
 Jerry (John G.) Shea
 James E. Smith
 Paul A. Sullivan
 Donald Temple

Peggy Thomas
Floyd Weaver
James J. White
Richard B. Worker

Diane Tomasello
Vincent J. Weltz
Lee Williams
John R. Wright, Jr.

Catherine Tucker
Harold L. Whipple
Kenneth J. Wissel

HISTORIAN'S CORNER – BY AL SELBY

We are continuing our profiles of the 22 men and 2 women who have held the top job in our organization, and some major changes to our organization. After the major reorganization in 1952, the next major change came in 1978 while Tom Clancy was the top man. Tom was appointed Director in 1975 and on July 2, 1978, the organization changed its name from the Intelligence Division to the Criminal Investigation Division. While the name change of the organization was the major focal point, numerous other minor changes were also incorporated. A new Commissioner made a number of changes in 1982 to the Headquarters staff positions and titles, but had little effect on the Agents in the field. The 1982 changes changed the title of our Chief Executive from Director to Assistant Commissioner, Criminal Investigation. The first Assist Commissioner-CI was Dick Wassenaar on 3/21/1982.

The first attempt to organize a S/A retiree's association began in 1972 during Bob Lund's time as Chief. It was an informal, loosely organized organization called "**FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE**". There were a number of familiar names leading this organization and many of them also helped create and formally organize AFSA in 1988. This first organization printed member directories for 1973 – 1979, they cost \$ 4.00 and \$ 4.50, and they included about 800 names. Some of the organizers were former Directors Perry August, Bill Kolar, and Bob Lund. The secretary (actually Executive Director) was Gilbert F. Haley, and directors were Andy Hankowsky, Monty Oginz, Dick O'Hanlon, and Dick Ray.

ROBERT K. LUND – DIRECTOR

ROBERT K. LUND became our 9th leader when he was named Director of the Intelligence Division on 10/4/1970. Mr. LUND was born in Startup, Washington, and graduated from the University of Washington in 1941. He entered government service immediately following graduation as an investigator in Treasury's Foreign Funds Control Unit. He transferred to the Intelligence Unit in 1944 and became a Special Agent in San Francisco. In 1952 he was named Assistant Chief for the San Francisco District and in 1957 he was promoted to Chief of the Los Angeles District. In 1967 Mr. LUND was promoted to Assistant Director of the Intelligence Division in Washington, DC. He was promoted to Director on 10/4/1970 and served until his retirement on 6/30/1972. He died recently near Seattle.

It was on Mr. LUND's watch that the first attempt to start a retiree's organization was made. This organization was called "**FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE**" and it formed in 1972-1973 and died about 1979. Mr. LUND was also one of the driving forces behind the formation of AFSA in 1988 and he became its first Vice President.

JOHN J. OLSZEWSKI – DIRECTOR

JOHN J. OLSZEWSKI became our 10th leader when he was appointed Director on September 3, 1972. Mr. Olszewski was born 12/12/1923 in Detroit, MI, and spent most of his life and career there. He was an Army veteran that participated in the D-Day invasion in 1944 and attended college on the G.I. Bill. He graduated from the University of Detroit with a BS Degree in 1949 and a JD Degree in 1952. Immediately following

graduation in 1952, he became a Special Agent in Detroit. He was named Chief, Intelligence Division in the Detroit District in 1961. In 1970, he was promoted to Assistant Regional Commissioner (Intelligence) for the Midwest Region. He was appointed to Director 9/3/1972 and served until his retirement on 5/9/1975. After retirement, Mr. Olszewski became a tax consultant for many countries and corporations. He was very active in his Catholic church.

THOMAS J. CLANCY – DIRECTOR

THOMAS J. CLANCY became our 11th Chief Executive on July 6, 1975. He was born on 11/6/1932 in Independence, KS, but grew up and called Kansas City, MO his home. He graduated from what is now Wichita State University with a BS Degree in accounting in 1954. After a short stint in the Kansas oil fields, and a tour in the US Army, he became a GS-7 Special Agent in the Des Moines, IA, office on June 18, 1957. He also married Mary Pat Egan in 1957 and they have a son, three daughters, and 13 grandchildren who all reside in Virginia.

After serving 9 years in Des Moines, Tom was rapidly promoted until he became Chief, Intelligence Division in Omaha, NE, in 1970. Tom moved to the National Office in 1971 and was promptly selected for the EX-D program where he served as ARC-I for the Mid-Atlantic Region in Philadelphia from 1973 – 1975. He was appointed Director, Intelligence Division on July 6, 1975, where he served for seven years until 3/20/1982. During his tenure as Director, our name was changed to Criminal Investigation Division in 1978. During a reorganization in 1982 Tom was asked to take another position and on 3/20/1982, Tom took the new position of Director of Foreign Operations (OIO) where he served until his retirement on June 4, 1986. This last phase of his career required a lot of travel to a number of foreign countries to assist their tax authorities.

Tom was very instrumental in forming AFSA in 1988. He was a unanimous choice for our First President and served from 1988 – 1991. He also served as a Director in 1982. He has supported AFSA up until the present day and was recognized with an honorary Life Membership for all his efforts on behalf of AFSA. He also regularly attends the First Wednesday luncheon in DC.

RICHARD C. WASSENAAR – ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER – CI

RICHARD C. WASSENAAR became our 12th Chief Executive on March 21, 1982. He was born and raised in Worthington, MN, attended the University of Minnesota, and obtained a BS Degree in accounting from Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, IL, in 1963. He entered Depaul University in Chicago to study law; but began his career as a Special Agent in the Intelligence Division later in 1963 in Chicago. He became Assistant Chief in the Los Angeles District in 1971. He completed the Executive Development Program (XD) in 1973 and was named Assistant District Director in Seattle. He became Assistant Regional Commissioner (ARC-I) of the Western Region in San Francisco in 1975.

Mr. Wassenaar was appointed Assistant Commissioner (AC-CI) on 3/21/1982. (Note the position name change). He was instrumental in making IRS-CI more law enforcement oriented and was a big believer in using undercover agents to detect illegal income from criminal enterprises. He especially wanted IRS-CI to help in the Narcotics battle, and to take some of the profit out of it. He was a champion of prosecuting Abusive Tax Shelters. He was honored by a number of prestigious awards in recognition of his efforts, including the President's Rank Award, the IRS Commissioner's Award, a plaque from the Attorney General, and a plaque from the American Bar Association. He was instrumental in a major upgrade of the CI computer system.

He served until his unfortunate and untimely death on December 12, 1986, of a brain tumor at the age of 47. He left a widow, Denise, and twin daughters, Sheri Lynn and Cindy Kaye, in Reston, VA.

The following is being published with the permission of the American Board of Forensic Accountants.

**A Message From Don Fort, Chief IRS-CI
Washington DC**



I'm excited to contribute to the American Board of Forensic Accounting's newsletter and I hope to continue to share the great work that IRS Criminal Investigation is doing with you periodically. In June 2017, I was honored to be named Chief of IRS- Criminal Investigation ("CI"). I've spent my entire career as an IRS-CI special agent – with over 26 years on the job. Before being named Chief, I served as the Deputy Chief of CI for almost three years. Taking the reigns of this great organization is something I never dreamed possible when I first began my career as a young special agent. I am truly honored to guide the organization through what I see as one of the most challenging times in our long and storied history. As we approach our 100th anniversary as a law enforcement agency, it is appropriate to take a moment and look at what makes our organization as unique and relevant today as it was 100 years ago. (Prior to 1978, CI was known as the Intelligence Unit. This was the Unit credited with 'taking down' Al Capone).

First and foremost, we are a criminal tax enforcement agency. My primary mission is to make sure that we are doing all we possibly can to fulfill that critical mission. We are the only federal agency that is authorized to investigate and recommend prosecution of federal income tax cases and we take this very seriously. Many of these investigations lead to criminal convictions and incarceration, which promotes voluntary compliance in the tax system. Furthermore, publicizing the outcome of these investigations acts as a deterrent to other would be tax evaders—we are the backbone to the U.S. tax system.

Many people are not aware that in addition to our tax mission, we are also a critical part of the larger and broader law enforcement community. We fill a very unique niche and have broad jurisdiction on Title 18 and Title 31 crimes – I would argue one of the broadest investigative authorities because of our tax jurisdiction. The best way to articulate this point is that IRS-CI generally gets involved in large, complex investigations that require our superior financial expertise. A great example of this is our role in cyber-crimes. While other agencies may go after hackers, we follow the money. Recent highly publicized cyber-crimes investigations, such as Silk Road, Liberty Reserve, Alpha Bay and BTC-e, all involved an IRS-CI Special Agent behind the scenes unraveling the financial components of the case. Another example of our unique niche in federal law enforcement is our role in the war against terrorism. Following the money, we operate behind the scenes working with Joint Terrorism Task Forces, digging into the funding and following

every penny to help unravel these hideous crimes.

One of the biggest challenges that we have today is that CI has the same number of special agents—around 2,200—as we did about 45 years ago. As we all know, during those 45 years, Financial Crime has not diminished; in fact, it has proliferated in the age of the internet and virtual currency. We do amazing work with limited resources and we will continue that no matter the number of employees and agents we have. The American public should not mistake declining resources for a lack of commitment in this area. While we have fewer special agents, we are working bigger cases, better cases and we're working smarter than ever before.

One of the first things that Deputy Chief Eric Hylton and I did when we took over last summer was to take part in specialized trainings at nearly every field office around the country. This gave us the opportunity to share our vision for IRS-CI and level set the organization. We are a proud organization with a rich past. It was important for me to maintain a connection with the past while celebrating our talents and embracing our place in the future of financial investigations. We developed some areas of focus for the organization and a simple statement that will serve as CI's Guiding Principles. These guiding principles ensure we constantly keep at the front of our minds the purpose and the reason that we do what we do. It is meant to reinforce our efforts to make sure we remain the world's finest financial investigative agency.

CI's Guiding Principles: Honor the badge, preserve the legacy, master your craft, and inspire the future

- I will honor the badge by working with a sense of urgency, integrity and professionalism every day.
- I will preserve the legacy by doing all I can to ensure we have a well-trained and well-equipped workforce that is committed to maintaining our place as the World's finest financial investigative agency.
- I will master my craft through continuous learning and interaction with employees at all levels of the organization.
- I will inspire the future through a constant personal commitment to mentor future leaders of the organization.

With a commitment for greater inclusion of all CI employees, we are dedicated to embracing and leveraging the knowledge, skills and backgrounds to continue to cultivate and sustain a high performing organization. We have committed ourselves to fostering an organization full of differing perspectives with one like-minded mission – success! Each organization has their own guiding principles. Ours connects the past with the future. And with the extraordinary casework, the dedicated special agents and professional staff, and the commitment to safeguarding America's tax system, the future has never looked brighter!

As just a small example of our successes in FY 2017, we conducted a complex financial investigation and undercover operations that helped bring the “Codfather,” a commercial fisherman in Massachusetts, to justice. We had a major role in taking down several of the largest dark web marketplaces selling illegal goods and services, tracing their illicit proceeds around the world, and helping to arrest the owners of the sites. We participated in a national healthcare fraud takedown with our law enforcement partners at the FBI, DEA, and ATF that accounted for charges in more than 412 individuals accounting for more than \$1.3 billion in fraud losses. These are just a few examples of cases in which CI participated in 2017. I encourage you to spend some time looking at some of the most significant cases of the past year located in our annual report. In addition to cases, you will find a variety of statistics and photos that will give you a more complete picture of what CI looks like today. The annual report can be found here:

https://www.irs.gov/pub/foia/ig/ci/2017_criminal_investigation_annual%20report.pdf

On the Hunt for the Lindbergh Kidnappers



1932 police sketch of “Cemetery John” and photograph of John Knoll. The physical description matches right down to a deformed left thumb.

By Robert Zorn

In December of 1963, my 47-year-old father, nationally recognized economist Eugene C. Zorn, Jr., picked up a copy of *True* magazine in his Dallas barbershop and happened across an article about the kidnapping of the 20-month-old son of aviator Charles Lindbergh and his wife, Anne. Reading that article, my father, who grew up in a German neighborhood in the South Bronx, learned about two critical details pertaining to the kidnapping with which he had been unfamiliar. First, a man calling himself “John”—who later became known as the mysterious “Cemetery John” figure of the case—had conducted ransom negotiation meetings in two Bronx cemeteries. Secondly, the Lindberghs had lived at Anne’s family’s mansion in Englewood, New Jersey while their own dream home in the central region of the state was under construction.

My father then recalled a curious day in the summer of 1931, nine months before the kidnapping took place, when his 27-year-old German immigrant neighbor John Knoll took him for a swim at Palisades Amusement Park in New Jersey. Outside the park afterwards, John met up with two men who were waiting for him—his younger brother, Walter, and another fellow my dad didn’t recognize. The three men began speaking to one another in German. John knew that my 15-year-old father didn’t speak the language. But the precocious teenager picked up that the men were talking about a place called “Englewood” and that John was calling the third man “Bruno.” To my father’s astonishment, John ordered him to return to the Bronx alone and went off with the other two men. For a scrawny young boy who was blind in one eye and who had never been out of the state of New York, it was a traumatic experience to be ditched in New Jersey by a neighbor who supposedly had him under his wing.

On March 1, 1932, a cold, stormy wind blew at the Lindberghs’ new 392-acre estate in the Sourland Mountains. The couple’s firstborn child, a bright, active, and healthy twenty-month-old boy named Charlie, disappeared that night from his second-story nursery. Charlie’s badly scavenged body was found 72 days later in the woods, 3.3 miles away from his family’s home. Evidence pointed to the participation of multiple perpetrators, and the greatest manhunt in America since the chase for John

Wilkes Booth was underway.

Two and a half years later, a German carpenter from the Bronx named Bruno Richard Hauptmann was arrested after the police traced a Lindbergh ransom bill to him. Hauptmann's capture was facilitated by a strategy devised by a team led by Elmer L. Irey, head of the U.S. Treasury Department's Special Intelligence Unit. The forensic accounting and other investigative skills of the "T-Men," as the members of the unit were called, had been instrumental in putting gangster Al Capone behind bars for tax evasion. Irey had insisted to Lindbergh that a large percentage of the ransom bills be comprised of gold certificates, which ultimately became easier to trace after President Roosevelt's 1933 order requiring citizens to turn in their gold coins and gold certificates.

Although Hauptmann protested his innocence to the end, the evidence against him was overwhelming, and he was put to death in 1936 after being convicted of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr.'s murder. Immediately upon Hauptmann's arrest, the search for anyone else who might have been involved was abandoned.

J. Edgar Hoover had wanted his organization to be the conduit for federal assistance in this case. However, it was the Treasury Department investigators—the "T-Men"—who made Hauptmann's capture possible with their 'follow the money' approach. Similar to my father's story about the Knoll brothers' involvement in the crime (which was unknown until my book *Cemetery John* was published in 2012), the full story of the T-Men's 'on-the-ground' involvement in the case, including their interactions with Lindbergh, has never been brought to light. I have reviewed the private Lindbergh case files of T-Man Mike Malone, whose grandnephew Dr. Marty Dolan has generously shared with me. Dr. Dolan is currently seeking to have the T-men receive a posthumous award of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The Malone files illuminate the Lindbergh case in new and profound ways that will be revealed in a second book on the kidnapping I'm currently working on.

Back to my father's story. After much diligent research, my sober-minded dad became convinced that on that summer day in 1931, he had witnessed his neighbors John and Walter Knoll planning Charlie Lindbergh's kidnapping with Hauptmann—and that Cemetery John, whose identity had remained a mystery for decades, was in fact dad's former Bronx neighbor John Knoll. For the rest of his life, my dad was haunted by his conviction that the Knoll brothers had escaped justice even as their accomplice, Hauptmann, had made the walk to the electric chair alone. In 1972, my father approached his friend and colleague Robert B. Anderson, former Secretary of the Treasury under President Eisenhower, with his story. Anderson, who sat on Pan-Am's Board of Directors with Lindbergh, agreed to hand-deliver a letter from my father to the aviator at a company board meeting in New York. To my dad's dismay, however, Lindbergh never responded to his letter about the information my father possessed about the kidnapping. The letter remains in Lindbergh's papers at Yale University.

On my father's deathbed—he died at age 90 on Christmas Eve, 2006—I made a promise to him that I would continue his research on the case and someday tell his story to the world. To my amazement, I uncovered compelling evidence to demonstrate that John Knoll was indeed the enigmatic Cemetery John who collected \$50,000 in Lindbergh ransom money; the physical description matches right down to a deformed left thumb. My book *Cemetery John* is simply the fulfillment of that promise made to my father. The story became the driving force behind the creation of the PBS/NOVA documentary "Who Killed Lindbergh's Baby?" that aired in 2013. After examining the evidence, Dr. Edward I. George, the Chairman of the Statistics Department at The Wharton School, estimated that there is a

99.9% probability that John Knoll, a man unknown to history before *Cemetery John*'s publication, perpetrated the Lindbergh kidnapping with Hauptmann. Knoll's own niece Sharon Breiling found the evidence so compelling that she went on the record with the *Detroit News* to state that she would have voted to give her uncle the electric chair had she been on a jury. And the founder of the FBI's Behavioral Science Unit, John Douglas, calls John Knoll "the best suspect in the Lindbergh case in the last eighty-five years."

Deeply embedded into our nation's consciousness, the Lindbergh kidnapping has long been considered a huge news story from our past; some have characterized it as a soap opera involving ultra-famous people. Screwball theories that keep popping up like weeds to this day have produced a cacophony of buffoonery: "It was a practical joke Lindbergh pulled that went horribly wrong" ... "Lindbergh's sister-in-law did it because she was jealous of her sister Anne" ... "Lindbergh engineered the kidnapping because his fanatical devotion to eugenics made him want to get rid of his child." Unsurprisingly, these 'scholars' and 'historians' never offer a shred of evidence to support their grossly insensitive, wildly speculative theories—sensational theories that may have let these fellows bask in their 'fifteen minutes,' but which have also caused bitter pain to members of the Lindbergh family. The "Hauptmann was framed" and the "Hauptmann acted alone" theories don't add up, either.

What might result when serious, hard-working, clear-thinking, and determined scholars clear out all of this noise in the room? I'm convinced that when meticulously examined through the right lens, in the right light, and in the right historical, sociological, and physical contexts, the Lindbergh kidnapping is at its heart a *Great American Story* of the 20th century. It's one that's more psychologically complex and rich in history and human drama than other Great American Stories of the last century—those of the Wright Brothers, of Lindbergh's flight to Paris, of the Apollo 11 landing on the Moon, and perhaps also of Watergate. Time will tell to see how history will ultimately view the Lindbergh kidnapping after my next book comes out and perhaps after a film or mini-series treatment of some type based on it is made. It's been an amazing journey so far, and even with more than eighty-five years having passed since the kidnapping took place, the most compelling and fascinating aspects of the story have yet to come out. But they will. I promise.

New Members

David Gannaway	Westfield, NJ	07090	dgannaway@gmail.com
Melany Sanders	Canyon Lake, TX	78133	ciapants2016@gmail.com
Leighton Leong	Honolulu, HI	96822	lkq11@hotmail.com
Tamera D. Cantu	Frisco, TX	75034	tamerav@hotmail.com
Scott W. Lindauer	Smithton, IL	62285	swlindauer@gmail.com
Bob Burn	Fullerton, CA	92883	bob44b@gmail.com
Susan Roehre	Bryn Mawr, PA	19010	Susan.Roehre@pacourts.us
Jeffrey A. McGuire	Hiawatha, IA	52233	Jeffreymcguire25@gmail.com
Cynthia A. Underwood	Pittsburgh, PA	15221	cuunder@comcast.com
Larry Bateman	Boise, ID	83709	laguna001@msn.com
E. J. Mason	Wylie, TX	75098	jayatlex@hotmail.com
Eulonda Lea	Washington, DC	20002	eulondalea@gmail.com
Rodney Giguere	Scarborough, ME	04074	rgiguere@maine.rr.com
Catherine Huber	Batavia, IL	60510	Hubkatie@icloud.com
Joseph Andrew Ridgley	Groveland, MA	01834	jaridg04@gmail.com
Timothy J. Kasun	Omaha, NE	68135	tkasun@cox.net
Thomas Coleman	Orland Park, IL	60467	tmcole66@yahoo.com

AFSA-IRS Officers and Appointed Officials

<u>Officers</u>			<u>Appointed</u>
Peggy Thomas (KY)	President	Mary Ruiz	Executive Director
Mark Kroczyński (MD)	VP/President Elect	Bob Armentrout	Parliamentarian
Chuck Taylor (FL)	2 nd Vice President	A. Jack Fishman	Attorney
Iris Bohannon (AZ)	Secretary	Ross Brown	Newsletter Editor
George Meyer (FL)	Treasurer	Chuck Taylor	Tech Advisor
Dan Pieschel (SC)	Past President	Arthur A. Selby, Jr.	Historian

AFSA Regional Directors and Regional Representatives

Region	Regional Director	Regional Representatives	
1	David Nicholson Dunstable, MA	Steven Hickey John Fahey Matthew Cola Robert Galbraith Charles Franssen	Gloucester, RI Providence, RI Babylon, NY E. Amherst, NY Huntington, NY
2	Robert Schmus Voorhees, NJ	Alan Fogel John Gagliardo Robert McDugall	Manalapan, NJ Lincoln Park, NJ Blue Bell, PA Ellicott City, MD
3	Gail Donaldson Upper Marlboro, MD		
4	Elizabeth Fleaher Cincinnati, Oh	Ted Boomershine	Kettering, OH
5	Cynthia Fish Charlotte, NC	Bill Ryan Terry O'Brien David W. Jansen	Birmingham, AL Raleigh, NC Tulsa, OK
6	Darrell G. Smith St. Augustine, FL	Angelo Troncoso Michael Stephens Dave Beitzel Orlan Smith Robert McLaughlin Jeff Karsh Larry Sands	Clearwater, FL Melbourne, FL Naples, FL Orlando, FL Ponce Inlet, FL Plantation, FL Keystone Heights, FL
7	Gerard Dupczak Scherverville, IN	Robert Schweitzer Inar "Smitty" Morics Ronald Cipolla Tom O'Halloran Diane L. Schuchardt	Des Moines, IA Eagan, MN St. Louis, MO West Fargo, ND Elkhorn, WI
8	Laurie Harmon-Limbert Denver, CO	Ed Martin Joel Lanoux Iris Bohannon Dennis Carey Mike Mayott Art Royce	Austin, TX Richardson, TX Phoenix, AZ Glenwood Springs, CO Billings, MT Boise, ID
9	Richard Malone Los Angeles, CA	Alex Seddio Reginald Norberg	San Francisco, CA Seattle, WA



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
San Antonio, TX 78245**

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: () _____

Business Email address: _____ Cell Phone () _____

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: _____

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 _____

AFSA REGIONS AND AREAS OF COVERAGE

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

AFSA Regional Directors are listed on page 2 of this Newsletter

**ASSOCIATION OF FORMER SPECIAL AGENTS
OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (AFSA)
P.O. Box 761869
San Antonio, TX 78245**

1,235 AFSA members as of March 31, 2018. Help recruit new members for AFSA