



# AFSA - IRS

## NEWSLETTER



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**2019 AFSA Convention  
Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CI  
Washington Marriott Hotel, Wardman Park  
2660 Woodley Rd. NW  
Washington, D.C.  
September 18-September 22, 2019**



**Message from Chief Don Fort**



Hello again, CI family. I'm happy to send a quick update to our retired agents association about a few items currently affecting the active CI organization. As we head into Spring, we have also reached the halfway point of this fiscal year. CI continues to be involved in the most significant and newsworthy cases that you read about in the press. In some cases, our involvement may not be as obvious to the general public, but for those of you who have worn the badge, you know CI's role in complex financial investigations is unparalleled. In other cases, like the nationwide college bribery scam known as Varsity Blues, CI's role is a little more obvious and has dominated the news for weeks. I could not be more proud of the quality of cases our special agents and professional staff are bringing. You may have read recently that CI is beginning to hire special agents—the first significant hire above attrition hiring in more than a decade. We're also bringing aboard data scientists and other professional staff and building the CI of the future to work these complex financial cases. I know there is still a lot of work to do to build and shape the CI force to set us up for success in the years to come, but we have made tremendous strides in the last year in that direction. Please pass this hiring message along to any future CI candidates you may know.

We're also very excited to start celebrating our 100th Anniversary as a law enforcement agency. We lost a little momentum with the government shutdown earlier this year but we have all of the right people and items in place to push this celebration forward for the rest of the year. I know we are very much connected with AFSA in terms of our plans to celebrate throughout the year. Each field office will hold some sort of event to reflect and celebrate the last 100 years. Those field offices will work with the AFSA regional directors to ensure you all are aware of when those events are happening locally so we can celebrate as one big CI family whenever possible. I'd like to thank the AFSA leadership for their support—both financially and through their enthusiasm. We look forward to seeing many of you at some of our bigger events around the country and at your annual gathering in Washington, DC in September. Please see the separate section in the newsletter with more details about 100th Anniversary Celebrations and let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks again for giving me the opportunity to share a few thoughts with you as we close out another successful year. I look forward to seeing and celebrating with many of you during the rest of the year!

Don

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**Separate message for AFSA solely about the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (general message, not attributed to Don)**

The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the world's greatest financial investigative agency is upon us! CI Field Offices around the country will host a variety of happy hours, cake-cutting ceremonies and dinners over the next 9-months. Field Offices will work with local AFSA chapters to ensure members are made aware of these local events and have the opportunity to attend and celebrate throughout the year. In addition to the local events, CI will host a large event on the actual anniversary (July 1) in Washington, DC where various prominent speakers will mark the occasion. An event in Alcatraz is still being finalized but should take place sometime in July as well in the San Francisco Bay. Additionally, the Mob Museum has agreed to host a public and a private event September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas to commemorate the anniversary.

Commemorative items, including 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary coins, shirts, mugs and a variety of other products will be available to order shortly. While individual members can certainly order these items on their own when they become available, we will also have the ability to order them in bulk to further reduce the cost of these items. More information will come out shortly as it becomes available. The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CI is a very exciting thing for all of us to celebrate. Other products like posters, a special edition digest and an anniversary book are also in the works. The current CI leadership is committed to finding ways to include everyone in the CI family—active and retired—at all of the events planned throughout the year. Standby for more information!



### **Executive Director Corner – Spring 2018**

Greetings and salutations from beautiful Helotes, TX, hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful spring weather.

#### **Odds and Ends –**

- Check out our Forum/Discussions on the link. Great place for members to see if someone has something they may want or share information.
- If you have a contact that frequently hires people with our skills, encourage them to go to our website and post the openings. I review and approve them and then contact the poster if I see a problem. I normally attempt to email them out, or combine a few in an email.
- Newsletter submissions – this is your organization. If you have an article of interest to a number of members, send it in to our editor, Ross Brown. It can be tax related, hobby related, creative, or anything else. Just remember, war stories fall under the permanent disclosure act restrictions. It does not have to have the interest of all members.
- Annual Conventions – Would you like to show off your city? Want to sponsor next year's convention, please send an email to me at [MaryRuizAFSA@gmail.net](mailto:MaryRuizAFSA@gmail.net) or call me at 210.291.6568.
- I have been working with the publisher - the AFSA-IRS Membership Directory will be ready soon. Please review your online profile for updates.

### **THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:**

#### **Convention 2019 – Washington, DC**

Planning is currently underway for the 2019 convention. Lodging will be at the Washington Marriott Hotel, Wardman Park, 2660 Woodley Rd. NW, Washington, DC 20008; telephone # (202)328-2000; September 18 thru 22, 2019. CI's 100th-Year Anniversary is expected to be held at the Treasury Department building on Friday, September 20th.

I am looking forward to the camaraderie and visiting the Washington, DC especially the Treasury Building. Looking forward to seeing you in Washington, DC for Convention 2019.

**Have a fabulous day.**

**Adieu,**

~ *Mary* ~

## A Message from Your President



Welcome Spring! I'm sure a lot of you are as happy as I am that winter is finally over and Spring has begun. I'm looking forward to enjoying this wonderful season. What an exciting year for AFSA and CI. We will be celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of IRS Criminal Investigation on July 1, 2019 and throughout the year. AFSA has been working alongside CI to help plan events to make this monumental occasion something to remember. Major events are being planned in Washington, DC, Las Vegas, Nevada, San Francisco, California and in your local field offices. AFSA will provide information on these events when details are received. Contact your Regional Directors/Regional Representatives or your local field office for information on events in your area.

Speaking of celebrations, plans have been approved for our 2019 conference in Washington, DC during the week of September 18 – 21, 2019. Our Conference Coordinator Dan Pieschel and Gail Donaldson have been working hard planning exciting tours and activities. With the assistance of Don Fort, Chief, IRS-CI we will be having our annual meeting in the beautiful Cash Room located in the Treasury Building. This is quite an accomplishment and will be a fantastic location for our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Dan contracted a fantastic price of \$129.00 a night at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. Make sure you make your reservations soon. Rooms are limited at this price and are sure to fill up quickly. Detailed information regarding the conference can be found later in this newsletter.

It's that time again to encourage your family members to apply for an AFSA scholarship. The AFSA Memorial Scholarship is open to all majors and our James F. Howe, Sr. scholarship is for students pursuing law enforcement careers. The AFSA scholarship would not exist without your continuous generous donations. Please consider making a donation to such a worthy cause. Remember you can make a donation in memory and/or honor of a beloved or departed member of AFSA. I wish to express AFSA's sincere appreciation to William Schroeder for his continuous support of our James F. Howe Sr. scholarship. Information on both scholarships can be found on the AFSA website.

As a celebration of CI's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, AFSA approved a free one-year membership for all Special Agents with 5 years of tenure or more or any retired Special Agents who were not currently a member. It is AFSA's hope that these new members will continue their memberships long after the year expiration. Looking forward to celebrating this very special year!

Fraternaly yours,

Peggy Thomas

### In Memoriam

**Lee Mols**  
Carmel, IN

**Ira D. Cox**  
Reston, VA

**Gerald A. Silva**  
Naples, FL

**David Kalil**  
Ashburn, VA

## 2019 AFSA Convention

**The Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel**

**Washington, D.C.**

**September 18-21, 2019**



Greetings to Everyone!!! The time has come, and I am excited to announce that registration is now open for our Annual Business Meeting and Convention. As you have already seen from the e-blasts that have been sent out over the past month or two, our convention this year will be held in Washington D.C. from September 18 – 21, 2019. We specifically selected Washington D.C. so that we could tie our convention in with the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Criminal Investigation, which was founded in 1919. If you missed the previous announcements, don't worry...everything you need to know is included in this article. Also included is the official registration form. Just as we did last year, we encourage you to complete the registration form on-line, make your check payable to AFSA, and then mail your check to Gerard Dupczak (his address is listed on the bottom of the registration form). By completing the form on-line, your information is automatically downloaded directly into the program just as you input it. Your reservations, selections, and even your name badges are printed just as you want them. Now, if you don't have internet access or you just prefer not to input it yourself...No Fear...Gerard is Here!!! He will input it for you. Simply complete a hard copy of the attached form and send it to him with your check made payable to AFSA. He'll take care of the rest. To access the on-line registration form, simply go to the AFSA website at [www.AFSA-IRS.org](http://www.AFSA-IRS.org), click on the "Convention" tab and there you will find the link for the registration form.

One very special note...and I'm not just saying this to say it...Please get your reservations in as early as you can. There are two very good reasons.

First, the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel is a very nice and a very popular Marriott in Washington D.C. It is conveniently located just three Metro stops on the Red Line from downtown Washington D.C. and they have no trouble filling rooms. They are generally sold out year-round. They have made us a very generous offer with a nightly room rate of only \$129.00. For those of you who are not aware, Washington D.C. is a very high-rate city and a standard room typically can cost hundreds more per night. On top of that, they are allowing members of our group to stay at the convention rate for up to three additional days before, and three additional days after, our conference. One bit of information for you to know is that when negotiating with the hotel, we were required to contract for a specified number of rooms. We must be careful to not overestimate the number as that could open us up for some unwanted liability. However, underestimating means that when the number of rooms for which we contracted are gone, then the rate will go up to

whatever the market rate is at that particular time. The closer the date, the more likely that other conventions are also booking rooms, resulting in fewer rooms that are available for us. The good news is that we are now early enough that (provided we get our reservations in soon) the hotel will attempt to add additional rooms to our block at the \$129.00 rate. Also, please note that your reservation **MUST** be received by the hotel prior to the registration deadline of August 16, 2019. To register on-line, simply copy and paste the on-line address that is near the top of the Registration Form, to your task bar and click on it. It will take you directly to a dedicated reservation page that is titled "AFSA Meeting 2019". Once there, you will be given the opportunity to make your reservation at the \$129.00 rate, for the number of nights you wish to stay. This system does not give you a choice on the type of beds in the room, but it will be for either one king bed or two double beds, depending on what is available. If you do have a preference, then you can list it in the section marked "Additional Requests" that is on the page where you insert your personal information. If you to prefer to phone-in your reservations, then call the hotel directly at 1-202-328-2000 (Monday thru Friday between the hours of 9:30 am and 4:30pm). Press "O" and ask the Operator for "In-House Reservations". (Note: Do not ask for just "Reservations" or dial a "4" for "Reservations" as both of these will take you to the national reservation line). Once you confirm that you are speaking with "In-House Reservations", then tell the reservationist that you would like to make a reservation for the AFSA Conference in September. You can also specify the type of beds you prefer.

The second reason for submitting your registration form early is because all three of the tours that we are offering have limited capacity on the tour buses and reservations are being accepted on a first come-first served basis. Once a bus is full, all I can do is add you to the "back-up reservation" list. If I have a cancelation, then I will go to the list and call the top name on the list. In the event you paid but end up on the back-up list and you don't make the trip...don't worry...the trip fee you paid will be refunded to you. You won't pay for a trip that you didn't take.

The following is a day-by-day summary of what is planned for the convention.

### **Wednesday – September 18, 2019**

**Registration:** Wednesday is your arrival and check-in day and there are some important things that you must know. First, if arriving by car, you will be given the choice to self-park or valet park. The regular overnight rates are \$48.00 for self-parking and \$55.00 for valet parking. However, we were able to negotiate a special rate of \$38.40 self-parking and \$44.00 valet parking rate for our members. These rates include in-and-out privileges. Upon entering the main lobby of the hotel, the registration desk will be straight ahead. When checking-in, confirm that you are receiving the special "AFSA Meeting 2019" rate of \$129.00 per night. Although being assigned a room is not guaranteed until 4:00pm, the hotel **WILL** make every effort to get you into a room sooner (provided one is available) and they will store your luggage while you are waiting. If you are a Marriott Rewards member (now called Marriott Bonvoy), you will be given free internet service during your stay. If not already a member, you can ask the desk clerk to sign you up. There is no charge for membership, and it will only take a minute to sign up. Being a member not only allows you to earn Marriott points for your stay, but also entitles you to free internet service during your entire stay. Also, when entering the lobby, remember to look for the familiar AFSA sign that will direct you to our registration table. We will be set-up by 1:00pm and we will be located in one of the two side lobby areas. You can visit our registration table anytime after arrival to pick up your membership bag, which will include your identification badge, agenda for the week, and other handouts and suggestions for things you can do during the week.

**National Law Enforcement Museum Tour:** One of the most requested "sights to see" that we have received over the past several months is the new National Law Enforcement Museum. We have a great tour

set up for you that will start when you board our chartered bus from the hotel lobby at 2:30pm. Our group will travel by bus to the museum and our tour starts at 3:00pm. Titled “Ride Along Through History”, the tour will include a special portion that focuses on financial-type investigations. We will tour the museum until 5:00pm and then return to the bus for our ride back to the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. The cost for transportation both ways (including tip) and your admission to the museum is only \$45.00. What a great way to start out your first day in D.C.!!! Be sure to select this tour on your registration form. By the time your bus returns at 5:30pm, the 2019 AFSA Hospitality Room will officially be open and you can start meeting up with old friends or just sit back and have a snack and refreshment.

**President’s Meet-and-Greet Pizza Party:** At 6:30pm, the third annual President’s Welcoming Meet-and-Greet will begin. This year, you will be treated to an assortment of pizza and salad, as well as some of your favorite liquid refreshments. It’s a “Meet-and-Greet”, so if you don’t know anyone, this is your chance to meet them. It will be casual and fun. Don’t forget, you can stick around if you wish...as the Hospitality Room will be open until 10:30pm.

What a way to start your convention on your first day in town!!!

#### Thursday – September 19, 2019

**Bob Manzi Memorial Golf Tournament:** On Thursday morning, our traditional Bob Manzi Memorial Golf Tournament will take a short hiatus for 2019 but we will be playing in Bob’s memory and spirit. This year, our golfers will be joining the active C.I. agents and guests from the D.C. area at the invitation of Chief Don Fort. We were thrilled for the invitation that makes this the first of our joint AFSA/CI functions during this very special 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year of C.I. Complete details are not finalized, but the outing will be similar to others as it will start early in the morning and go into the early afternoon and will include a lunch. The \$85 fee on the registration form is an estimate but should be very close to the fee that typically covers your cost for items such as green fees, cart fee, a box lunch on the turn, cart staff gratuity, sales tax, and prizes. Details might change slightly and will be included in the next newsletter.

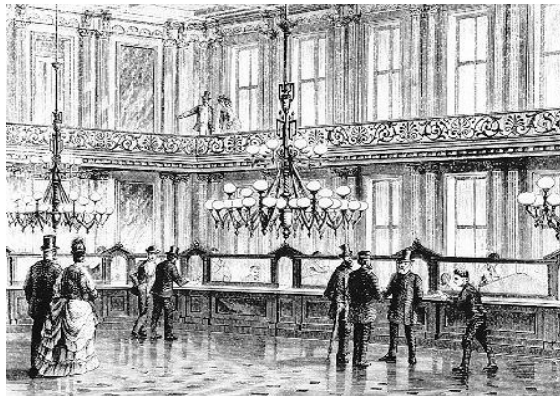


**United States Capitol and The Pentagon Tour:** While some of you will be golfing, others have the chance to tour...not one, but two...very important sites in Washington D.C. Details for this tour cannot be confirmed because each site has guidelines that won’t allow us to confirm reservations until we are within 90-120 days of the actual tour date. However, we have taken the necessary steps to arrange the day which starts with a bus trip from the hotel lobby to the Capitol at about 9:00am. Following that tour, the bus will transport you to the Pentagon and then return everyone to the hotel. We will be back before 2:00pm. The cost is only \$35.00 and that includes all fees, including transportation and tip. In the event that one of these locations cannot be arranged, then a suitable location will be substituted. (Special Note to Officers and Board Members: Our Board Meeting is scheduled tentatively for 2:30 – 5:00 pm).

**Dinner on Your Own:** After a full day-out followed by the Board Meeting for some, this was the perfect day to allow everyone to check-out the many restaurants within walking distance of the hotel, or to venture out and find one of the many, many restaurants that are in Washington D.C. The possibilities are endless. You will find several suggestions in the Welcome Bag that you will receive upon arrival.

### Friday, September 20, 2019

This is our “Big Day” and the primary reason we host the convention. This year will be different than all others because our opening ceremony with our traditional Color Guard, the presentation by Criminal Investigation Headquarters, and our general membership meeting will all be held in the very historic “Cash Room” that is inside of the United States Treasury Building. We have again arranged for chartered buses to transport everyone to The Treasury Building (or you can travel via the Metro or by car, taxi, Uber, etc.). Of special importance is to explain that because of very high security requirements, entering the Treasury Building is only permitted with advance approval and only after providing the United States Secret Service with specific information that must be submitted in advance, vetted, and approved. This process starts with you completing the information on Page 2 of the Registration Form that is included in this newsletter. Upon arrival at the Treasury Building, the first of two checkpoints will review the approved list and have you produce your government issued identification before allowing you to proceed into the building where the second checkpoint is located. Once cleared through that checkpoint, you will be directed to the Cash Room. Prior to the opening ceremony, you will receive a Continental Breakfast that will include assorted breakfast bakeries and bagels, seasonal fruit, coffee, tea, and assorted fruit juices. We will follow our standard format of observing the Color Guard open our business day, followed by brief comments from President Peggy Thomas and her introduction of Chief Don Fort, who will provide his “State of the Organization” address. Following Chief Fort’s presentation, there will be a brief break to allow those who are not staying for the afternoon session, to venture out on their own and explore D.C., search for favorite shopping locations, and find that special lunch site that they have been craving. The voting membership who stay will then be treated to the mandatory general business meeting where we will conduct association business, such as the reading of minutes, Treasurer and Executive Director reports, nomination and election of officers, and current committee reports.



The Cash Room circa 1869

Following the annual business meeting, the Chef of the Treasury Dining Room has agreed to prepare a Classic Deli Buffet for our membership that will be served in another location within the building. On the way, members will be able to see some of the history inside the walls of this iconic building. Don’t forget to select the “Deli Lunch in the Treasury Building” that is on your Registration Form. Then, at about 1:00 pm, we will be joined by active agents from C.I. Headquarters and the Washington D.C. post of duty for the second of the joint AFSA/CI functions to celebrate C.I.’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. On slate for us will be a presentation by Justin Cole, C.I. Headquarters’ Director, Communication and Education, that celebrates and highlights the 100-year history of C.I. and a presentation by retired Special Agent and AFSA member Don Semesky, who will talk about one of the most publicized criminal cases in recent history.



Following the presentations in the Treasury Building, everyone in attendance, as well as all of our other members and guests and C.I. employees who were not at the presentations, are invited to attend the third joint AFSA/CI function to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of C.I. at Mackey's Public House, 1306 G Street, NW, Washington D.C. Mackey's is a popular pub that is just a short walking distance from The Treasury Building. There, everyone will be able to enjoy a couple of their favorite refreshments and some light snacks to celebrate our great heritage together. At 6:30pm you will again be able to explore D.C. for a dinner-on-your-own or return to the hotel to relax and meet others in the Hospitality Room.

### **Saturday, September 21, 2019**

**Washington D.C. Tour:** We saved our best for last with our third and final organized tour that will depart the hotel at about 8:30am on Saturday morning. Once again, we have chartered a bus that will take our members and guests on a narrated tour past 15 or 20 of the most famous sites in Washington D.C. As it stands now, we will likely stop and exit the bus at two or three locations to enable up close sight-seeing, picture taking, etc. At least one of those stops will include some of the popular DC food trucks to allow members to rest and have a bite to eat. The tour bus will return to the hotel by about 1:30 pm. One additional note...please make your reservations early. In order to offer this at such a low rate, we will be limited to just one bus and we will have to strictly limit the number of riders. Anyone who registers after we reach the maximum will be added to our "back up reservations list". If we are unable to place you on this tour, your trip fee will be refunded to you.

**On-Your-Own Activities:** If you don't take the guided tour, you can still go out on your own and find plenty to do. The Metro Stop is only steps away from the hotel and this is one of the best cities in the entire County...maybe the World... to find sights to visit and things to do. In fact, the National Zoological Park in D.C., which is one of the oldest zoos in the United States (and doesn't charge an admission), is less than a mile from the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. A list of numerous suggestions for on-your-own-activities will be included in your Welcome Bag that you will receive upon arrival.

**Banquet Dinner:** Our 2019 convention concludes with our annual Banquet Dinner which this year will again be served buffet style. After carefully reviewing all of our options, we selected the "Capitol Hill Buffet". It will offer three entrees from which you can choose. They are:

1. Grilled Breast of Chicken, Braised Leeks, Aged Balsamic Essence (GF)
2. Poached Salmon, White Wine Dill Sauce (GF)
3. Grilled New York Angus Steak, Cracked Peppercorn Sauce (GF)

The buffet will also include a really nice selection of salads and vegetables, as well as a choice of three deserts. There will also be a cash bar available for a half hour prior to dinner being served. If you have any food allergies, special dietary needs, or other concerns with the menu, please contact Dan Pieschel at 859-466-7677 so that other offerings for dinner can be arranged for you.

See you in September!!!

Dan Pieschel, Host  
2019 Convention

**2019 AFSA-IRS ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION**  
**Washington Marriott Wardman Park Hotel – September 18 - 21, 2019**  
 2660 Woodley Road NW, Washington, D.C. 20008

**To make your hotel reservation:**

Go online: <http://book.passkey.com/e/49844529>

Or call the Hotel directly 1-202-328-2000 (Mon-Fri 9:30a-4:30p Eastern time)

Ask the operator for in-house reservations. Group name is “AFSA Meeting 2019”

<b>AFSA Member:</b>	First:		Last:	
<b>Guest:</b>	First:		Last:	
(This will be the name that will be on your convention name badge. See Page 2 for Special Information)				
Address:				Phone:
City:		ST:		ZIP:
E-Mail:			Arrival date:	Departure date:
<b>Registration</b>			<b>Fees (per person)</b>	<b>#</b>
AFSA Member Registration Fee			\$160	\$
Guest Registration Fee			\$160	\$
Hospitality Room Non-Alcoholic Drink Preference Discount			-\$10	\$
<b>Registration fees include:</b> Wednesday Evening President’s Meet & Greet; Continental Breakfast at Friday’s Opening Ceremony; Saturday Evening Banquet Dinner; all Hospitality Room Sessions; and a CI 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memento.				
#	Attending Wed. Evening President’s Meet & Greet (Included in Registration Fee)		#	Attending Saturday Evening Banquet (Included in Registration Fee)
#	Attending Fri. AM Business Mtg.	#	Attending Fri. Afternoon !00 Years of Excellence Presentations	#
<b>Please indicate the activities you wish to participate in:</b> (See convention schedule for activity details)			<b>Fees (per person)</b>	<b>#</b>
Wed. Sept. 18 Law Enforcement Museum Guided Tour (includes bus & tip)			\$45	\$
Thu. Sept. 19 Joint C.I./AFSA Golf Outing			\$85	\$
Player 1)		Handicap/Avg:		
Player 2)		Handicap/Avg:		
Thu. Sept. 19 U.S. Capitol and Pentagon Tour (includes bus & tips)			\$35	\$
Fri. Sept. 20 Bus Transport to Treasury Bldg. for Opening Ceremony/Business Mtg. <b>Access to Treasury Building REQUIRES Special Registration Information on Page 2</b>			\$15	\$
Fri. Sept. 20 Deli Lunch in Treasury Bldg. following Business Meeting			\$8	\$
Sat. Sept. 21 Guided Tour of Washington, D.C. (includes bus & tips)			\$35	\$
<b>Make your check payable to AFSA</b>			<b>Total Amount Paid:</b>	<b>\$</b>

**E-mail registration form** Gerard Dupczak  
**to gdupczak@att.net** 1428 Charlevoix Way  
**and mail your check to:** Schererville, IN 46375

For general CONVENTION INFO, please visit  
[www.afsa-irs.org](http://www.afsa-irs.org)

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS AUGUST 16, 2019

### SPECIAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### Members and Guests:

We are very fortunate to be able to utilize the “Cash Room” that is inside the Treasury Building as the location for our Opening Ceremony, Business Meeting, and Afternoon Presentations. As you can understand, access into the Treasury Building is restricted with a high level of security.

Because of the security requirements, the below information is REQUIRED in advance. All visitors MUST be cleared prior to arrival. No admission will be granted without prior clearance by the United States Secret Service.

You will be required to produce a government-approved photo ID upon arrival and go through procedures similar to air travel (no weapons, no bottled liquids, etc.)

AFSA Member:	First Name (no nickname)		Middle Name:		Last Name:			
Guest:	First Name (no nickname)		Middle Name:		Last Name:			
	Date of Birth	SSN	US Citizen		Country of Birth	Gender		State of Residence
			Yes	No		M	F	
AFSA Member:								
Guest:								

**Frank L. Smith**

## AFSA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP ARTICLE FOR SPRING 2018 NEWSLETTER

### It's Scholarship Application Time Again!

It's time again for eligible students to apply for AFSA's College Scholarships. **All applications must be submitted by May 1, 2019** 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. **Students are allowed to**

**be awarded only one scholarship per lifetime.** In other words, if the applicant previously was awarded a scholarship under either program, the applicant may NOT apply for a scholarship under the other program. 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, **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 to either scholarship again.

The award amount for the Howe scholarship was increased to \$3,000 last year. Recently, perhaps as a result of law enforcement coming under fire in the media, we noticed a significant drop in the number of applicants for the James F. Howe, Sr. Award program. 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. IRS CI has been and continues to be recognized for its expertise in financial investigations. AFSA felt it made sense that we should push law enforcement careers to our relatives, to continue to maintain these excellent standards in the Government, thereby benefitting the taxpayers, IRS-CI, and our legacy. Our proudest legacy is not for most of us, so much the cases we worked, but instead, the people we recruited, or hired or mentored.

**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 and who are considering pursuing a career in law enforcement as well as to younger agents, still working, who knew and worked with him.

Jim was also a former police officer. In IRS-CI, Jim 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. 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, Madison 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** has been **renamed** to the **AFSA-IRS Memorial Scholarship** in honor of founding members Frank L. Smith and Tom Clancy

The applicant can be a graduating high school senior or without a specified law enforcement career. The AFSA-IRS Memorial Scholarship Award remains at \$2,000. The AFSA Scholarship program was established to provide funds for a college 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 or **both if they qualify for both**. AFSA offers two scholarship programs, the AFSA-IRS Memorial Scholarship 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*

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As we continue our march toward our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 1, 2019, and count down toward the end of our review of all of our Chief's over the years, it is important to note that several of our more recent Chief's are also members of AFSA. While most of our earlier Chief's came up through the ranks beginning as Special Agents and retired as Chief; several of the more recent Chief's were not Special Agents, and when they retired as Chief they went to other employment. Our next issue will conclude this series.

### **EILEEN MAYER, CHIEF**

Eileen Mayer became our 21<sup>st</sup> chief in March 2007 and served until December 2009. She followed Nancy Jardini and became our second female Chief. While she never served as a Special Agent, she has a most impressive record with the Justice Department as a fraud prosecutor and within IRS as Director of the Office of Fraud/Bank Secrecy Act.

Ms Mayer received a BS Degree in Economics from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, VA, and a Law Degree from Georgetown University Law Center. She began her career as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Washington, DC, and quickly became a financial crimes specialist. She was Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division and supervised prosecution of criminal offenses in the DC area. Her tenure included a two-year detail as an Associate Deputy Attorney General with the Department of Justice, and a three-year detail as Special Assistant to the Director of FinCEN, a branch of Treasury. Her duties at FinCEN included coordinating the implementation of the original Bank Secrecy Act, used primarily to combat money laundering.

She came to IRS (in January 2006 after 19 years at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Washington, DC,) as Director of Small Business/Self-Employed Division's Office of Fraud/BSA where she was responsible for the internal fraud referral program from Audit/Exam. After serving in this capacity for a little over a year, she was selected as our 21<sup>st</sup> Chief in March 2007.

### **VICTOR S. O. SONG, CHIEF**

VICTOR SONG became our 22<sup>nd</sup> Chief in January 2010, and served until his retirement on January 3, 2012. Mr. Song was born and raised and attended school in Honolulu, Hawaii. He obtained a BA Degree in Communications from the University of Hawaii. He joined IRS as a TFIA in CI in the Honolulu office in 1981. He became a Special Agent in Honolulu in October 1983. His oldest son was born in Honolulu and is now in Medical School in Pennsylvania, his other son is studying chemical engineering at the University of California at San Diego, and his daughter is studying international business at Pepperdine University. In Hawaii he worked a number of Tax and Narcotics cases, sometimes undercover, in the days before money laundering using the old indirect methods of proof. He was a trained undercover agent and a firearms instructor; and he traveled extensively. He was promoted to Group Manager in Seattle in March 1992 before becoming a senior analyst in DC. From there he became Branch Chief in Laguna Niguel in March 1997, SAC in Portland in July 2000, SAC in Oakland in December 2003 where he oversaw the steroids in



sports investigation, and DFO Pacific from 2004 to 2007. While Director of Field Operations Pacific he oversaw the largest public corruption investigation in the history of the U.S. Congress.

In 2007, Mr. Song became Deputy Chief, CI, in Washington, DC where he served until he became Chief in January 2010. As Chief, Mr. Song became immersed in worldwide financing of terrorism and regularly interacted with his counterparts around the world. He oversaw the intake of the Offshore Voluntary Disclosure Program and increased CI's efforts to combat international tax evasion. He managed a staff of about 4,200, about half were Special Agents. Since his retirement in southern California, Mr. Song has been Executive Vice President, Compliance and Advisor to the CEO of Samsung Electronics of America and now runs a tax and corporate compliance consulting business.

### **RICHARD WEBER, CHIEF, CI**

Richard Weber became our 23<sup>rd</sup> Chief on April 23, 2012, where he served until May 31, 2017. Richard is a native of New York and attended the State University of New York at Stony Brook in Stony Brook, NY. He graduated with a BA in Political Science in 1987. From there he went on to the Touro Law School on Long Island, NY, where he graduated with a JD Degree in 1990. He began his career in the Department of Justice, first in the Office of the U.S. Trustee and later as a law clerk for a Bankruptcy Court. He was in private practice from 1993 – 1995.

From February 1995, to March 2005, Mr Weber served in the U. S. Attorney Office for the Eastern District of New York as an Assistant US Attorney prosecuting all types of cases. From September 2003 – March 2005, Mr Weber served as Deputy Chief, Civil Division'; and Chief of the Asset Forfeiture Unit from March 2005 to March 2010.

From March 2010 until his selection as our Chief on April 23, 2012, he served as Deputy Chief of the Investigation Division of the New York County District Attorney's Office and Chief of the Major Economic Crimes Bureau. At the time he became Chief, IRS-CI had approximately 3,300 employees which included about 2,200 Special Agents.

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

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