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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



Fountain at Capitol Building in Upper Senate Park

#### Message from Chief Don Fort

Hello again, CI family. I'm happy to send a quick update to our retired agents association about our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

As we discussed ways to celebrate our anniversary, we spent time on commemorative items, special events, and various publications—but the heart of the organization has always been the special agents and professional staff! CI's official 100 year birthday was July 1 and we have so many incredible accomplishments to celebrate.

Well-known for our investigative work in putting away famed gangster Al Capone and solving the baby Lindbergh kidnapping, CI's history is full of so

many other accomplishments and have been involved in some of the biggest financial cases in each decade of the last 100 years. From political corruption to international money laundering, terrorist financing cases and reality television stars—CI continues to be the standard bearer in financial investigations. Our special agents and professional staff today continue that legacy.

There are many things that have changed over CI's long 100-year history, including our name, our investigative priorities, our equipment, and the technology that we use to do our jobs. But one thing that has never changed is the quality of CI employees. After all, it's the people, with our diverse skills, experiences, abilities, personalities, and values that have made, and will continue to make, CI successful and relevant. Every employee, in every position of the CI family is important to accomplishing our mission and preserving CI's legacy. I am proud to be the Chief of CI as we celebrate 100 years of success-- and I encourage you to engage in the many centennial activities planned at the national and local level.

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, we held an event at headquarters to mark the occasion of our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the Treasury Secretary, former Deputy Attorney General, IRS Commissioner and Eric and I. We were also honored to be joined by eight former Chiefs and Deputy Chiefs who shared their experiences and memories of their time in CI. There are still several ways to celebrate CI at local events around the country and I encourage you to get involved! Happy 100th birthday CI!



### **Executive Director Corner - Summer 2019**

Another beautiful day in "Coolest Secret Location in Texas!" Helotes, TX. Greetings to all hoping everyone is enjoying this lovely summer. I am looking forward to the cool September average temperatures of high 81 to low 59 and the camaraderie for Convention 2019.

It will be held at the newly renovated, historic, Marriott Washington Wardman Park Hotel, located on 16 scenic acres just steps away from Morgan Metro station and many tourist attractions. Additionally, I am very excited to play golf with IRS CI and Friends. It is the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing and part of the Centennial Celebration. The outing will be held at the Country Club at Woodmore, it opened in 1923 and has hosted many championship events.

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Working for CI was rewarding especially because of the opportunity it afforded me to meet and work with many talented, hard-working, dedicated people. Going to Convention 2019 will be another opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet new friends.

Looking forward to seeing you and a friend in the Washington for Convention 2019. Have a great day.

Adieu

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#### A Message from Your President



Happy Summer! It's hard to believe that half of the year 2019 is already over and our conference is just a few months away. Our hotel is filling up fast and registration forms continue to be received. Make sure you make your hotel reservations and complete your registration form soon. Some of our tours are limited and will be filled on a first come first serve basis. We will be having a special guest at the banquet, Robert Zorn who is the author of "Cemetery John: The Undiscovered Mastermind of the Lindbergh Kidnapping. Robert Zorn will be talking about the contributions made by the IRS Special Agents who helped solve this high-profile investigation. This will be a presentation you won't want to miss.

To help celebrate IRS-CI's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary that occurred July 1<sup>st</sup>. 2019 numerous celebrations have taken place throughout the field offices nationwide and will continue until the end of the year. Be sure to attend as many of these events as possible and of course our conference in Washington, DC. I was able to attend the July 1, 2019 celebration held in the headquarters office in Washington DC. Additional information about this and other events attended by our members will be described later in the newsletter.

The new 2019 Directory has been prepared and distributed to our members and updated on our website. I want to thank Mary Ruiz, George Meyer and especially Chuck Taylor. Chuck researched and discovered a way to update the directory ourselves that saved AFSA \$1000.00. The new Directory is definitely a more legible product and I am happy to be able to read it without the use of my glasses!

Our scholarship committee recommended and the board approved, four AFSA Memorial Scholarships this year to very deserving applicants. Unfortunately, we did not have any applicants for the James Howe Sr. scholarship this year. We truly hope that you encourage your family members to apply for these scholarships next year. AFSA appreciates your continuous support of these very important scholarships. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the conference in September!

Peggy Thomas AFSA-IRS President

# In Memoriam

Tom Lopez Miami, FL **Gene G. Hunt** Fort Worth, TX



#### Greetings to Everyone!!!

You are well-aware from our last newsletter (plus all of the e-blasts that have been sent out over the past couple of months) that our Annual Business Meeting and Convention is just around the corner. This article repeats much of the same information that was in the Spring newsletter, but it updates a few items for you and even adds some new information (Hint: Be sure to read the surprise announcement that we have added an optional tour of THE WHITE HOUSE on our Thursday schedule). So, start packing your bags and making plans to attend this year's convention in Washington D.C. from September 18 - 21, 2019. You will also see in the following paragraphs that we have three events planned that tie into the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Criminal Investigation. If you missed the previous newsletter, don't worry...everything you need to know is in this article, including an updated registration form. Just as we did last year, we encourage you to complete the registration form on-line (preferably using Adobe), 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...don't worry...Gerard 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, click on the "Convention" tab and there you will find the link for the registration form.

One very important item for you to consider NOW is making your reservations at our host hotel, The Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. We have a deadline of August 16<sup>th</sup> for you to reserve a room at the very special rate of only \$129.00 per night and there are very few rooms left at this rate. This 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 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. 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 just ask for "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 reminder for you is that all of the tours that we are offering have limited capacity on the tour buses and reservations are only 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. Finally, we are making every effort to accommodate any members or guests who need handicap accessible transportation or arrangements for a particular tour. If you have such a need, then add a note when sending your reservation to Gerard or you can even call me at 859-466-7677. We will make every effort to meet your needs.

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. This year's location is The Country Club at Woodmore, Mitchellville, Maryland. There will be a "Shotgun Start" at 8:00 am and your \$85 fee includes your green fees, cart, lunch, and an entry gift.

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 are still being finalized, but you will be departing by bus 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 3:30pm. The cost is only \$35.00 and that includes all fees, including transportation and tip. (Special Note to Officers and Board Members: Our Board Meeting is scheduled tentatively for 4:00 - 5:30 pm). The White House East Wing Tour: This is our "Crown Jewel" of tours. It's been in the works for months but couldn't be announced until we had confirmation. As you can imagine, it is difficult these days to be able to get a group into the White House, but thanks to the hard work of Gail and Jim Donaldson, our dreams look to become a reality. This tour will also be by bus that will depart at about 9:00am and return you to the hotel by about 12:30 pm. The cost is also \$35 and included all fees, travel, and tip. One word of caution...because it is the White House, it could be subject to a last-minute cancellation. This is totally out of our control. Although a cancellation or change is not anticipated, just be aware that it is nonetheless a possibility. Now, if you already signed up for the Capitol and the Pentagon Tour and you wish to change, that is not a problem. You will just need to advise Gerard or me by e-mail, and we will make the change for you. The cost is the same, so no additional funds will be needed. Space with this tour is limited, so those who have already registered will be given priority, followed by new registrants.

#### 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 (as well as The White House and The Pentagon as described on the previous page) can only be accomplished 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.

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:** Our fourth and final organized tour will be a tour of Washington D.C. 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.



The Lincoln Memorial

**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.



National Zoological Park, Washington D.C.

**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 me at 859-466-7677 so that other offerings for dinner can be arranged for you. See you in September!!!

Dan and Janet Pieschel Hosts - 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"

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For general CONVENTION INFO, please visit 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.)

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# **AFSA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**

#### AFSA Scholarship Program – Awardees and Some Concerns

AFSA is happy and proud to announce the awardees for the AFSA Memorial Scholarship (formerly known as the Frank Smith Scholarship). A reminder this scholarship is awarded to qualified students with a GPA of 3.00 or above who are seniors in high school or currently enrolled as fulltime in college with any major whose applications are reviewed and ranked by the scholarship committee. The committee submits its recommendations to the Board for awarding of scholarships. The full qualification standards are on our website.

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This year's awardees are summarized as follows in alphabetical order:



Chloe Beranger from Middletown, NY and sponsored by her father, Robert Beranger. Bio: Chloe Beranger is very thankful that she was chosen to be one of the recipients of the AFSA-IRS scholarship. Throughout high school she was been blessed with many opportunities that have made me into the person I am today. She worked hard to obtain a 96.68 GPA while also being an active volunteer and an athlete. Through membership in several honor societies and clubs, she has done a significant amount of community service for my school and community. Additionally, she devoted many hours to sports. Basketball, volleyball, and lacrosse have motivated her to show leadership and to stay active. She developed a true love for these sports and is very grateful for all of her experiences in high school. Chloe committed to attend SUNY New Paltz to study early childhood education. She I chose to become a teacher because she enjoys being around children and believes teachers have a large impact on the future generations and I am up for that challenge! I plan on playing clubs sports and staying as involved in school activities as I can.



Samantha E. Hernandez from Rogersville, MO and sponsored by her father, Ernesto D. Hernandez. Bio: Samantha Hernandez graduated from Logan-Rogersville High School on May 12th, 2019 with a Cumulative GPA of 4.21. She was very active in her high school years. She was a four year president of her school's World Language Club, and a member of National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, Key Club, Future Business Leaders of America, and Future Teachers of America. Within her role in the National Art Honor Society, she has won various awards in prints, paintings, and drawings. Samantha was also a four year varsity member of her school's tennis team. In her community, she has volunteered with organizations such as Camp Barnabas, a camp for people with special needs, and Project H.O.P.E., a fundraiser for missionary projects. Samantha has worked for the last three years, and is continuing to save money before college. Samantha Hernandez will be a student at the University of Arkansas in the fall. At her college, she plans on studying English, Spanish, and business, with hopes to continue onto a Masters program in Architecture and Sustainability.



#### Macey Reemsnyder (Sponsored by her grandfather, Bob Armentrout) Bio: It is an honor to be selected for the Frank L. Smith, AFSA

Scholarship. I am currently enrolled at Florida State University for the second semester of Summer School. I love it here! I graduated in June from Freedom High School in Northern Virginia. While attending high school, I was on the volleyball and swim teams, and was selected for the National Honor Society with a 3.72 GPA. I also worked as a hostess in a local restaurant and as a lifeguard at the community center. Additionally, at my church, I helped with children each Sunday, attended the youth group, and performed in the band.

At FSU, I am majoring in Interior Design and plan to minor in Hospitality and Tourism. Currently I am enrolled in a speech and an earth science class. Tallahassee is a great city and I felt at home the first time I stepped on the FSU campus.

Thank you to everyone at AFSA for awarding me the scholarship. I look forward to beginning my field of studies this fall. Once again, thank you so much.



**Gavin Rogers** from Perrysburg, OH and sponsored by his grandfather, Marion Phillips.

**Bio:** Gavin Rogers is a recent summa cum laude graduate of Perrysburg High School in Perrysburg, Ohio. During his time in high school he was a Public Forum Debater on the Speech and Debate Team, a member of the National Honor Society, a part of the Wood County Teen Court Program, and an accomplished violist. He was also the Captain of the Varsity Golf Team and a member of the Swim and Track Teams. He volunteered his time as a youth golf coach for the First Team of America, as a middle school life group leader and camp counselor at his church, and as a counselor for the American Legion Buckeye Boys State following his delegate year. Gavin will be studying Finance and Economics at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio this fall as a member of the Business Scholars Program. He is excited to begin his first year of college and is truly grateful to the members of the AFSA-IRS for awarding him this scholarship.

Congratulations to these fine students and their proud families and sponsors. I also want to thank all applicants who took the time to apply who also had many fine accomplishments, and their sponsors who encouraged them to apply.

I want to take this opportunity to advise students and sponsors, that if you were not awarded a scholarship, we strongly encourage you if you qualify, to reapply in future years. Applicant numbers and ratings change, and you may earn one next year, or down the road.

Finally, thank you to all the members who contribute to the scholarship fund to make these possible.

#### Concerns

Despite all this, I do have some concerns along with the Board and the scholarship committee. We have noticed a drop-off in applications from college students for the AFSA general scholarship. Remember, this is for qualified full time students who are entering college and includes post graduate applicants if full time students. We have, over the years expanded the eligibility to grand children, great grand children and nieces and nephews. The process probably take the average candidate no more than 10 hours to complete and send in, and make necessary contacts and enables the candidate a good shot at being awarded a \$2,000 scholarship.

In Addition, we have another scholarship, the James F. Howe, Sr. Memorial Award. This scholarship is awarded qualified individuals (see website for qualification), but must be at least a Freshman in college, attending full time and be in a major that can be considered a law enforcement career. We have an amazing benefactor for this fund, Mr. William R. Schroeder, President and founder of Madison Associates who allows us to administer the awards and fund. This year, we did not have <u>one</u> candidate for this \$3000 scholarship!

Now, I realize that in the last few years, law enforcement has sometimes taken a bad rap, and sometimes deservedly so, by a few bad apples but widespread coverage of these people, and sometimes by just bad coverage period. Overall, law enforcement continues to maintain a very high integrity rate. These negative issues have resulted in better training, hopefully better recruitment and with the use of body cams, more exonerations as well as weeding out the bad elements in law enforcement.

<u>I cannot believe that with about 1,200 active members we didn't have one qualified son or daughter, grandson or granddaughter, or niece or nephew that is studying and considering entering into a law enforcement career</u>. Is this really, not our greatest legacy, to encourage these young people with smarts, and high integrity to continue the tradition of not only, IRS CI, but also what we want in other areas of law enforcement as citizens? Is this not a greater legacy than the war story you have told a dozen times over a beer?

And I am NOT saying just entering IRS CI. These could be kids entering law enforcement at the state and local levels, or other Federal agencies. It could be your relatives considering careers as forensic accountants within law enforcement, analysts, computer experts and seized computer recovery experts, prosecutors at state, local and Federal levels, crime scene investigators.

I encourage all members, to think about this. Have you made your relatives, especially not in your immediate family, aware of this scholarship and encouraged them to apply. Are you showing interest in them to reduce their student debt? Let's look at ourselves and start pushing these scholarship applications to our eligible relatives in late winter to give them time to apply, and to continue the fine tradition in law enforcement that you, as members displayed, and want to be displayed at all levels of government in the future. Thanks for reading my rant, thanks to those who do promote these scholarships, and remember, if your person did not get a scholarship in one year, encourage them to reapply the next. Things change..... Mark Kroczynski

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#### HISTORIAN'S CORNER BY AL SELBY

The organization that we all belonged to at one time officially became 100 years old on July 1, 2019. While 100 sounds a little old; as government organizations go, that is relatively recent. By contrast, AFSA will be 31 years old in September. Elmer Irey, our first Chief, served the longest, by far, at 23 + years. We have had a total of 24 leaders (Chief's, Director's, AC-CI's, etc.) so far, and several served only a few months. Don Fort is our 24<sup>th</sup> and current Chief and he has been on the job since June 2017. Several of these leaders were and are members of AFSA. The shortest tenure seems to be Garland H. Williams at 7 + months (1/13/1953 - 8/31/1953) followed by Frank W. Lohn at 10 months (1/20/1952 - 11/25/1952). Our organization went through a heated upheaval, almost violent, re-organization in 1952 and 1953 and that probably contributed to these numbers. The only leaders even close in more recent tranquil times are David B. Palmer at 13 months (11/7/2002 - 12/2003), Anthony V. Langone at 13 months (2/2/1987 - 4/3/1988), and Bruce V. Milburn at 17 months (5/8/1988 - 10/20/1989).

Our staffing levels have rocked up and down, sometimes almost violently, over the past 100 years. We started with 7 Postal Inspector transfers. By World War II and the early 1940's, we had only grown to about 400 - 500 Special Agents, all managed from the National Office. There was a slight uptick as the veterans returned from the war in the late 1940's; but a big jump came in the early 1950's following the reorganization where, among other things, our organization was de-centralized. There was another big uptick under Attorney General Robert Kennedy (who was big on organized crime) in the early 1960's and we reached the 2,400 – 2,500 Special Agent Range. We went up and down from there reaching a peak about 1995 at 3,363 Special Agents and 1,720 support staff. We have been reduced almost every year since then reaching a projected staffing level of 2,021 Special agents and 806 support staff for fiscal year 2017. We currently have about 2,200 Special Agents and 1,100 support staff.

We are proud organization and we have a lot to be proud of. HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY IRS-CID !

In early 1973, a small group of 8 retired Special Agents decided to form a group known as Former Special Agents of the Intelligence Division. They recognized the value of having a close relationship with their peers; and the camaraderie and esprit de corps that they had grown into in the small Intelligence Division. This group, that reached about 900 members, disbanded in late 1979 and was replaced in late 1988 by a small group of 10 Special Agents who formed the Association of Former Special Agents. The goals and objectives were similar. All members who joined AFSA prior to 12/31/1989 were considered Charter Members and we have determined there were 402 Charter Members. Our membership now hovers around 1,200, but as the number of agents has been reduced and older members die off; this number has gradually fallen. We invite you to invite a fellow agent to join us and enjoy the fellowship, scholarships, and the notices of job opportunities we share with our members. This year we will have our 30<sup>th</sup> National Meeting in Washington, DC, and we hope you will join us in this great celebration. In future newsletters I hope to chronicle some of the 30 National Meetings and some of the things they offered. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY AFSA** !

#### HISTORICAL CORNER – BY AL SELBY

This concludes my series of profiles of our 24 Chief Executives.

John D. (Don) Fort is the 24<sup>th</sup> and current Chief, Criminal Investigation, headquartered in Washington, DC. He was appointed to the position in June 2017. Mr. Fort oversees a worldwide staff of nearly 3,300 CI employees, including approximately 2,200 special agents. Prior to his current position, Mr. Fort served as the Deputy Chief where he supported the Chief in managing the day-to-day activities of the Headquarters Criminal Investigation organization. He also advised the IRS Deputy Commissioner (Services and Enforcement) and IRS Commissioner on Criminal Investigation matters.

Chief Fort began his Internal Revenue Service career in 1991 as a Special Agent with the Criminal Investigation Division in the Baltimore District. He has held the increasingly responsible positions of Supervisory Special Agent, Orlando, Florida; Senior Analyst, CI Headquarters, Washington, DC; Acting Director, Office of Special Investigative Techniques, CI Headquarters; Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Baltimore Field Office; Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Washington DC Field Office; Special Agent in Charge of the Philadelphia Field Office; and, Deputy Director of Strategy, CI Headquarters.

Mr. Fort entered the Senior Executive Service in January 2011 when he was appointed to serve as a Director of Field Operations, the position he held until his appointment as Deputy Chief, CI. Mr. Fort has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Management with a minor in Accounting from Gettysburg College. Mr. Fort is a licensed CPA in the State of Virginia and is a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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2015	James "Jim" Meyers	Daniel "Dan" Pieschel	Peggy Thomas
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2017	Daniel "Dan" Pieschel	Peggy Thomas	Mark Kroczynski
2018	Peggy Thomas	Mark Kroczynski	Chuck Taylor
2019	Peggy Thomas	Mark Kroczynski	Chuck Taylor

## **Anniversary Events**

# Cincinnati Field Office 100 Year Anniversary Cookout

On June 6, 2019, several AFSA members joined Cincinnati Field Office (CFO) agents from the Cincinnati (Ohio) and the Louisville (KY) Posts-of-Duty in a cookout celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Criminal Investigation. The cookout followed the annual Physical Fitness Program (PFP) assessment that is held each year in an outdoor venue near Cincinnati. Acting Special Agent in Charge William Cheung provided a great summary of CI's beginning in 1919 and he highlighted such prolific cases as the Al Capone investigation as well as other mob bosses investigated by our early predecessors. On display were several items including annual reports, coffee mugs with CI logos, a 100 Year commemorative book, and in particular, a binder of pertinent letters and other documents from our 100 years of fighting crime. It included a copy of a letter dated March 9, 1942 from President Franklin D. Roosevelt to Elmer Irey wherein he praised the Intelligence Unit that had been organized by Irey 23 years earlier. President Roosevelt cited the "Quiet Pride" and the reputation of the unit and he noted the incorruptibility and the A-1 efficiency of the Intelligence Unit.



Pictured with Acting SAC Wil Cheung, ASAC Mona Passmore, and agents from the Cincinnati and Louisville Posts-of-Duty of the CFO are current Past President Dan Pieschel, Past President Ron Line, Region Director Beth Fleaher, and AFSA members Sandy Job Rivera, Jeff Lawson, and John Voorhees.

#### Washington, D.C.



#### Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary IRS Criminal

**Investigation**. On July 1, 2019, IRS Criminal Investigation celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the creation of the Intelligence Unit. This unit consisted of six Postal Inspectors who were transferred to the Bureau of Internal Revenue who became the first special agents in charge of the organization that would become Criminal Investigation. These individuals were an elite group of highly trained professionals who started the legacy as the finest financial investigators in the world. Beginning in 1919 to the present, CI continues to prosecute tax evaders, money launderers and other crimes involving politicians, prominent business people and notorious criminals.

On July 1, 2019, a celebration was held at the headquarters building of the Internal Revenue Service located at 1111 Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC. The celebration was attended by current and retired IRS-CI employees and included former Chiefs of CI, Deputy Chiefs, Directors, Deputy Directors, and SAC's from throughout the country. There were also representatives from other law enforcement agencies such as the FBI and DEA.

The program began with Opening Remarks by Chief, CI Don Fort who talked about the history of CI and its impact over the years. Presentations were also made by Steven Mnuchin, Secretary for the Treasury, Charles Rettig, Commissioner, IRS, Rod Rosenstein, Former Deputy Attorney General and Eric Hylton, Deputy Chief, CI.

Don Fort was very appreciative of the assistance from AFSA to the event and also for their participation on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee which was noted on the back of the program.

A second celebration was held later that evening where additional presentations were made by the following individuals:

Commissioner, Charles Rettig

Chief, Don Fort, Chief, Richard Weber, Chief, Nancy Jardini, Chief, Mark Matthews. Chief, Victor Song Deputy Chief Brian Bruh, Deputy Chief, Rick Spier, Deputy Chief, Eric Hylton SES John Imhoff

The evening was spent talking and sharing stories with old friends and co-workers.

Throughout the country, centennial celebrations have taken place and will continue the rest of the year in various locations around the country. Remember to register for AFSA's Conference and 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration. You won't want to miss it! Looking forward to seeing you there.

Peggy Thomas AFSA-IRS President

#### Baltimore, MD.

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On July 10, 2019, the Washington Field Office, held a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at the Baltimore Post of Duty. The event was hosted by the Washington Field Office SAC Kelly Jackson who spoke about the impact that the field office has contributed to CI's history with high profile cases such as Vice President Spiro T Agnew and Governor Mandel. Guest speaker, US Attorney, Robert K. Hur also talked about the contributions made by the field office. The event was attended by current and former Special agents who enjoyed reminiscing with their former co-workers and friends Pictured below is a picture of the retired special agents and AFSA members who attended.

#### Los Angeles



Richard Malone sent the photo at left from the LAFO 100 years of CI celebration that was held on July 19 at The Federal bar in Long Beach There was a huge turnout of both active and retired agents As you can see, the Chief of CI Don Fort was in attendance as was the US Attorney Nick Hanna, former Acting US Attorney Sandra Brown and the new SAC (no longer acting) of LAFO Ryan Korner.

The last "Chief" of LA CI Wayne McEwan and Former Acting Chief CI Rick Speier were all also there.

Malone indicate that he would be driving up to San Francisco on Sunday, July 21 for the Alcatraz tour on Monday and the dinner cruise. If we are fortunate, he will send photos we can use in the next newsletter.

Anyone with news of other Anniversary events can send them to me,

along with any photos at <a href="mailto:rbrown11@columbus.rr.com">rbrown11@columbus.rr.com</a> so we can share

them in one of the next newsletters.

CHICAGO (AP) - In the pantheon of Chicago crime fighters, nobody has the worldwide reputation of Eliot Ness.

He's the prohibition agent who brought down Al Capone, the principled lawman in a city awash in corruption, the relentless investigator portrayed by actors Robert Stack and Kevin Costner and the legend who is said to have inspired comic-strip detective Dick Tracy.

Nearly six decades after his death, Ness is still so admired that Illinois' two U.S. senators want to name a federal building after him in Washington, D.C.

But a Chicago alderman, citing a recent Capone biography, concludes that Ness had about as much to do with putting the gangster behind bars as Mrs. O'Leary's cow had to do with starting the Great Chicago Fire. And he's trying to convince the senators to drop the whole idea.

"There are literally hundreds of heroic law enforcement officials" who would be deserving of the honor, "but Eliot Ness is simply not one of them," said Ed Burke, who hopes the senators will abandon the proposal much the way the council formally cleared Mrs. O'Leary's cow at Burke's urging.

Ness' career has always been imbued with a mix of fact and fiction. He did go after Capone, but his role was probably less heroic than many Americans imagine.

Ness, Burke said, "is a Hollywood myth," and to honor him would be a disservice to others. There are no signs the senators are considering backing down from a resolution to put Ness' name on the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives headquarters. Capone "believed that every man had his price," Sen. Dick Durbin said earlier this month in a statement with fellow Illinois Sen. Mark Kirk and Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio. But for Ness and his law-enforcement team known as "The Untouchables," "no amount of money could buy their loyalty or sway their dedication to Chicago's safety."

The ATF declined to comment on the issue. Judging by the agency's website, where Ness is the first entry in the "history" section, its support of Ness remains unwavering.

"Against all odds, he and his Untouchables broke the back of organized crime in Chicago," reads the agency's short biography of Ness

The author of an upcoming Ness biography has also weighed in, saying while Ness was not involved with the income tax case that sent Capone to prison, he was a key figure in the broader battle against Capone in Chicago, and his contribution to law enforcement has been misunderstood and discounted for too long. "Ness never claimed to have anything to do with the tax case on Capone," said Doug Perry, the author. "The Untouchables' job was to harass Capone's operations and squeeze his income stream, and they did that." These facts are undisputed: After graduating from the University of Chicago, Ness was barely into his 20s when he took a job as a temporary prohibition agent in 1926. He quickly climbed through the ranks until, according to the ATF website, he put together a squad in 1930 to go after Capone's bootlegging operation. But prosecutors chose to pursue the gangster on tax charges instead.

A few years later, Ness' law enforcement career took him to Cincinnati and Cleveland, where in 1933 he left his job to become, at just 33, the city's public safety director. He was widely praised for cleaning up Cleveland corruption.

Ness ran unsuccessfully for Cleveland mayor in 1947. He died a decade later but not before co-writing a book about his exploits titled "The Untouchables," a "highly fictionalized" account that "made him uncomfortable," according to Perry.

The problem, it seems, is that much of what we think we know about Ness comes from that book, the television show starring Stack a half-century ago and Costner's portrayal of Ness in the 1987 movie. There is even suspicion that the virtuous character the public knows may not be Ness at all because Ness's co-author, Oscar Fraley, took the qualities ascribed to Ness from Elmer Irey, another famous lawman who played a key role in sending Capone to prison.

"My guess is that Oscar Fraley stole all that from Elmer, his makeup, and gave it to Ness," said Paul Camacho, an IRS special agent in Las Vegas who has made it his mission to rescue Irey's name from obscurity. "He was a real American hero."

By the time, the story got to Hollywood, the goal was to tell a good story, not give a history lesson. Bob Fuesel, a former IRS agent who knew Mike Malone, the inspiration for Sean Connery's character in the movie, said he did his own research of the intelligence unit that conducted the tax-evasion investigation and later became the IRS's criminal division. When he was a consultant on the film, he said, he told Costner that Ness had nothing to do with the tax-evasion case and that men who worked with Ness told stories about how he was afraid of guns.

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"I told Kevin that Eliot Ness did not do any of this stuff, and Kevin said, 'Bob, this is Hollywood. ... We make it up as we go along," said Fuesel, who is also the former head of the Chicago Crime Commission. Costner did not respond to an email from The Associated Press seeking comment.

Jonathan Eig, author of "Get Capone," the book Burke wants the senators to read, said that while Ness did investigate Capone's bootlegging activities in Chicago, none of what he discovered helped put Capone behind bars. And there is no evidence that Capone and his supposed nemesis ever even met. "My guess is that Al Capone never heard of Eliot Ness," he said, "even after he went to jail."

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#### From FedSmith.com Woman Guilty of Exploiting Federal Employee Data from OPM Breaches

There was some uncertainty surrounding what would be done with the stolen data of current and former federal employees from the <u>data breaches</u> that took place at the Office of Personnel Management in 2015. Now we have at least one example.

A Maryland woman pleaded guilty this week to participating in a scheme to use the stolen identification information of victims from the OPM data breaches according to an announcement from the Justice Department.

According to court documents, Karvia Cross, 39, of Bowie, participated in and recruited others to engage in a fraudulent identity-theft scheme targeting Langley Federal Credit Union in 2015 and 2016. LFCU received numerous online membership and consumer loan applications in the names of stolen identities that were victims of the OPM data breach. LFCU approved and issued the requested memberships and loans prior to determining that they had been sought using the stolen personal identifying information of others.

LFCU disbursed loan proceeds via checks and transfers into the checking and savings accounts opened through these fraudulent applications. Vehicle loan proceeds were disbursed by checks made payable to individuals posing as vehicle sellers, while personal loan proceeds were disbursed to LFCU accounts opened in connection with the fraudulent loan applications and transferred to accounts of others. Cross and others then accessed and withdrew the fraudulently obtained loan proceeds.

Cross pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit bank fraud and aggravated identity theft. She faces a maximum penalty of 30 years and a consecutive mandatory minimum of two years in prison when sentenced on October 26.

Actual sentences for federal crimes are typically less than the maximum penalties. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after taking into account the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

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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.

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