



# AFSA - IRS

## NEWSLETTER



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### **A Message From Your President**

Greetings fellow AFSA-IRS members! I joined AFSA prior to my retirement in December 2015, and I am proud to be serving as your new president. I retired after 27 years with IRS, 24 years with CI and 3 years as a tax auditor in Exam. I began my career in West Palm Beach, Florida, and I became a special agent in Toledo, Ohio in 1991. CI was definitely a better choice! I was a Supervisory Special Agent in the Baltimore and Cincinnati Field Offices, the Director of Refund Crimes Field Operations and Policy – West, and the Director of Warrants and Forfeiture prior to joining the Washington, DC Field Office as the SSA of the Global Illicit Financial Team (GIFT).

Since my retirement from CI, I have worked as a senior consultant for FocalPoint Consulting Group. I live in Easton, Maryland with my husband Dave, my mom, and our beloved dog Maggie. Our organization could not thrive without members who are willing to take on leadership roles and donate their time. That being said, I want to thank Iris Bohannon who served as our President for the last two years. I know I speak for everyone on the Board when I say we look forward to continuing to work with Iris as she remains on the Board as the Immediate Past President.

I want to thank Mark Kroczyński who admirably served on our Scholarship Committee for the past eight years, the last four as Scholarship Chair. I also want to thank Betty Stewart for her willingness to replace Mark as Scholarship Chair. I am confident that the committee is in good hands since Betty has served on the committee since 2018. I am happy to announce that Dennis Czurylo has volunteered to be our AFSA Historian. If you have anything that you would like to share, please do so. Thank you, Dennis, for stepping up to fill this important position in our organization.

The AFSA Board eliminated the position of 2nd Vice President due to the reduction in members and our current way of doing business. When I joined AFSA approximately 11 years ago, AFSA had 1,235 members. As of April 28, 2026, we are down to 850. With few exceptions, we have seen a steady decline in membership each year. Please take a few minutes to speak with former co-workers that are not members or current agents who are nearing retirement and remind them of the great benefits offered by AFSA. These include access to job postings, a directory of members, updates on legislative issues, scholarships, periodic newsletters, and best of all – our annual convention that is always rewarding.

The AFSA Board also changed one of the standing committees to a Convention/CPE Committee. I want to thank the following individuals for volunteering to serve on that committee this year: Betty Stewart, Jacque Riordon, and Dennis Czurylo. They are actively working on this year's convention (in addition to their other AFSA leadership responsibilities) which will be held in Savannah, Georgia in early to mid-November. Further details will be shared shortly, but I am confident that they will have an exceptional convention planned. As suggested by several of our members, the Annual Business Meeting and Banquet will be held on a Saturday to accommodate those who can only attend on a weekend.

Guy Ficco recently retired as Chief of IRS-CI, and Jarod Koopman has been named the new Chief. Chief Koopman also serves as Chief Tax Compliance Officer for the IRS, overseeing compliance operations across several major IRS divisions. Gary Shapley, one of the whistleblowers who testified before Congress on the Hunter Biden tax case and briefly served as Acting IRS Commissioner, will serve as Deputy Chief under Koopman. Under their leadership, IRS-CI currently has a global team of about 3,000 personnel, including roughly 2,000 special agents.

Chief Koopman steps into the chief's office after more than 26 years with the IRS, including over 20 years with IRS-CI. Chief Koopman began his career as a special agent in Rochester, New York. Throughout his career, Chief Koopman has held various positions including Assistant Special Agent in Charge in Chicago, Special Agent in Charge in Detroit, and Executive Director of Northern Field Operations. In 2015, he was tasked with establishing and leading IRS-CI's Cyber Crimes and Cyber and Forensics Services sections. Under his leadership, Chief Koopman significantly enhanced IRS-CI's capabilities, establishing the agency as a global leader in cryptocurrency tracking and dark web investigations.

Due to the government shutdown, prior Chief Ficco was unable to attend our Annual Business Meeting in San Antonio last year. I look forward to hopefully hearing from our new Chief and Deputy Chief at our meeting this year.

Finally, I am honored to be part of this organization and look forward to working with everyone on the Board. I truly hope that you will consider attending this year's convention!

**Best,  
Beth**

## Executive Director Corner – Spring 2026



**Greetings and salutations from Helotes, Texas!!!**

The gateway to the Texas Hill Country.

Helotes, Texas, is highly regarded as one of the best suburbs in the San Antonio area, offering a charming mix of Texas Hill Country scenery, and small-town atmosphere. Located northwest of San Antonio, it is perfect for those wanting a rural feel with easy city access.

Hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful spring weather.

I am looking forward to seeing you at:

**2026 AFSA Convention**

**Savannah, GA**

**November 3-9, 2026**

**Things I'm looking forward to in Savannah:**

Riverboat sightseeing cruise

Savannah Ghosts & Gravestones Trolley Tour

Riverboat Dinner Cruise

### **-Odds and Ends-**

- Check out our Forum/Discussions on the AFSA-IRS website. 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 their job openings. I review and approve them and then contact the poster if I see a problem. I will then email them on a E-Blast.
- Newsletter submissions – this is your organization. If you have an article of interest to a number of members, send it in to me. 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.com](mailto:MaryRuizAFSA@gmail.com) or call me at 210.291.6568.

Please review your online profile for updates.

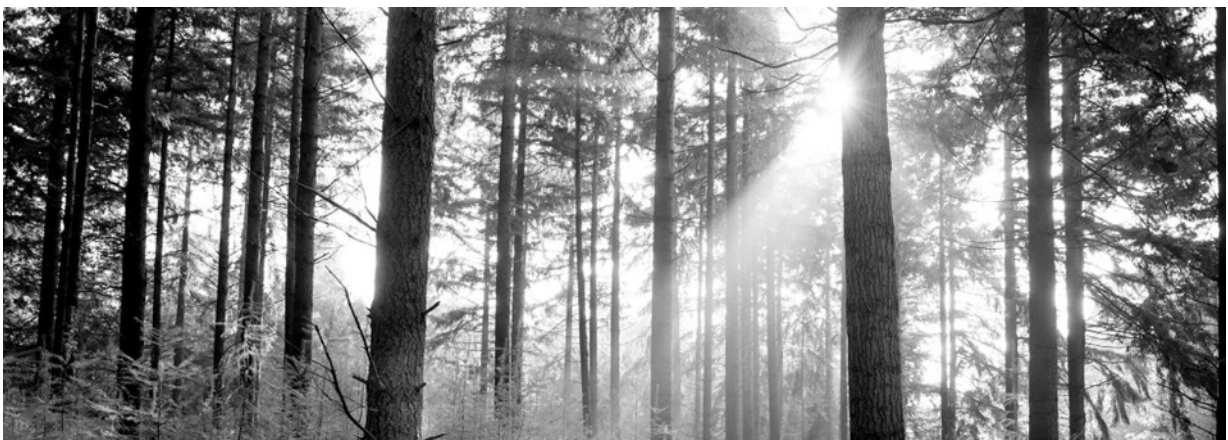
**Have a marvelous day!**

**Adieu,**

**~ Mary ~**



Anthony Cook Philadelphia, PA  
Yury Kruty Newtown, PA  
Guy Ficco Alexandria, VA  
Evelyn Monique Rushin Henrico VA



There are special people in our lives who never leave us,  
even after they are gone.

In Memoriam  
Dennis Carey Nokomis, FL  
Larry J. Sands Keystone Heights, FL

# Meet the New Chief



**JAROD KOOPMAN**

## **Chief, IRS Criminal Investigation; Chief, Tax Compliance Officer**

Chief Koopman began a distinguished 23 year career with IRS Criminal Investigation (IRS-CI), rising through the ranks from frontline Special Agent to senior executive leadership. Beginning in May 2002 as a **Special Agent** in the Rochester, New York Metropolitan Area. He was promoted to **Supervisory Special Agent** in Rochester (2010–2012), where they led a team of 8–10 agents, before moving into headquarters roles in the Washington, DC-Baltimore Area.

He served as **Senior Analyst** in the Office of Refund Crimes (2012–2013) in Washington, DC, specializing in identity theft; as **Assistant Special Agent in Charge** of the Chicago Field Office (2013–2014), overseeing multiple groups across Illinois and Indiana; and **Special Agent in Charge** for the state of Michigan (2014–2016) in the Greater Detroit Area. In 2016, he returned to Washington, DC as the founding **Director of IRS CI Cyber Crimes** (2016–2021), establishing the section and shaping national cyber investigative strategy. He advanced to **Executive Director of Cyber and Forensic Services** (2021–2025) in Washington, DC, where he consolidated cyber, digital forensics, and lab functions while spearheading the Advanced Collaboration and Data Center (ACDC). Most recently, he served as **Executive Director of Northern Field Operations** (March–October 2025) in Washington, DC, providing executive oversight of criminal investigative operations across 17 states from Chicago to Boston, managing approximately 800 personnel.



- A Texas woman has been sentenced to four years in prison for stealing over \$1.5 million from the Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign, a charity program supporting more than 120,000 state employees. From luxury travel to plastic surgery, she used donor funds for personal expenses and even tried to cover her tracks with a fraudulent SBA-backed loan. The court ordered over \$1.58 million in forfeiture.
- Seattle drug trafficker, armed with an arsenal of 30+ weapons, SENTENCED ⚖️

When Janisch was arrested on Oct. 30, 2024, his home contained a cache of illegal substances and weaponry, including:

- Over 4 kilos of cocaine
- 60 pounds of psilocybin mushrooms and/or marijuana
- Dealer amounts of MDMA, ketamine, and LSD
- 30 assault-type semiautomatic weapons
- Thousands of rounds of ammunition
- Firearm suppressors
- Numerous Glock "switches," used to convert a semiautomatic Glock-style handgun into a machine pistol

The Seattle Field Office worked alongside several state and federal partners to successfully investigate this case.

- United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Jay Clayton, Acting Special Agent in Charge of the IRS Criminal Investigation D.C. Field Office, Cynthia Hearn, and Assistant Director in Charge of the New York Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”), James C. Barnacle, Jr., announced that Maximilien De Hoop Cartier was sentenced to eight years in prison for his role in a sophisticated international money laundering network that laundered hundreds of millions of dollars in illicit proceeds, including the proceeds of drug trafficking, through the United States. Cartier was sentenced today before U.S. District Judge Mary Kay Vyskocil. On Oct. 23, 2025, Cartier pled guilty to one count of operating an unlicensed money transmitting business and one count of conspiracy to commit bank fraud.
- Ronald Roach, the former CPA for DC Solar, was sentenced for his role in a record-setting billion-dollar Ponzi scheme. The sentencing comes more than seven years after the initial searches that first brought public attention to the investigation led by FBI Sacramento, alongside the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Office of Inspector General, and the United States Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of California. This complex case demanded relentless focus, tenacity, and patience. Through years of meticulous work, investigators ensured that all eight defendants ultimately pleaded guilty to their crimes. Our team’s dedication brought accountability to those involved, ensuring each will serve prison time, and far removed from the lavish lifestyles they once enjoyed at the expense of defrauded victims.



## Help the AFSA-IRS to Grow! Recruit a New Member!



Membership is open to all retired, former and current IRS special agents with at least five years IRS Special Agent service. Current Special Agents are admitted as non-voting associate members. First-year membership is complimentary.

Mail application to: AFSA-IRS, P.O. Box 1187, Helotes, TX 78023

First Name		Last Name		Spouse's Name	
Date of Birth		Place of Birth		E-Mail	
Home Address		City	ST	ZIP Code	Cell Phone
IRS-CI S/A Start Date	IRS-CI S/A End Date	Retirement Date	Current Special Agent? <input type="checkbox"/>		<b>Join the AFSA-IRS!</b>
Are you interested in being an AFSA Representative? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Are you interested in serving AFSA-IRS in other positions? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Are you willing to work on AFSA-IRS committees? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Current/Last Post of Duty		Current/Last Supervisor		Supervisor Phone No.	

Currently Employed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Current Employment (Type of Work)					
Employer/Business Name		Address		City	ST	ZIP Code
Telephone		Business E-Mail				

AFSA-IRS receives requests from various sources for members who may considering performing different types of work. If you desire to have your information available for the AFSA-IRS to assist in matching your skills, expertise and abilities to a particular request, please complete the next part of the membership form.

Place a check mark next to the item(s) that apply to your skills, training, accreditations, or interest.

<input type="checkbox"/> Attorney	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Public Accountant
<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled Agent	<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Fraud Examiner
<input type="checkbox"/> Digital Forensics	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensed or Certified Private Investigator
<input type="checkbox"/> Investigative Equipment Training Experience	<input type="checkbox"/> Management Training Experience
<input type="checkbox"/> Language(s)-Specify:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Instructor Training Experience-Specify:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Foreign Service: <input type="checkbox"/> Training Experience <input type="checkbox"/> Consulting Assignments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Skills or Investigative Interest-Specify:	

I am applying 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.

Signature	Date
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