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Executive Director Corner – Summer 2026



Greetings and salutations from Helotes, Texas!!!

The gateway to the Texas Hill Country.
When Helotes incorporated in 1981, very little was in the town. Now with a population over 7,000, Helotes is becoming one of the most desirable suburbs of San Antonio. Helotes itself includes the newly renovated Old Town Helotes. Completed in 2011, Old Town Helotes is the revitalized downtown. Helotes is home to Oak Valley golf course.

Hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful summer, I'm back from my vacation. Kathy Collins of Cruise Planners (wife of AFSA Member Bert Collins) helped my family and I plan an outstanding Celebrity Xcel Cruise to Greece, Malta & Turkey this past June. She and Ron Line planned several AFSA member cruises – if interested in another AFSA cruise let me know and I will coordinate with Kathy.

Save the Date! Looking forward to seeing you:

2026 AFSA Annual Conference

November 5–9, 2026

Historic Downtown Savannah, Georgia

Temperature Trends

- **Early November:** Highs often reach the upper 70s to low 80s, feeling quite warm.



Top Places to Visit

- **Forsyth Park:** A large park in the middle of the city with a famous big fountain and walking paths.
 - **Historic District:** An area with old cobblestone streets, horse-drawn carriages, and stunning old architecture.
 - **Wormsloe Historic Site:** A famous long road lined with massive oak trees.
 - **Bonaventure Cemetery:** A quiet, beautiful old cemetery set along the river.
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- 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 or call me at 210.291.6568.

Please review your online profile for updates.

Have a magnificent day!
Adieu,
~ Mary ~

Summer Newsletter Message from the President

As we move into the heart of summer, I want to take a moment to reflect on the strength, resilience, and continued purpose of the Association of Former Special Agents of the IRS. Our organization has always been defined by its people—professionals who dedicated their careers to upholding the integrity of our nation's tax system, and who continue to support one another long after retirement or career transitions.

This year has reminded me how valuable our shared experience is. Whether it's mentoring younger agents, contributing to historical preservation efforts, or simply staying connected with colleagues who understand the unique nature of our work, AFSA-IRS remains a community built on trust, service, and camaraderie.

I'm proud of the initiatives we've advanced together. Our regional chapters continue to host meaningful gatherings, our committees are actively strengthening member engagement, and our historical and educational efforts ensure that the legacy of IRS Criminal Investigation remains visible and understood. The professionalism and dedication of our members make these accomplishments possible.

As we look ahead, I encourage each of you to stay involved—attend a chapter meeting, reach out to a fellow member you haven't spoken with in a while, or consider attending our upcoming convention in Savannah, Georgia. Our association thrives when every member feels connected and valued.

Summer is also a time to recharge. I hope you're finding opportunities to enjoy time with family, travel, or simply appreciate the slower rhythm that the season can bring. Thank you for your continued support of AFSA-IRS and for the spirit of service you carry with you. It remains an honor to serve as your president.

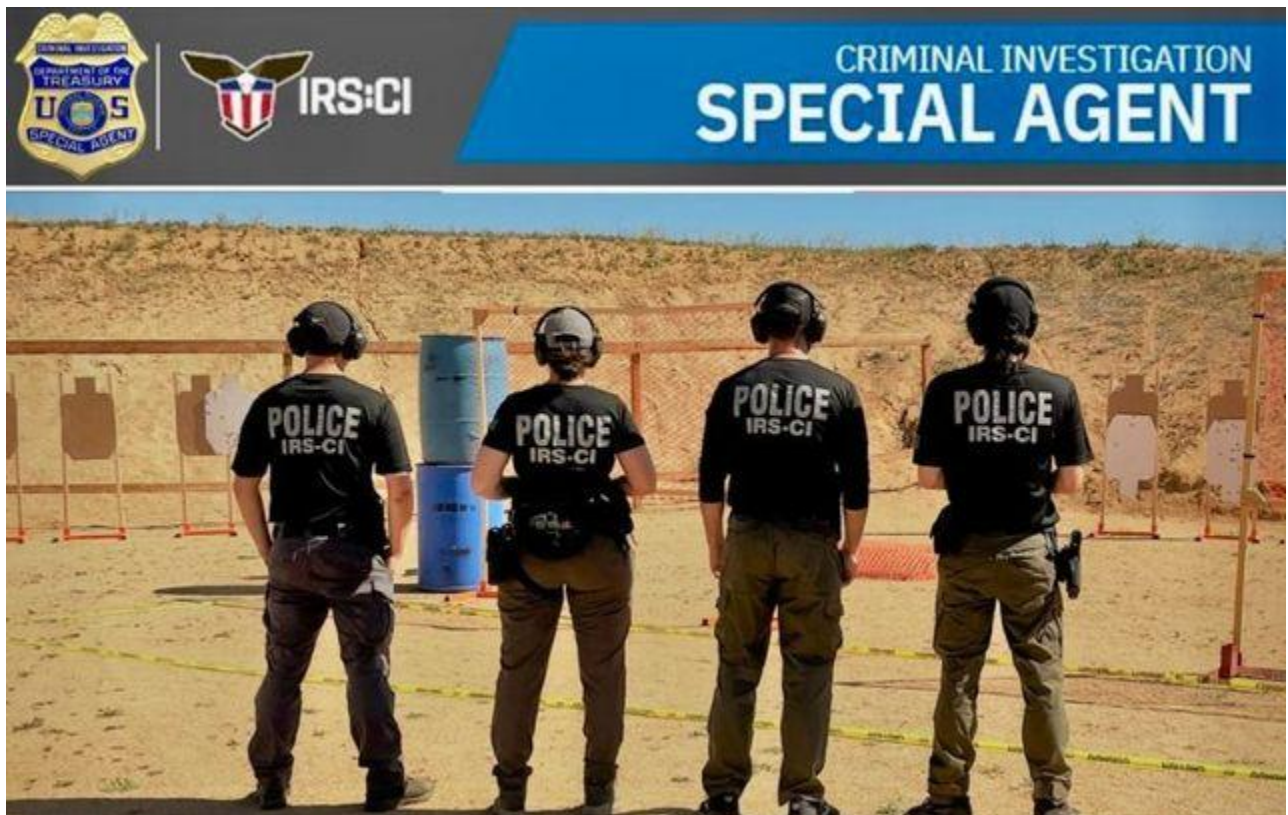
Wishing you a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer.

**Warm regards,
Beth**





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

In Memoriam

**Lafayette Prince, Jr.
Houston, TX**

**David W. Jansen
Tulsa, OK**



Today marks 107 years of [hashtag#IRSCI](#) 🦋



IRS-CI was formed in 1919 as the Intelligence Unit within the IRS, dedicated to investigating increasing allegations of tax fraud in the U.S. We changed our name to IRS Criminal Investigation in 1978.

As the criminal investigative arm of the [Internal Revenue Service](#), we are responsible for conducting financial crime investigations, including:

- tax fraud
- narcotics trafficking
- money-laundering
- public corruption
- healthcare fraud
- identity theft
- and more.

We are the only federal law enforcement agency with investigative jurisdiction over violations of the Internal Revenue Code. Our agency has 18 field offices located across the U.S. and maintains an international presence through attaché posts abroad.

2026 AFSA-IRS Scholarship Recipients

BRYN AVERY

Hello! My name is Bryn Avery. I was born and raised in Kingwood, Texas, and for the past four years, I attended Kingwood High School. During my senior year of high school, I was the president of my school's chapter of the National Honor Society. I graduated on the all-A honor roll for all four years of high school, with a class rank of 16 out of 640 students. I am also a recipient of the Girl Scouts of America Gold Award.

I have been a dancer for my whole life, training predominantly in ballet and modern dance. Over the past four years, I was a principal member of the senior company of Kingwood Ballet. In the fall, I will attend the University of Oklahoma to be a part of their prestigious dance program, as I double major in Modern dance and pre-physical therapy studies.

Thank you so much for this opportunity!

Sincerely,
Bryn Avery



CHRISTOPHER DAVILA

Christopher Davila is an Accounting major in the Stillman School of Business at Seton Hall University, where he has earned Dean's List recognition while maintaining a 3.791 GPA. As a member of the University Honors Program, Christopher has developed a strong foundation in financial accounting, managerial accounting, economics, and business analysis. He has complemented his coursework with Bloomberg Market Concepts certification and hands-on experience analyzing economic indicators and Federal Reserve policy using Bloomberg Terminal technology. His technical proficiency in financial statement analysis, journal entries, reconciliations, and Microsoft Office applications is matched by his commitment to continuous learning and professional development as he prepares for a career in accounting and financial services.

Beyond the classroom, Christopher demonstrates a strong commitment to leadership, teamwork, and service. He is a collegiate gymnast with the New York Alliance Gymnastics Team and will serve as team captain for the upcoming season, reflecting the respect and confidence of his teammates and coaches. He also represents his team within the Gymnastics Association of Collegiate Teams (GymACT), collaborating with student-athlete leaders nationwide to strengthen communication and advocate for collegiate gymnastics programs. As a gymnastics coach at Athletic Edge Sports Center, Christopher mentors young athletes by fostering skill development, discipline, and confidence in a positive learning environment. His ability to balance academic excellence, athletic achievement, leadership responsibilities, and community engagement exemplifies the professionalism, integrity, and dedication he brings to every endeavor.



SOPHIA JANKOWSKI

Sophia Jankowski is entering her senior year at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she maintains a 3.9 GPA. She is majoring in Kinesiology with a minor in American Sign Language. After graduation, she plans to become a Physician Assistant. During her time at Tennessee, Sophia has stayed actively involved by helping plan and lead student events while also gaining healthcare experience at a local psychological clinic and hospital. She is incredibly grateful to receive this scholarship and appreciates the committee's investment in her education and future goals."

Thank you again to you and the entire committee for this honor, it means more than you know.

Best regards,
Sophia Jankowski



JACQUELINE KRUEGER

My name is Jacqueline Krueger. I am the daughter of a former IRS Special Agent and a member of the AFSA. I am incoming freshman at Purdue University for the 2026-27 year. I am in the nursing program and I am excited to start studying my passion. A few of my non academic interests include singing in choir, baking, and sewing. I also love working with children. In the future, I plan on furthering my studies and becoming a nurse anesthetist.



MOLLIE REYNOLDS

Mollie Reynolds is a Senior at Purdue University from West Hartford, Connecticut majoring in Professional Flight Technology and minoring in Chinese Language and Culture. She is a Commercial Single and Multi-Engine Land Instrument pilot and has been working as a flight instructor. She is also the President of Purdue Aviation Ambassadors and is a Resident Assistant for Purdue University Residences. She aspires to fly internationally at an airline after graduation.

Best,

Mollie Reynolds



TORY SIMMONS JR.

The recipient of the 2026 James F. Howe Sr. and Frank Fotinatos Scholarship Award is Tory Simmons Jr. He is a student-athlete at West Texas A&M University, where he maintains a 3.78 GPA while pursuing a bachelor's degree in Business and plays college football. Following completion of his undergraduate studies, Tory plans to earn a master's degree in Business Finance before beginning a career in law enforcement. His academic and athletic experiences have strengthened his discipline, leadership, teamwork, and commitment to serving others. Tory enjoys giving back through youth football camps, working with local young athletes and continuing to participate in camps and provide services to the less fortunate when he returns to the Austin, Texas area.

Tory was born to two amazing parents and raised alongside one sibling. He spent his early years in Plantation, Florida, where he attended elementary school and developed a love for youth sports. After moving near Austin, Texas, Tory continued building his athletic foundation by participating in both football and basketball throughout middle and high school. Outside of classes and athletics, Tory values spending time with family and currently is on a spiritual journey focused on learning how to balance religion with the responsibilities and experiences of everyday life.



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NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENT

Save the Date!

2026 AFSA Annual Conference

November 5–9, 2026 • Historic Downtown Savannah, Georgia

We are pleased to announce that the 2026 AFSA Annual Conference will be held **November 5–9, 2026** at the **Tempe Hotel** in the heart of Historic Downtown Savannah, Georgia. Join your fellow former Special Agents for five days of fellowship, business, and the best that Savannah has to offer.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Thursday, Nov. 5	Board Meeting President's Meet & Greet
Friday, Nov. 6	Savannah For Morons Trolley Tour Georgia Queen Dinner Cruise
Saturday, Nov. 7	Annual Business Meeting Annual Banquet
Sunday, Nov. 8	American Prohibition Museum

** Event times will be announced. Watch for a full agenda with details in future issues.*

Savannah, Georgia is one of America's most beautiful and historic cities, known for its sweeping Spanish moss–draped squares, cobblestone streets, and rich history. From a scenic cruise aboard the *Georgia Queen* on the Savannah River to a visit to the *American Prohibition Museum* — and a rollicking comedy tour with *Savannah For Morons* — this conference promises an unforgettable experience.

Mark your calendars and watch for registration details coming soon!

Questions? Contact your AFSA conference coordinator.

We look forward to seeing you in Savannah!

2026 AFSA-IRS ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Tempo by Hilton Hotel-Savannah – November 5-8, 2026

220 E. Bryant St., Savannah, GA 33401

To make your hotel reservation:

Call (912) 446-1102 or use the online link

Use Group Code 903 or AFSA-IRS to identify as being with the AFSA Convention

Registration Deadline is October 10,2026

AFSA Member:	First:					Last:					
Guest:	First:					Last:					
(This will be the name that will be on your convention name badge.)											
Address:							Phone:				
City:				ST:		ZIP:			Cell:		
E-Mail:						Arrival date:				Departure date:	
Registration						Fees (per person)		#	Amount		
AFSA Member Registration Fee						\$225			\$		
Guest Registration Fee						\$225			\$		
Hospitality Room Non-Alcoholic Drink Preference Discount						-\$10			\$		
Registration fees include: Sunday Evening President's Meet & Greet; Opening Ceremony; Wednesday Evening Banquet Dinner; all Hospitality Room Sessions.											
#	Attending Thur. Evening President's Meet & Greet (Included in Registration Fee)					#	Attending Saturday Evening Banquet (Included in Registration Fee)				
#	Attending Sat. AM Business Mtg.		#			#					
Please indicate the activities you wish to participate in: (See convention schedule for activity details)								Fees (per person)	#	Amount	
Friday, Nov. 6--"Savannah for Morons" Comedy Trolley Tour (afternoon)								\$75		\$	
Friday, Nov. 6--Georgia Queen Dinner Cruise (evening)								\$100		\$	
Sunday Nov. 8--American Prohibition Museum (morning--limited availability)								\$50		\$	
Make your check payable to AFSA						Total Amount Paid:		\$			

**E-mail registration form to
gdupczak@att.net and mail
your check to:**

**AFSA-IRS
P.O. Box 108
Schererville, IN 46375**

For general CONVENTION INFO, please visit
www.afsa-irs.org

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