



# ATFAR NEWS

ALL THAT FUN AFTER RETIREMENT

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## ATFAR NEEDS YOUR STORIES

We want to keep the newsletter current and interesting. We would love to publish stories related to your time on the job or your life after ATF. Please submit your story to [atfarsetup@gmail.com](mailto:atfarsetup@gmail.com)



*A lot of fun was had by ATFAR members enjoying the horse races at Keeneland*

ATFAR is a non profit 501(C)(3) organization committed to keeping retired ATF employees active, up to date and in touch with each other. Our motto says it all:

**Fellowship based on a lifetime of service.**

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**Neta Rice  
Executive Director**

## RENDEZVOUS 2021 WAS A BLAST!

The ATFAR Rendezvous in Lexington Kentucky was an absolute blast! We had a great turnout and, from what we could see, everyone had a good time! We want to thank Mike and Fredrica Angel and Deirdre Price for their efforts and hard work in making this Rendezvous a great success. We would also like to thank the Kentucky State Police for providing support for this event.



*Greg Hanisch and Charlie Fuller show off their terrific auction wins.*

*These stools were hand made by retired Special Agent Mike Angel at his custom furniture company. Check out Mike's company, Red Dog and Company at [Reddogandcompany.com](http://Reddogandcompany.com)*

**USEFUL INFORMATION FOR YOU**  
*We search high and low to find things that benefit ATFAR members. Here are few:*

*"I believe that thrift is essential to well ordered living."*

**John D. Rockefeller**



## Buy Groceries and Save Money on Gasoline

Did you know that several major grocery store chains offer large discounts on gasoline? Sign up for one of the chain's loyalty cards and use it when you shop to secure discounts on grocery purchases and watch your gas bill go down. Kroger, for example offers one such program and I routinely get .30 to .40 cents off per gallon. This adds up to some decent savings. JL

**Sig Sauer:** The Sig Armed Professional Program offers discounts on select Sig Sauer products to active and retired law enforcement officers. Submit a copy of your credentials or service ID to qualify.

**SilencerCo:** SilencerCo offers discounts on select products for active/retired law enforcers and active EMT/fire rescue personnel through the SPEQ Program. Proof of service is required

**Caesars Hotel & Casino:** First responders can get a 35% discount at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Caesars Southern Indiana, and Caesars Hotel & Casino in Atlantic City. A valid ID.me account is required.

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**Rendezvous 2022  
Gainesville, Georgia  
April 24—28  
Don't wait—Register Now  
A Good Time Will Be Had By All**



## Too Good Not To Repeat

**We mentioned this in an earlier issue of the ATFAR Newsletter but it is a has the potential to be a significant savings to our ATFAR members so here it is again.**

**\$800.00 per year, per enrollee back from BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD**

Medicare Part A is free for most people. For Part B, you pay a premium. Basic Option members who have Medicare Part A and Part B can get up to \$800 with a Medicare Reimbursement Account. All you have to do is provide proof that you pay Medicare Part B premiums. Each eligible active or retired member on a contract with Medicare Part A and Part B, including covered spouses, can get their own \$800 reimbursement. There are no restrictions on how you can use your \$800 reimbursement. Most claims will be reviewed within one to two business days after they have been received. Upon approval, you will receive reimbursement by direct deposit or check, depending on how you set up your account.





*Above and right. Touring a Kentucky Bourbon Distillery and enjoying the samples. Town Branch Distillery, Lexington Kentucky.*



*Touring a working Kentucky Thoroughbred race horse farm. These colts are all six months old and will soon be ready for the auction.*

*Bluegrass Tours provided us with a brand new Prevost tour bus and tour guide. Naturally Gene Rightmyer laid claim to the back seat.*

*Learning to Handicap the horses. Thank You expert handicapper Ellis Starr*



*Left. View from the grandstand seats at Keeneland.*

*Upper Right: Handmade stool courtesy of Mike Angel—Red Dog And Company*



*Honey courtesy of Billy and Marie Blair. If you want some Great Honey call Billy and Marie at (251) 236 3744*

*Right: A great bunch of ATFAR folks catching up and sharing stories.*



# Now That's Funny.....



Submit your stories for publication in the ATFAR newsletter to [atfarsetup@gmail.com](mailto:atfarsetup@gmail.com)

Prior to working for ATF I did drug interdiction with the U.S. Customs Service. We ran high-speed cigarette boats offshore and boarded boats looking for contraband. Being newly hired and assigned to the Florida Keys, I began learning a little bit of work related Spanish to make my job easier.

One afternoon, about fifteen miles south of Marathon, Florida, we located an inbound fishing boat that was a known smuggling vessel. The sea's were rough and my boat operator had a hard time keeping our boat close enough for an easy boarding. It became a "jump when you can" boarding. Timing the waves just right I leapt from the bow of the Customs boat toward the fishing boat. I landed on the deck face first, slid across the wet greasy deck then hopped up and saw that I was outnumbered, four to one. The boat was bobbing up and down like a circus ride and I was doing my best on the slick deck to keep from falling. In an effort to take command of the situation, I tried out my recently learned Spanish. In my best command voice I instructed the four men on the boat to "sit down and put their hands behind their back." The four of them looked at me like I was insane. I repeated my command, a little louder this time with my hand on my gun. The four of them did a little bend at the waist and twisted to the side then looked at me with questioning faces. Again, I forcefully instructed them to sit down and put their hands behind their backs. Once again, the four of them did a little bend at the waist and twisted, this time in a complete circle then looked at me with big questioning eyes.

My partner, (who was fluent in Spanish) had gotten onto the boat by now and he gave them the same command (or so I thought). The four of them sat on the boat's deck and put their hands behind their back. They began excitedly talking to my partner who was now laughing himself into tears. The four fishermen said that I was "one loco gringo". Covered in deck slime and wild eyed, I had been ordering them to "Sit on your face and hold hands." From that day on I left the Spanish speaking to those that could..... Jimm Langley

Ever so long ago there was a joint in Wilkes County, North Carolina selling white liquor and weed. Nobody had been able to make an undercover buy there so I was selected to give it a try. Before entering the joint, I poured beer on my overalls and then staggered through the door. "Want a case of your good stuff," I said, slurring my words. The owner said "Who in the hell are your?" "I'm the federal man," I slurred. "You look like the damned federal man," he said. "How much do you want?" "One whole case," I said.

He sold me a case and some weed. I made more buys at later dates and on one occasion he took me to his still. When it came time for the knock off, I expected trouble so I picked ABC Officer Clyde McManus (now deceased) to accompany me. Clyde was a muscle giant and tough as a junkyard dog. "Who the hell is he?" the guy asked when we entered. "Don't pay no attention to him," I said. "He's deaf and don't speak" "He's an ugly SOB," the man said. "Watch out, he can read lips," I said. This guy would stand behind Clyde and make dirty remarks about him. When it came time for the knock off, Clyde grabbed him and said "Be still!" The man almost fainted. "He can talk," he gasped. (Clyde and I took two pistols off him.) This was over 50 years ago. ....Jack Crosswell



# ATFAR housekeeping...



Don't forget to pay your dues! The ATFAR year runs from July 1 through June 31 each year. We really appreciate your prompt payment of your dues and a double thank you to those who have paid several years dues in advance. Remember, you can pay with a credit card on the ATFAR website. [www.atfar.org](http://www.atfar.org)

## ATFAR Apparel



From Polo type shirts, to sweat shirts and long sleeve button down shirts, ball caps, jackets and more. The ATFAR store has over 40 items that you can purchase with the ATFAR logo.

From the ATFAR website click on the ATFAR Merchandise link. You will immediately see a coupon for the ATFAR store. Click the coupon and it will let you into the store. Coupon is applied to prices upon checkout. [www.atfar.org](http://www.atfar.org)



### ATFAR CHALLENGE COINS

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### WHISKY DELTA WATCHES

Quality watches hand assembled by retired ATF Special Agent Bill Dekoff

More information about Whisky Delta Watches can be found in this newsletter.

## Items Needed for Auction

For the past two RENDEZVOUS' we have had several items donated to ATFAR that we have been able to auction off to our members as a way of offsetting the cost of the RENDEZVOUS. We have auctioned such items as a limited edition etched decanter set provided by a certain U.S. Navy Seal, items from the tactical clothing company 9Line, hand made and laser engraved stools from Red Dog and Company (a company owned by retired ATF Special Agent Mike Angel) fresh 100 % pure honey donated by Billy and Marie Blair, autographed books by Special Agent Vince Cefalu and much, much, more. Lets get ready to have the best auction yet at this year's RENDEZVOUS. Get out there and beat the bushes—find vendors that will make a donation to ATFAR or if you have a particular talent we would love to have something made by you.

If you know of a great discount deal that other ATFAR members may benefit from let us know via email: [atfarsetup@gmail.com](mailto:atfarsetup@gmail.com)

## HAND GRENADES FOR SALE

CHARLIE FULLER



In 1984, while stationed in Orlando, FL, I had an investigation that I am very proud of and also find a small amount of humor in. Sorry, but I do not remember all the names, etc., I'm just too damn old.

Anyway, Jimmy Peterson, a Lake County, FL deputy who was also a great narc and did some undercover operations, came to me and asked for some help investigating a couple guys for selling hand grenades. Jimmy had a snitch that would make an introduction for a couple of undercover guys. Having done my share of buying bombs, I think I had grown smarter and decided I would get a good friend in ATF to come do the UC for the case. He also had the appearance of someone who might want some hand grenades.

The Undercover I called was Special Agent Terry Altman, and he was assigned in Miami. Terry had done a long term undercover for me a year or so before this case so not only was he a talented undercover, but also a very good friend and the best man at my second wedding. He ultimately transferred to U. S. Customs so he could live in the Florida Keys and drive fast boats. (Unfortunately he committed suicide around 1991)

Jimmy's snitch told the bad guys he had a couple of heavy hitters looking to purchase some grenades and an initial meet was set. The bad guys sets the undercover meeting in a cleared field in rural Lake County under one of those big ole Florida oak trees. As they were discussing the hand grenades, Terry noticed another bad guy about a hundred feet away standing under another big oak tree, wearing a black ski mask and holding a MAC-10, essentially covering the deal. That was one of the few times I could actually hear the fear in Terry's voice. It was a very scary scenario that was amplified by the badass (stupid) attitude of the idiot Jimmy and Terry were negotiating with. Anyway, they completed the negotiations to buy 32 hand grenades for a negotiated price of \$2,500.

The grenades were the old World War II "pineapple" type grenades. The bad guys were buying the empty grenade casing, welding the hole in the bottom, filling with explosive powder, then using a smoke grenade "spoon" type ignitor. The grenades were moderately stable as long as the spoon stayed in place.

So couple weeks after the initial meeting, the buy is set for an old Rest Area on U. S. Highway 301 in Lake County. A great deal of planning went into the buy bust because of the vile nature of the bad guys and the danger of the contraband. Terry was wearing a body transmitter and we had the old AID five-watt repeater (aluminum briefcase) in the trunk of the UC car with an external antenna that looked like a mid-1980's cellular phone antenna.



*ATF Special Agent Terry Altman. A great undercover agent and an even better friend. We miss you Terry.*

I was in the ATF airplane coordinating all the ground troops and monitoring the transmitter. Here I have to digress to give a shout out to ATF's old Air Force. Because I was adapt at making a small case look like a big case, I frequently used ATF's Air Force for covering undercover deals, making undercover buys and surveillance. Being in the Southeast, Marshal Reece was usually our pilot. (I know Marshal's career ended badly but he was a great guy and seriously good pilot. I truly believe his problems were the result of the serious head injury he suffered while using his plane in an undercover op. He was beaten very badly.) Anyway, if you're still out their Marshal, I still love you.

So everything is setup and the two undercovers (UC's) and the bad guy they negotiated with shows up. We could not determine if the second bad guy, the one who had been wearing the ski mask and holding the MAC-10, was around. As soon as the suspect got out of his car, he removed a small electronic device from his pocket and began to more or less check out both the UC's to see if they had a transmitter on. Well, at this point, everyone on the team's "pucker factor" went through the roof. Not only did Terry have a one-watt transmitter on his body, they were standing beside the trunk of the UC car that contained the five-watt repeater and it was transmitting. The little device was about the size of a key fob, with a looped flexible wire about a foot in circumference. Anyway, after a few terrorizing, heart pounding minutes, he nodded his head and put the device away and told the UC's that "all is good". The exchange of the 32 hand grenades for the \$2,500 is quickly made and I, from the airplane, call in all the troops who overwhelm the bad guy and all is good.

Simultaneous with the arrest, we executed a search warrant on the business owned by the second suspect. It was a marine engine repair place. We did not find any additional explosives but we did find two large rattlesnakes in cages.

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**Do you know someone that is a former ATF employee or a family member of a deceased employee that is not a member of ATFAR? Please invite them to become members by using the "Join ATFAR" link at our website: [www.atfar.org](http://www.atfar.org).**

These were not your typical rattlesnakes because he had cut the tails (rattler) off each of the snakes. Imagine just tossing one of those in someone's vehicle or residence. Crazy.

When I arrived at the scene of the arrest, I was very curious about the "bug detector" he used on the UC's. I examined it and the only way we could get it to function (red-light came on) was to place the electrical wire loop around the external cellular antenna and then turn on the repeater.

At the scene of the arrest, we were in custody of 32 hand grenades. What were we going to do with them? This was long before those great bomb trailers and we were in rural Lake County, FL. Unfortunately, there was a vote that the case agent, me, had to drive them back to Orlando. I can still remember driving that "Smoky and the Bandit Trans Am" (the undercover car) all the way back to Orlando with those grenades in the trunk. Trust me, for that whole trip you couldn't have driven a needle up my ass!



ATF Undercover Trans Am

Later, we have to test and video the grenades for court purposes so we went to a local police firearms range and duct taped one of the grenades to a 4 x 4 piece of wood. We got a very long piece of string, backed way off and pulled the pin. The grenade had a one and a half second delay. A one and a half second delay! And it actually blew the 4 x 4 in half. Very dangerous and could have been fatal if anyone else had purchased them.

Anyway, it was a great time with some great local cops and ATF Agents. They pled guilty in Federal Court and the bad guy who sold the grenades got eight years in federal prison and the other got five years.

I do miss those crazy days. - Charlie Fuller



Thank you Charlie, great story! Looking forward to seeing you in April!

## Did You Know That ATFAR Is Now Open For State and Local Affiliate Members?

**Yes—that is right! ATFAR is now accepting State and Local Law Enforcement Officers, Fire Fighters, Fire Inspectors, Arson investigators, Bomb Techs, EOD, State Beverage Investigators and others whom have worked closely with ATF in the past.**

**Affiliate members will enjoy all the privileges and comradery of ATFAR and will be able to attend the annual RENDEZVOUS.**

**Pass the word to the friends you have worked with in the past. Bring them in to enjoy All That Fun After Retirement.**

**Affiliate members must be sponsored by an active ATFAR member. Refer prospective Affiliates to the ATFAR website for membership.**

**ATFAR**

**ALL THAT FUN AFTER RETIREMENT**

Those interested in becoming at Affiliate Member  
Should apply for membership at [atfar.org](http://atfar.org)

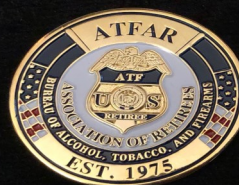
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**RENDEZVOUS 2021** has come and gone and it was a blast! We had a great turnout this year and I do believe everyone had a really good time. Thank you Fredi and Mike Angel and Deirdre Price for making everything "perfect."

We enjoyed elegant room accommodations and an outstanding hospitality/meeting room. A perfectly stocked open bar with personalized pours! That's because you personally poured your own drinks! Along with endless food, deserts and snacks!

Who can forget the Excitement as each night we had our raffles and attendees walked away with unique gifts! We enjoyed socializing with old friends while sharing stories of cases and Rendezvous past! The Lexington Rendezvous also provided us with outings to an active horse farm, a visit to the Town Branch Distillery for a Bourbon tasting and a day at the races at Keeneland ! I just can't say enough about what an Amazing time was had by all !

If you did not attend RENDEZVOUS 2021 don't worry - RENDEZVOUS 2022 is just around the corner. Yes, in an attempt to get back on the track of having our RENDEZVOUS' in the spring, RENDEZVOUS 2022 has been scheduled for April 24th through 28th and will be held in Gainesville, Georgia. We are hoping you will attend.

Why should we promote attending our Rendezvous? Because we ain't getting any younger and it's better to attend a Rendezvous than a funeral! Sorry, really not intending to be morbid but it's true. Don't get me wrong... I'm all for paying my respects to fellow Fallen Warriors and I will always go to as many as I can. It's just that when we hear about someone's passing we drop everything and go pay our respects. But when we hear about the next ATFAR Rendezvous we count our pennies and say, I'll go to the next one. I myself was guilty of this up until the 2018 Rendezvous in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. What an amazing time and to think I had missed so many prior! It was so awesome to see fellow Warriors all enjoying the free booze and camaraderie. Spending time with friends I knew well, getting to know others better and even conversing with some that I really didn't care for and getting a new perspective! I guess we all become a little less of an Asshole after we retire. I enjoyed telling old war stories and seeing the face in front of me light up when I tell them how much they did for ATF and me. Telling them how much I learned from them through their cases and actions.

During the Rendezvous we love to talk about those that have passed to keep them alive in our memories! That my friends is why I am writing this! Instead of telling others how I felt about a Warrior that just passed. I'd rather tell that Warrior, what they mean to me while they are standing in front of me and giving them a handshake or even better, a hug!!

Sorry that this article turned into an ad for the ATFAR Rendezvous. I've attended a lot of funerals just like all of you reading this. During every funeral we always say "Great seeing you, sorry it's under these terrible circumstances but we should keep in touch! " Well people that is what ATFAR is all about ! ATFAR is the original association of ATF retirees. Founded in May 1975 with the goals of promoting fellowship, improving the well being of members and fostering long lasting relationships through fellowship. Fun and enjoyable fellowship are emphasized each year at the annual RENDEZVOUS'.

Carlos Baixauli

## THE GREAT RACE by George Nowicki

**Axiom: "Don't let your mouth write a check that your body can't cash."**

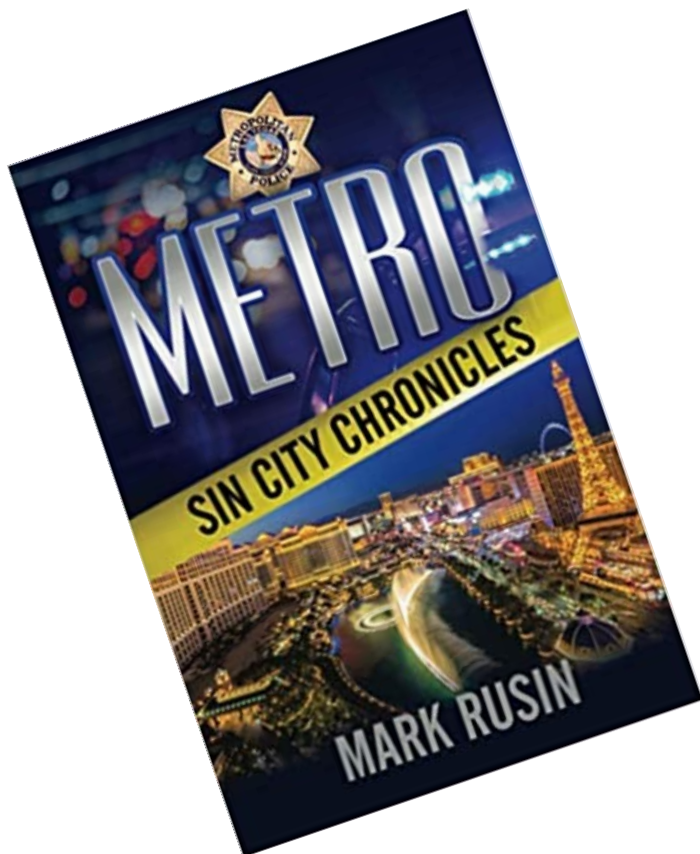
In the fall of 1967, ATF held its Basic Agents School at the Howell House Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia. The hotel was located in downtown Atlanta between Peachtree and West Peachtree Streets. Previous schools had all been held in Washington, D.C.

A practice "Still Raid" was held in the woods outside of Atlanta. Among the "role players" was, later to be ADCE, Phil McGuire. After the still raid a discussion was held about a previous still raid in a Washington, D.C. Basic School. It was pointed out that Henry Hoskins, a fellow agent of mine at the Columbus, Georgia Post of Duty, was outrun so greatly by role player Warren McConnell that McConnell ran backwards to taunt Hoskins. McConnell was in his 40's, Hoskins in his 20's. I made the comment that "the day a 40 year old man outruns me, I'll turn in my badge". I no sooner said that, when I saw instructor Charlie Weems, who was in his 40's taking off his jacket. Someone marked off 50 yards, and I, being in my 20's, lost to him in the race in front of the whole class.

A few days later, at the class graduation, ARC Bill Griffin, was passing out graduation certificates. When it became my turn, I walked up to him. Instead of handing me my certificate, he extended an open hand and said "I heard you were turning in your badge today."



# Book Spotlight



## METRO: SIN CITY CHRONICLES

### MATTY MATTERS!

**New Las Vegas Crime Book dedicated to the remembrance and wonderful life of Rick Beuke's ('77) son, Matthew "Matty" Beuke who passed away in early 2020 from Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS).**

(TUCSON, AZ) Chicago native Mark Rusin ('77) has just published his second book, *METRO: Sin City Chronicles*. This book is a collection of Rusin's memoirs, first as a kid growing up on the south side of Chicago with his best friend Rick Beuke ('77) in the 60s and 70s, then as a Las Vegas METRO Police Officer and finally an ATF Special Agent (1983-2007). The book exposes Chicago political graft and corruption in both the Fire and Police Departments and race relations back before there was any such thing as a "hate crime". Rusin majored in Law Enforcement Administration (LEA) and minored in psychology. Beuke graduated in marketing and finance and then went on to Kent Law School in Chicago. He then became a prosecutor in the Cook County States Attorneys' Office and later in private practice as a prominent criminal defense attorney.

In 1978, a gambling junket to Las Vegas changed Rusin's life forever. He moved to Las Vegas in January, 1980 and was sworn in as a METRO police officer the day after his 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. The second half of this gripping memoir follows Rusin through the police academy and the next four years where he worked as a beat cop on the fabulous Strip. Officer Rusin was dispatched as a first responder to some of the craziest, funniest, most heart wrenching and saddest scenes imaginable. Follow Rusin as he becomes emotionally distraught while recovering dead bodies from the infamous MGM Grand Hotel fire in 1980. How he nearly gets stabbed by a woman while trying to arrest her abusive husband and later that same night gets shot at after a police chase. He also meets the many colorful characters that make up the seedy underbelly of one of America's biggest tourism destinations.

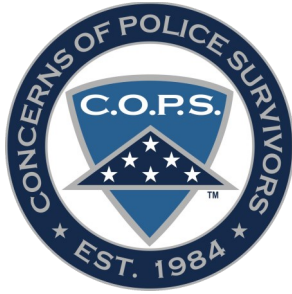
Rusin resigned from the Las Vegas METRO Police Department in December, 1983 to become a Special Agent with ATF. His first book, *Justice for Dallas*, is an ATF story of a quadruple homicide inspired by actual events. It was published in 2013 and is currently being turned into a screenplay with a director on board. It is also available on Amazon in soft cover and as an e-book.

**About the Author:** Mark Rusin is a former Las Vegas METRO Police Officer (1980-1983) and retired ATF Special Agent (1983-2007). He grew up in Chicago and went on to study Law Enforcement Administration (LEA) at Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois, where he graduated in 1977. Rusin is now retired but loves writing and cheering on his Chicago sports teams. He has been married for more than 30 years to his wonderful wife Marcie. The Rusins now live in Tucson, Arizona, with their two awesome cats Princess and Tigger, aka: Secret Agent Cat (SAC)

*Thanks Mark., Enjoyed reading Sin City Chronicles. Looking forward to other ATF authors to submit a review of their work.*

If you would like to see your book highlighted in a future ATFAR newsletter please prepare a synopsis (500 word max) and email it to [atfarsetup@gmail.com](mailto:atfarsetup@gmail.com)

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## FROM THE ATF ARCHIVES

### Sixth Agent Training Class Ends

Twenty-five new special agents have completed training as the sixth ATF Academy class at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Ga.

New Agent Training (NAT) Class #6 completed a six-week training course ending Oct. 22, which emphasized practical applications of special agent field responsibilities and included developmental courses in physical training, pursuit driving, and trauma medicine.

Edward J. Glowski was selected by the ATF Academy instruction staff as the "Outstanding Special Agent" of NAT #6. Mem-

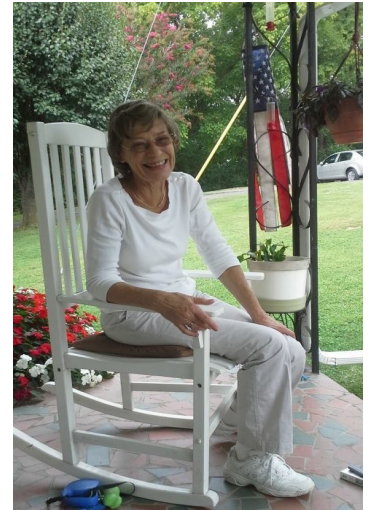
bers of the sixth class chose Charles W. Fredericks to receive the "Outstanding Athlete" Award, and selected James Cooper to receive the "Achievement Over Adversity" Award for showing the most progress in physical conditioning. John McMahon received the "Outstanding Academic Student" Award.

Distinguished Graduates, selected by the instruction staff for overall achievement, include Edward LaPuh, Wayne Miller, William Murphy, Larry P. Scott and Robert Whitney.



Twenty-five special agents were graduated from New Agent Training Class #6 at the ATF Academy of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Ga., Oct. 22. The class included: (1st row, l to r) Dennis Calcagno, Roy DeLong, Paul Marsch, James B. Roberts (staff coordinator), Peter B. Mastin (chief, ATF Law Enforcement Training Center), Samuel J. Holt (staff coordinator), Charles W. Fredericks, Frank Malter, William Murphy; (2nd row, l to r) Robert Jonstono, Dennis Laughrey, Steven Smith, John McMahon, Robert Whitney, James Jimmerson, Thomas Fischer; (3rd row, l to r) James Cooper, Hubert Wilson, Joseph Gwyer, Michael Van Amburgh, John Ferro, Edward J. Glowski; (4th row, l to r) Richard A.C. Kelly, Wayne Miller, William Broderick, Edward LaPuh, Richard Schoerner and Larry P. Scott.

## A Note from Neta



Hello ATFAR!

Now that 2021 is behind us, we are all looking forward to a brighter 2022 and to the Gainesville Georgia Rendezvous. If you haven't already, make those reservations today! Okay, so I haven't yet, but I am going to do it before the weekend.

The plans sound wonderful and I believe we will get some new attendees. Jim Snell, Donna Forrester and the team there have done an awesome job and have so many wonderful events planned. Of course, there will be a hospitality area where we can meet and greet. Lots of good stories will be told. Don't Miss Out!

### Do you enjoy the ATFAR Newsletter?

*The ATFAR newsletter is a great way to keep up with your friends and past co-workers. We love putting it out for the membership but we need your help.*

*We need stories to publish. We need you to share some of your favorite "job related" stories and anecdotes so we can keep future issues of the newsletter interesting.*

*What else would you like to see in the newsletter? We are constantly looking for input and ways to make things better. If you have an idea or suggestion, let us know.*

*Please submit suggestions and anecdotes to ATFAR at [atfarssetup@gmail.com](mailto:atfarssetup@gmail.com)*

# ATFAR welcomes our first State and Local Associate Member—Greg Hanisch.

**Meet Greg Hanisch. Greg, after retiring from the Illinois State Police—Southern Illinois Drug Task Force has become ATFAR's first Associate member. We asked Greg to tell us a little bit about himself and what makes him tick.**

I began my law enforcement career in 1978, with a small Sheriff's Department in southern Illinois. As with everyone else who enters law enforcement, I did it with a purpose. My purpose, like my law enforcement colleagues, was to help others. To make my part of the world a better place. To try to right some of the wrongs. Early in my career an Illinois State Police Captain told me "Don't overcomplicate this job. Help the good people and put the bad people in jail." So, I made that my purpose.

After working in uniform for a few years, I was given the opportunity to take a position as an Inspector with the Illinois State Police / Southern Illinois Drug Task Force. I took this position with great enthusiasm and purpose. As a child of the 70's, I watched some of my friends fall prey to illegal drugs. Now my purpose? Put as many drug dealers in jail as I could. My life was consumed with my purpose.

In 1994, I was sent to the ATF State and Local undercover class at FLETC. Jimm Langley and Carlos Baixauli ran the school. I had great instructors such Charlie Fuller, Gene Rightmyer, Jay Dobyns, Blake Boteler, Chris Bayless and Michelle Kaufman. I learned a lot from these instructors and have great admiration for all of them. And even after being fired by Gene Rightmyer and given a McDonald's application by Charlie Fuller, I still felt energized. I felt I could accomplish any case I worked and could maneuver around any obstacle.

I didn't take a lot of time off from work with the exception of travelling to FLETC when invited to be a visiting instructor, which I thoroughly enjoyed. Working long hours and travelling all over the southern part of Illinois to make undercover buys came with a price. I almost forgot how to live life outside the job. There is always a price to pay when you are purpose driven. The price was two failed marriages and the realization that life was passing by. No matter how hard I worked, it didn't stop time. As I came closer to retirement age, I wondered what my purpose in life would be. How would I survive without a purpose?

Then she came along. Harli was born on September, 19<sup>th</sup>, 2002. My new wife, Chris and I were both parents for the first time. Now at the age of 48, I find myself with a new purpose. Harli was born with Down Syndrome and we knew life would hold a lot of challenges and I hoped I was up to the task. After a while I had learned to balance work and fatherhood. I tried to keep my focus on my first purpose, making drug cases, but I also knew when it was time to go home. Chris travelled for her job. This included, at times, overnight trips.



The guys in my unit teased me on occasion if I wasn't available for call out. But they were very supportive. They had already learned how to juggle work and family. Now, having my new purpose, retirement didn't seem so ominous.

In 2014, I retired. Chris, Harli and I moved to the new home we had built on Kentucky Lake. Harli started participating in Special Olympics. Soon I had another purpose. First as the bowling coach, then as Coordinator of the Marshall County Special Olympics. Although I was no longer putting bad guys in jail, my new purpose felt just as fulfilling and at times, almost as hectic.

Early in my career I learned to install emergency equipment into squad cars. Throughout my career I installed equipment or "upfitted" squad cars. I used my knowledge of 2-way communication equipment as a cover story when I was working undercover. This validated my being in different area of the state as well as why I drove moderately nice undercover trucks or SUV's.

When I'm not busy with Special Olympics I found another purpose. Up-fitting squad cars for some of the local law enforcement agencies. Retirement, for me, is enjoyable and in retrospect, I don't know why I felt intimidated..... I still have purpose.

Greg Hanisch  
Inspector (retired)  
Illinois State Police / Southern Illinois Drug Task Force

***Thank you Greg and we are thrilled to have you as an ATFAR Associate Member.***

***Do you have a state or local officer, fire inspector, bomb tech, arson investigator or support staff that you worked with closely in the past? Invite them to become an ATFAR Associate Member and they too can enjoy All That Fun After Retirement. Associate Members should apply at the ATFAR website [atfar.org](http://atfar.org)***

# Life in Retirement.



By Donna Skinner Forrester

It has been almost 40 years since I began my career with ATF. In addition to a very satisfying career as a Special Investigator, over those almost 36 years of employment I continue to hold very dear long-time relationships and treasured memories made with my co-workers. These people I consider my ATF Family. Some of these friends, I have the honor of seeing every few weeks. Others, I may see once a year during our ATF Association of Retirees (ATFAR) Rendezvous. Each year, I look forward to getting to know more ATFers and reminiscing with the ones I have known a long time. I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of ATFAR. It is a great support in retirement by allowing me to stay connected with my ATF Family through social media (FACEBOOK), the ATFAR Website, and in person at our annual Rendezvous.

My husband and I retired about the same time. We are enjoying traveling, spending time with our three granddaughters, and treasure hunting. By treasure hunting, I mean going to thrift shops and Goodwill Stores. This was originally my husband's hobby, one of which I did not share an interest at all. I only began tagging along on his adventures just to be able to spend time with him. But then, there was this one particular find that changed my whole mindset about thrift shopping

One day as I was wandering through the aisles of a shop, I spied two of the cutest iron countertop bar stools I had ever seen. It was an "I've got to have those" moment for sure. I held my breath as I took a look at the \$19 price tag on each of the stools. My mind immediately jumped into action...*is it senior day or law enforcement/military day? When was this item received and how many days has it been in inventory?*

*What percentage can I get off this tagged price? (I should have known at this point that I was already doomed to be a treasure hunter.)*

I really loved the stools, but I couldn't justify buying them because where would I use them? I left that day without those gorgeous stools, but I didn't stop thinking about them. Three days later I went back to the store with an idea of where I would use them and that if they were still there it would be meant to be for me to have them! You guessed it; those two stools were sitting there waiting on me that 15<sup>th</sup> day after they had been placed in inventory which meant I got them for 25% off the tagged price! (Part of the satisfaction of hunting is getting the best price possible!)

A couple of days later, I was changing out the seat covers on the stools when I discovered the manufacturer's name and address. I nonchalantly mentioned to my husband that I had found a tag showing the manufacturer as Charleston Forge out of Boone, North Carolina. A few minutes later he stood up and handed me his cell phone. "I think you might want to take a look at this," he said. There was a picture of my two beautiful stools, well one just like them! The price they were currently asking for the two used stools was \$1,795. The chairs retailed for \$1,800 each new! At that very point in time, I became a self-proclaimed treasure hunter! I no longer cared if anyone knew I spent time visiting thrift stores because it was no longer about me, it was about THE HUNT!

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**We want to know what you are doing in retirement. Take a few minutes and send us an email with your story!**  
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**Donna's three beautiful grandkids! Hopefully she can teach them some of her thrifting skills!**

While we do enjoy THE HUNT, it is not our all-consuming activity. Our two daughters and their husbands have given us three beautiful, kind, and brilliantly smart (they are our Grands, what do you expect me to think!) granddaughters with whom we love spending time. Baking, crafting, playing dress up, riding bikes, playing with play dough, and throwing acorns in the creek are only a few of our favorite things to do with the girls. My oldest daughter declares that when "playing" with the girls gets to be too much, I run away to my happy place in Panama City Beach, Florida. Where, by the way, those beautiful, very valuable Charleston Forge Wrought Iron Shaker Swivel Stools (that I paid \$14.50 a piece for) found their place at our PCB kitchen counter.

Donna Skinner Forrester  
ATF 1982-2018  
Special Investigator, Retired  
Atlanta Field Division



**Donna and the rest of the Atlanta crew are very active in ATFAR.**



## A GREAT DAY ON THE JOB

I came on in 1962 with a great group of guys, Dewitt Rollins, Gordon Warren, Sonny Strickland, Roy Longnecker, Dave Edminsten and Paul Campbell. We had more fun than anyone should have. They have all been gone for some time and there are times I wish I could see and talk to them about old times.

From Florence S.C., I went to Newnan, Georgia in 1965, and worked with a bunch of good guys, John Kreeger, Joe Koble, Bill Barbary, David Greer, John Rworden and others. We had a hot pod and lots to do, but we managed to have fun. Kreeger was my main-man and the first October I was there the Boss called for a North Georgia Walk-thru. Kreeger borrowed a small homemade boat to float the Tallapoosa River. They dropped us off north of Bremen, GA. Kreeger had an old trolling motor with a curved shaft and away we went with dynamite and one shotgun. (for protection, as we heard duck were dangerous). Lo and behold we found and blew up a couple of big stills.

Kreeger's double barrel shotgun had a problem with the firing pins poking out and you had to close it gently. We jumped a bunch of ducks and they flew around a bend and set down. After they did that a couple of times Kreeger told me to put him out and he'd circle around and jump the ducks and maybe they'd fly back toward me. Later I heard him shoot and sure nuff one came over me and I dropped him. I got it and went to get John. He said he'd hit one and it went into a muskrat hole on the other side. I picked him up and he was reaching into the hole in the bank trying to get his duck, when I looked down river at a whole bunch of ducks coming our way.

I yelled for John and he grabbed his shotgun while I was about to shoot one out of the sky. I heard John's gun go off and fell. The boat lurched sharply so when I fell while I was pulling my trigger. John had snapped the shotgun closed and it went off, hicking him into the river. I shot the prop off his trolling motor. John had dropped his gun in the river and decided to leave it. I think we got off lucky with a ruined trolling motor and my skinned elbow.

All in all it was a good day!

Pete Murphy

## From the Retirement Desk in Park City Utah. Bill Dekoff

Retirement plans are made and sometimes modified. I had planned to retire at the full retirement age for an 1811, however things changed in 2011 when an early retirement option was put on the table. With a relatively short window of opportunity, I decided to take advantage of the buyout, and pulled the pin on November 30<sup>th</sup> 2011. What fun I imagined I would have, fixing up the house, fishing, skiing, camping, traveling with the family and who knows what else...

Day one was as expected, slept in and was greeted with my first short honey-do list. This list continued to grow daily, as Deb is still working full-time as a school teacher, and running two small businesses. She basically has no off switch, whereas mine worked perfectly. By day five of retirement my honey-do sheet was a full page long, and attached to it was an advertisement for a new business, The Park City Gun Club, which said “hiring sales and training staff”. I took the subtle hint and made my first of what would be many cold calls. I was hired for the training staff and was back to work on December 17<sup>th</sup>. I worked at the PCGC for three years and really embraced the gun culture (granted the gun culture in Park City Utah is pretty glitzy). I trained many movers and shakers in business and entertainment, and honed my sales chops along the way. I’ll get back to this subject in a few, but this is supposed to be about retirement.



We have managed our fair amount of travel, as teachers do get Christmas break and summers off as well. We spent three amazing weeks in Ireland in 2014, three weeks in Europe in 2015, followed by trips to Nova Scotia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Scotland in 2018 and London in 2019. We’ve had to pump the brakes on the international travel due to Covid-19, but have used this period to camp all over the West whenever we are able. We’re getting the bug to jump over the pond again and hit Portugal, Spain, Italy and the eastern Mediterranean when the world opens back up. Renovating our 70 year old house in Ft Myers, Florida from 1800 miles away and the wedding for our oldest son Zev in June of 2022 will keep us plenty busy this coming year.

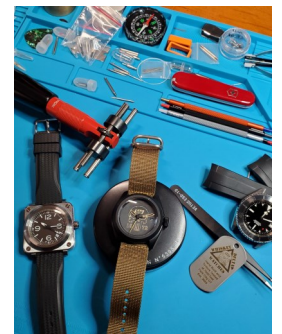
Back to work now...lol. I was recruited by FN America in 2014, and worked on the development of an outside sales team for the maker of the “Worlds Most Battle Proven Firearms”. I managed a great sales team that covered the western states and really grew the brand for FN. I left FN after Shot Show 2019 and finally took some time off for the first time since leaving ATF in 2011. In January 2020 I took a position with the Secret Service as an 1810 Investigator, and have really enjoyed this position, as I work when I want to, which leaves me plenty of time to play too. During the lockdown of 2020, and being the former TOO that I am, I began building custom timepieces. I have taken this hobby to the next level by starting my micro-brand “Whiskey Delta Watches”. My watches are all hand built automatics, using the highest quality parts available. I create, design, and build an 1811 series and a Navy series of watches, which to date I have only marketed on WD DeKoff’s Facebook. Several current and former 1811’s and veterans are rocking my Whiskey Delta’s! I will soon have an image gallery at whiskeydeltawatches.com.



That’s all for now, from the sunny slopes of Park City, Utah!  
wddekoff@gmail.com

**Thanks for the article Bill. Sounds like your retirement is keeping you pretty busy.**

**For those interested in a Whiskey Delta watch, I can vouch for the quality and durability in Bill’s product. I purchased one about a year ago and wear it daily. Awesome watch! JL**



## 22 Facts About ELLIOTT NESS

The legacy of Eliot Ness lives on due to various movies and TV series that have depicted his life. He will always be most famously remembered as the man who got Al Capone.

So it's not surprising that many true crime fans are unfamiliar with the life of this crime-fighting icon beyond Al Capone's case.

Our compilation of little facts about Ness's life aims to fill this void: The following 22 facts can be handy for those readers who want to dig deeper and know more about Eliot Ness's upbringing and personal life.

**Fact 1:** Eliot Ness came from an immigrant family. His parents were Norwegian immigrants Peter Ness and Emma King Ness. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on April 19, 1903.

**Fact 2:** He was the youngest of five children: Clara, Effie, Nina, Charles and Eliot.

**Fact 3:** He was married three times, divorced twice, and had only one child called Robert by adoption.

**Fact 4:** He graduated from Fenger High School and then attended the University of Chicago and received a Bachelor's degree in political science and business in 1925.

**Fact 5:** His family expected him to pursue a career or enter business. From the years 1925 to 1927 he worked as an investigator for the Retail Credit Company in Chicago. However, his brother-in-law, Alexander Jamie, who worked as an agent for the Justice Department sparked his interest in law enforcement.

**Fact 6:** He studied criminology for 2 years and was accepted as an agent of the Treasury Department's Chicago branch in 1927.

**Fact 7:** On the recommendation of his brother-in-law, Alexander Jamie, he was transferred to the Chicago Prohibition Bureau in 1928.

**Fact 8:** Eliot Ness was earning a reputation in the Bureau as a firm defender of law and order, reliable and honest, who did not tolerate corruption or lawlessness.

**Fact 9:** At the end of 1930 J. Edgar Hoover tasked Eliot Ness with the job of setting up a special, incorruptible squad to take out the gangster and his Chicago crime syndicate.

Robert Stack as Eliot Ness from the television program, *The Untouchables* (1960)

**Fact 10:** Eliot Ness searched the personnel files of potential squad members and asked for recommendation from his brother-in-law. He eventually initially selected nine men for the incorruptible team of agents who would become known as "The Untouchables". Two more men subsequently joined the squad – see the names and descriptions of the real Untouchables at the end of the page.

**Fact 11:** Eliot Ness and the Untouchables began their mission in December 1930.

**Fact 12:** Why were they called the Untouchables? The agents were paid a small salary of less than \$3000 per year. Al Capone believed that every man had his price. Eliot Ness was offered a weekly payoff and bribe of \$2000 by the Capone outfit, as were agents Lahart and Seager. To refuse such massive bribes showed the honesty and determination of the squad.

**Fact 13:** During its first 6 months of operation, Eliot Ness and his team of Untouchables had closed down 19 distilleries and key breweries, worth an estimated \$1,000,000 and siezed 20 stills. Thousands of gallons of beer and alcohol were dumped.

**Fact 14:** Eliot Ness was seriously impacting Capone's operation. The crime boss was furious and several attempts were made to murder Ness including



*This should be ATFAR's new shirt!*

**Fact 15:** On November 24, 1931 Al Capone was sentenced to eleven years in jail, fined \$50,000 and charged \$215,000 (plus interest) due on back taxes. Following Al Capone's incarceration and the end of Prohibition in 1933, the Untouchables were disbanded. Eliot Ness moved to Cleveland to become chief investigator for the Alcohol Tax Unit and then became the city's Public Safety Inspector.

**Fact 16:** As Cleveland's Public Safety Inspector Eliot Ness undertook the enormous task of purging the Cleveland police department of corrupt officers and bringing more gangsters to trial.

**Fact 17:** Eliot Ness resigned from his post in Cleveland on April 30, 1942 after being involved in a hit-and-run accident and gave up his career in law enforcement. He took the job as the National Director for the Federal Social Protection Program.

**Fact 18:** In 1945, he became chairman of the Board for the Diebold Safe and Lock Company in Canton

**Fact 19:** Always happy to court publicity, Eliot Ness ran for the position of Mayor. He was unsuccessful and lost all of his savings on the campaign.

**Fact 20:** In 1955 Eliot Ness joined the Cleveland-based North Ridge Industrial Corporation, but the company failed.

**Fact 21:** In 1956 the family moved to Coudersport, Pennsylvania, where he ran two small businesses and began to work on his memoirs with sportswriter Oscar Fraley.

**Fact 22:** He died from a heart attack on May 16, 1957 and was buried in Lake View Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio

Courtesy of The Mystery Tribune.

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### ATFAR 2022 Rendezvous Registration Fee: \$60 per person

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Dahlonaga Gold Mine Excursion: \$50 per person

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**You are encouraged to sign up for excursions asap due to limited space.**

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## FROM THE FACEBOOK PAGE

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## PISTOL MATCH Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division



Participants in the Regional Pistol Match pictured above are (left to right - first row): Paul Lucas, Investigator, Jacksonville, Fla.; James King, Special Investigator, Hickory, N. C.; Billy Moore, Investigator, Cornelia, Ga.; Jack Mitchell, Investigator, Mobile, Ala.; Charles Weems, Special Investigator, Atlanta, Ga.; Robert Miller, Investigator, Miami, Fla.; Wilbert Tatman, Investigator, Orangeburg, S. C.; Colvin Little, Investigator, Huntsville, Ala.; and Jack Layne, Investigator, New Bern, N. C.; (left to right - second row) Frank Frazier, Investigator, Gainesville, Ga.; David Stewart, Investigator, Pascagoula, Miss.; Harold Herrington, Investigator, Waycross, Ga.; John Lawhorn, Investigator, Greeneville, Tenn.; Russell Trickey, Special Investigator, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Fred Shanks, Area Supervisor, Jackson, Miss.; Robert Gazzola, Investigator, Miami, Fla.; Owen Strickland, Investigator, Memphis, Tenn.; Charles Favre, Investigator, Raleigh, N. C.; Richard Hearn, Investigator, Charlotte, N. C.; Royce Hodges, Investigator, Charleston, S. C.; Ed Hughes, Investigator, Conway, S. C.; Gene Childers, Investigator, Winchester, Tenn.; and Roy Graves, Investigator, Florence, Ala.



Investigator Charles V. Favre (center), Raleigh, North Carolina, is pictured with the trophy presented to him for winning top individual honors in the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division's Pistol Match. Mr. F. Dale McClanahan (left), ARC (Alcohol and Tobacco Tax) and Mr. William N. Griffin (right), Assistant Chief, Enforcement Branch, made the presentation.

Investigators Royce Hodges (center left), Ed Hughes (center), and Wilbert Tatman (center right), representing the South Carolina Branch Office are pictured with the trophy presented to them for winning top team honors in the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division's Pistol Match. Mr. F. Dale McClanahan and Mr. William N. Griffin made the presentation.



# What does ATFAR do and why should I join?

If you are reading this you are already an ATFAR member and we thank you for being a member. There are times in the recent past that I have been asked what ATFAR is and why someone should consider joining. Let me share what I think ATFAR is and why it is worth joining.

I spent a large portion of my adult life employed by ATF and have made many great friends and acquaintances over the years. I love getting with my friends and hearing their stories - the times they outsmarted a bad guy, the time they were really afraid or the excitement they felt when they got their first "brand new GOV". I love reminiscing about the old times and catching up with friends that I have not seen in years. ATFAR affords me the ability to do this. ATFAR is not the association to join if you want to network to find a retirement job. ATFAR is not the association to join if you want to be involved in policy making for the current ATF. ATFAR is a Social Club that is focused on keeping in touch with lifelong friends.

ATFAR 's motto, "Fellowship built on a lifetime of Service" pretty much sums it up. Over our careers we have worked with each other, we have argued with each other, we have shared great times and sad times together. In times of crisis we have come together as one cohesive entity and worked tirelessly for the betterment of our community. Through all of this—we have become friends. Friends that although we don't speak or engage on a daily or monthly basis, when we get together once a year, it is as if we were together just yesterday.

I encourage you to invite other ATF retirees or state and local officers with whom you have worked with in the past to join ATFAR and to actively participate in our yearly Rendezvous. Remember, ATFAR not only stands for ATF Association of Retirees but also for All That Fun After Retirement!

## The More You Know

## The Safer You Are



Do you know the difference between HTTP:// and HTTPS://

I don't know how many of you are aware of the difference, but it is worth knowing.

HTTP stands for Hyper Text Transfer Protocol.

HTTPS stand for Hyper Text Transfer Protocol Secure.

If you visit a website or web page and look at the address in the web browser, it will likely begin with the following http:// This means that the website is talking to your browser using the regular "unsecured" language. While unsecured it is possible for someone to "eavesdrop" on your computer's conversation with the website.

But if the web address begins with https:// then your computer is talking to the website in a secure code that no one can eavesdrop on.

If a website ever asks you to enter your credit card information you should automatically look to see if the web address begins with https:// if it doesn't, you should NEVER enter sensitive information such as credit card numbers, social security numbers, bank account numbers etc...



## ANOTHER TOOL USED BY HACKERS

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An average internet user can easily fall for this. Be careful for every mail requiring you to click on a link.

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Thank you to Bob Whitney for sharing this and looking out for his fellow ATFAR members.

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We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the upcoming RENDEZVOUS in April of 2022. Additional information is included in this issue and is also available on the ATFAR web site, [atfar.org](http://atfar.org)



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