



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

RENDEZVOUS 2021 has been rescheduled for October 10—14, 2021 due to ongoing Covid 19 concerns. This change will allow us to see the beautiful fall foliage along the Kentucky backroads. We sure hope to see you there! After the long and restrictive year we have just endured we are ready to get out and smell the fresh air, feel the sunshine and enjoy fellowship with our friends. RENDEZVOUS 2021 is just the place to do exactly that.

There is a lot to do and see in Lexington, Kentucky and the surrounding area and we hope that you take the time to do and see as much as you can. From horse racing at Keeneland, following the Kentucky Bourbon Trail, sightseeing some of the most beautiful small towns

America has to offer or motorcycle riding the scenic backroads of central Kentucky, we hope you enjoy some of what Kentucky has to offer.

Of course, socializing with long time friends is high on the list of things to do during the annual Rendezvous and one could only guess that a card game or two might spring up.

Don't miss out! Make your plans now and reserve your spot. A good time WILL be had by all!



The serenity and beauty of Kentucky in the fall awaits you.

ATFAR GROWS AT A RECORD PACE!

WOW! Can you believe that we added over one hundred new members during this last calendar year? Yes we did! We are growing fast!

The ATFAR board of directors is considering creating an Associate membership status for State and Local Police, Fire and EOD members who have worked with ATF in the past. This will allow TFO's and others who have been assigned to or worked closely with ATF in the past to enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship ATFAR has to offer.

This change will be discussed and voted on at the annual meeting in October.

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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Executive Director



USEFULL INFORMATION FOR YOU

If you know of great discounts or specialty programs that would benefit other ATFAR members let us know so we can put them here. Forward your info to us at: atfarsetup@gmail.com

We search high and low to find things that benefit ATFAR members. Here are a few:

Take your grandchildren out to eat free!

Did you know that a lot of major restaurants offer a “kids eat free” program? What a great way to look like a hero to your grandchildren and save a few dollars too! Check with your favorite eating spot and see if they too have a kids eat free program. Here is a short list of restaurants offering Kids Eat Free programs.

Bob Evans / Denny’s / Perkins / TGI Friday / Pizzeria Uno / Romano’s Macaroni Grill / Logans Roadhouse / Johnny Rockets / Red Robin / Dickey’s Barbecue / Steak’n Shake

Some locations limit their participation to one day a week and all require the purchase of an accompanying adult meal. Check with your favorite restaurant for details.

He who will not economize will have to agonize.

Confucius

DON'T FORGET!

As a former ATF employee you qualify as a “First Responder” through Oakley’s “Standard Issue” program. Simply register with ID.me and provide proof of your prior employment with ATF and

bang, you are ready to receive your 45% off of retail on Oakley sunglasses. You can also get 30% off of Reebok shoes and clothing, 25% off car rentals and many other great discounts. Check it out at www.ID.me

ALL ATF Employees qualify as First Responders.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SOCIAL SECURITY AND TAX SCAMS

The IRS doesn't initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information.

Taxpayers should be on the lookout for new variations of tax-related scams. In the latest twist on a scam related to Social Security numbers, scammers claim to be able to suspend or cancel the victim’s SSN. It’s yet another attempt by con artists to frighten people into returning ‘robocall’ voicemails.

Scammers may mention overdue taxes in addition to threatening to cancel the person’s SSN. If taxpayers receive a call threatening to suspend their SSN for an unpaid tax bill, they should just hang up.

Make no mistake...it’s a scam.

Taxpayers should not give out sensitive information over the phone unless they are positive

they know the caller is legitimate. When in doubt –hang up. Here are some telltale signs of this scam. The IRS and its [authorized private collection agencies](#) will never:

Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, iTunes gift card or wire transfer. The IRS does not use these methods for tax payments.

Ask a taxpayer to make a payment to a person or organization other than the U.S. Treasury.

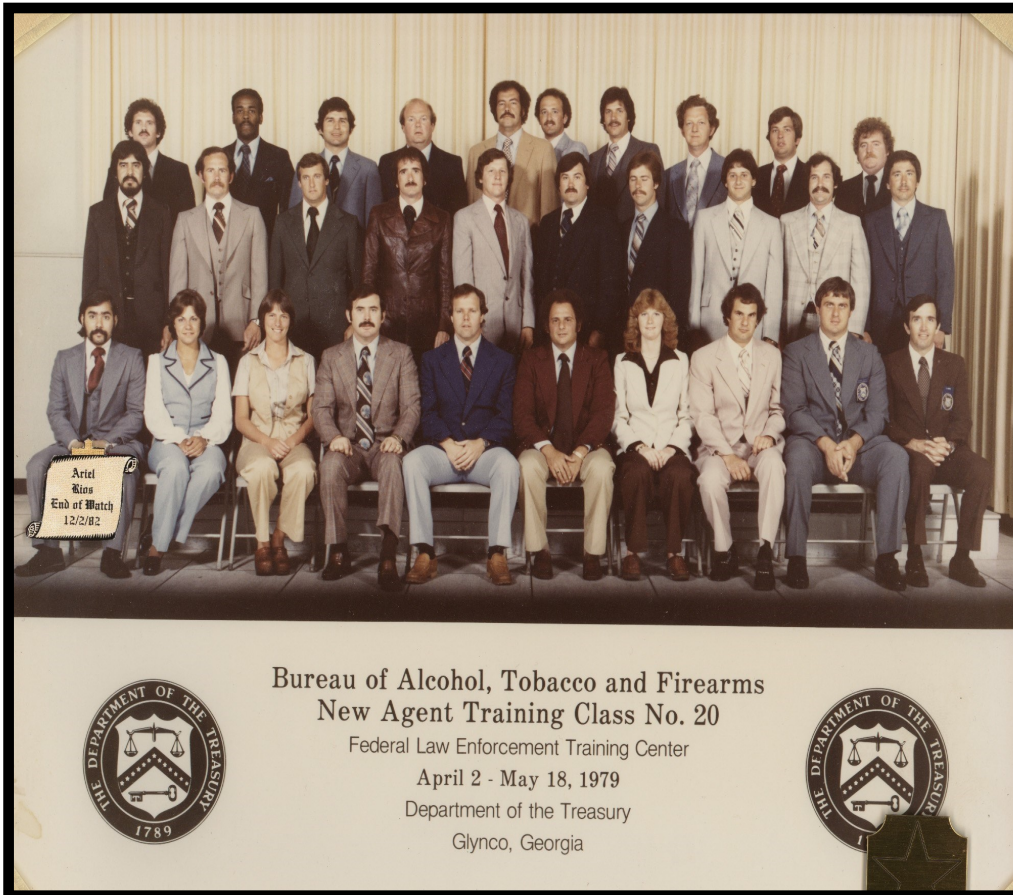
Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have the taxpayer arrested for not paying.

Demand taxes be paid without giving the taxpayer the opportunity to question or appeal the amount owed.

WHEN IN DOUBT CALL YOUR LOCAL IRS OR SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE.



From Days Gone By....



Special Agent Ariel Rios pictured in front row. **Special Agent Rios was murdered while performing his job in Miami FL on December 2, 1982.**



ATFAR volunteers are still working on getting photographs of prior training posted on the ATFAR website. We hope to have these photos available online at ATFAR.org very soon.

Memories

Row One
 Barbara Coleman, Victoria Saunders, Gail Garber, Melanie Stephens, Candace Bechtel (instructor), Raymond Figueroa, Grace Cummins, Larry Davis, William Alvarez, Michael Ford (instructor), Leonard Finkel (Chief, Audit Division), Rod Watson, David Bateman (instructor)

Row Two
 Dave Royalty (instructor), Ramon Alaya (partially hidden), Stanley Hunt, Bill Schmitt, Jim Recter, Bob Knapp (hidden), Carol Vidmar, Don Murdoch (instructor), Shirley Cummins, Bob Moberg, Joel Cuffman, Greg Larson, Bill Earle (Chief, R.E.T.B.)

Not Pictured
 Bill Slabach

My first day on the job....



Submit your First Day on the Job story to:
atfarsetup@gmail.com

“The first day on the job is like a new pair of shoes. Shiny, stiff and uncomfortable at first but soon scuffed, well worn and comfortable “
Vince Cefalu



In July 1996, I went to Atlanta, GA to get sworn in and get my badge and gun. Bruce Snyder, who would become one of my best friends, was being sworn in also. He was going to be stationed at Moultry, GA. Bruce drove with me in my car to Macon and then took a bus to Moultry.

The next day, I found the Macon ATF Office and knocked on the door. (I need to insert here that I had spent the entire summer on the beach and in the water and was very dark complected)

Brack Poe, the Area Supervisor for the office and a crude red-neck, opened the door and looked me up and down. (Anyone who knew Brack will understand the following.) I said, “My name is Wayne Tucci and I was told to report to your office.” He looked at me with contempt and said, “What the hell did they send me?” I repeated that I was told to report here. Brack took a step back and folded his arms and said, “ What the hell did they send me, a G*%D#*@& camel driver?” That was my introduction to the Macon office.

Fortunately, I was partnered up with Paul Lucas. I think this was the best thing that could have happened. Paul was a veteran agent and the son of an agent. He knew what he was doing and would be a great teacher and friend for me. Brack and I became good friends later.

Wayne Tucci



A short funny
by
Jack Crosswell

Reckon the Devil made me do it... A long time ago Deputy Jesse Johnson of Bertie County, NC had dropped me off with a walkie-talkie... He had a report of a whiskey still being operated deep in a wooded section of the Indian Woods.... Night had fallen when I finished my search which yielded no results.... I was sitting in a graveyard waiting for Deputy Johnson to pick me up in his unmarked car.... Along came a group of people laughing and carrying on as they strolled. They didn't see me behind a big tombstone so I started making groaning noises, punctuating them with loud “whooo’s”. You never saw people run so fast in all your life.... When Deputy Johnson picked me up he said he had just met a bunch of people “running up the road...”

We need your first day on the job story!

We all had one, why not share yours?

Submit your “First Day on The Job”

story to

atfarsetup@gmail.com

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 our website. www.atfar.org

Did you know...

The cost of mailing the ATFAR newsletter is going up and up and up. Also, if you move or have provided us the wrong address the ATFAR newsletter will be returned by the post office to ATFAR at a cost of \$1.00 each!



ATFAR Apparel

From Polo type shirts, sweat shirts and long sleeve button down shirts, ball caps, jackets and more, the ATFAR store has over 41 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



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Well, it happens to everyone and ATFAR is no exception. In early December of 2020 the ATFAR website was breached and everyone's account was deleted. Yep, it seems that it was just a malicious attack on ATFAR by an unknown entity. There was no private member information stored on the website so there is no need to worry, the site just had to be rebuild. We did take that opportunity to

make a change or two. You will notice that the member directory is no longer available on the website. If you wish to have a copy of the current member directory please contact Neta Rice at Netaric9@att.net. You can also request one by emailing us at atfarsetup@gmail.com

Visit the ATFAR website at: www.atfar.org

The disappearance of Prohibition Agent Ray Sutton

Story courtesy of ATF Historic Archives.



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LIFETIME OF
SERVICE**

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family member of a
deceased employee
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to become members
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website:
www.atfar.org .**



On Aug. 27, 1930, Federal Prohibition Agent Ray Sutton filed his routine daily report from his post of duty, Clayton, N.M., to the deputy Prohibition administrator of the Albuquerque, N.M., Office. That would be the last report he ever filed.

By the following evening, when officials became suspicious by Sutton's failing to file his daily report, a local sheriff searched his room at the Hotel Seaberg in Raton, N.M. The sheriff found Sutton's personal effects and portfolio records, including his everyday topcoat. Sutton had not checked out of the hotel nor had he been seen there since Aug. 28.

Before becoming a Prohibition agent, Sutton was a well-known figure in the county. He served several terms as the sheriff of Clayton, held other local offices and served as a vice-president of a bank. Sutton had been a Prohibition agent seven years to the month when he mysteriously disappeared while investigating a ring of bootleggers in northern New Mexico and southern Colorado. He had been working out of Raton and living at the Hotel Seaberg since Aug. 22.

Deputy Sheriff "Boots" Fletcher of Raton was the last known official to see Sutton alive. On the afternoon of Aug. 28, Fletcher passed Sutton standing alone by his government-owned Pontiac sedan about seven miles south of Raton. The deputy gave Sutton a friendly wave, assuming that Sutton was waiting for an informant. Sutton waved back and was never seen again.

Prohibition Agent C.U. Finley was assigned to head up the investigation and coordinated the various officers and volunteer citizens who searched for the missing agent. Finley reported that "50 automobile loads of men from Clayton and northern New Mexico joined in the search for Sutton's body."

Around Sept. 9, Finley discovered that Sutton's government paycheck for his July expenses, amounting to \$152.35, had been cashed on Sept. 1, at the Harvey Eating House at the Santa Fe Railroad Depot in Trinidad, Colo., by a man representing himself as Ray Sutton. In an effort to identify himself, he presented to the cashier Sutton's Masonic identification card, and a Masonic ring, which he wore on his left hand.

Reward!

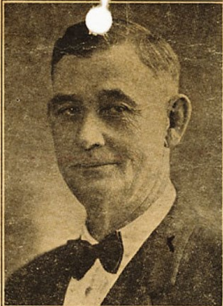
For information leading to discovery of Ray Sutton
or Car.

DESCRIPTION

Age—57 years.
Height—5 feet, 10 inches.
Weight—196 pounds.
Eyes and Hair—Gray.

When last seen was wearing large white cowboy hat; khaki trousers, and tan leather lumber jacket. Was driving a black 1929 Pontiac coach, with yellow wood wheels; Kansas license No. 84 C 773; Engine No. P641308.

Address:
FEDERAL PROHIBITION OFFICE
Albuquerque, New Mexico



The reward poster for information on Ray Sutton. Photo courtesy of ATF Historic Archives.

Finley tracked down the man who cashed Sutton's check, a local named Perry Caldwell. The endorsement on the back of Sutton's check was compared to Caldwell's signature on weigh sheets from the coal company where he worked; the handwriting was identical and without question belonged to Caldwell.

Sutton was known to carry considerable sums of money from \$100 to \$200 and usually carried his paycheck for two to three weeks before he cashed it. He also carried two 20 dollar gold pieces in his pockets for years, and often exhibited them, stating that it was simply a fad of his to carry the gold pieces for good luck. During a search of Caldwell's premises, Agent Finley found the Masonic ring, one 20 dollar gold piece, and approximately \$115 in varying bills. He also discovered documentation showing that within two days after Agent Sutton's disappearance, Caldwell had paid two overdue bills, as well as a \$40 repair bill for his car. Perry Caldwell was arrested and charged with forging Agent Sutton's check.



Searchers pose in front of Sutton's partially visible sedan, still hidden by underbrush. Photo courtesy of ATF Historic Archives.

On Oct. 18, 1930, the searchers found Sutton's Pontiac sedan "secreted in a distant canyon 20 miles from Raton, and covered with various bloodstains." The prohibition officers involved in the investigation, the U.S. attorney, and the state officers all believed that Ray Sutton was killed, and his body either buried or weighted and deposited in one of the several water holes nearby the location where he was last seen by Fletcher.

Caldwell's. Agent Finley discovered that this moonshiner paid Caldwell protection money (while Caldwell was serving a probation period as a prohibition agent). Caldwell had forced local bootleggers to only sell whiskey furnished by "the King."

During the continuing investigation, Finley secured evidence from a witness in Raton that the head of the moonshine bootleg ring in northern New Mexico had offered him \$500 "to make way with Agent Sutton" shortly after Sutton had arrested this moonshiner. This "King of the Moonshiners," as he was called, was a close and personal friend of

But without the discovery of Sutton's body, the evidence wasn't strong enough to prosecute Perry Caldwell for murder. On Dec. 8, Perry was indicted for "forging and uttering a government check for \$152.35 issued in the name of Ray Sutton. "During his trial, two key witnesses, both claiming Caldwell looked like the man who cashed Sutton's check, did not testify; they were intimidated by the bootleg ring which they thought was responsible for the earlier death of another prohibition agent, Dale F. Kearny, and the disappearance of Agent Sutton. In the end, Caldwell was acquitted on all charges.

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The disappearance of Prohibition Agent Ray Sutton continued...



Did you know it was not illegal to drink during prohibition?

The 18th Amendment only forbade the "manufacture, sale and transportation of intoxicating liquors"—not their consumption. By law, any wine, beer or spirits Americans had stashed away in January 1920 were theirs to keep and enjoy in the privacy of their homes. For most, this amounted to only a few bottles, but some affluent drinkers built cavernous wine cellars and even bought out whole liquor store inventories to ensure they had healthy stockpiles of legal hooch.

Agent Finley continued to follow leads on Sutton's disappearance for more than 10 years, saying that, "if the death of Agent Kearney and the mysterious disappearance of Agent Sutton were not followed up and the perpetrators of the two crimes vigorously prosecuted, agents in this part of the country will simply become the prey of the moonshiners whenever it is necessary to avoid the penitentiary."

Since Sutton had a multitude of investigations against moonshiners and bootleggers, every day new leads surfaced. Although some of the more promising leads included a jailhouse confession by an inmate to his cellmate, and an unrelated newspaper report that bones were found in an isolated water hole in northeast New Mexico called the Devils Washbasin, Agent Sutton's body was never recovered and no one was ever charged with his murder.

Although Colfax County, N.M., had a standing reward of \$500 (a lot of money considering a prohibition agent's salary was \$2,300 per year) for the arrest and conviction of Sutton's murderers, and while hundreds of public-spirited citizens volunteered their services in the early part of the investigation, the mystery of what happened to Ray Sutton remains unsolved to this day. Sutton's body has never been recovered, making him the only agent still missing in action. Sutton was survived by his wife and two children.



Mounted volunteer examines crime scene. Photo courtesy of ATF Historic Archives

Do you have items of ATF memorabilia you can share photos of?

Send your photos to us at atfarsetup@gmail.com

Read a good book lately?

Did you know there were over 50 books written by ATF employees available for your reading pleasure? Check them out at the ATFAR website, atfar.org

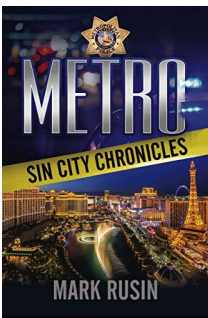
LET'S SUPPORT OUR ATF AUTHORS

Book Review..... A short review of 4 books



When James Moore joined the ATF at Newark, New Jersey, in 1960, it was an arm of the Internal Revenue Service with one job: to catch the Mafia bootleggers whose Prohibition-style distilleries each cheated Uncle Sam of \$20,000 a day in tax revenue. During his twenty-five years of service, Moore saw the ATF shift into the enforcement of gun laws, be reborn as a separate bureau, and take on the bombings and arson cases that most officers of the law wrote off as impossible to solve.

From heart stopping undercover sting operations to explosive face-to-face confrontations with mobsters, murderers, bombers, gang members, and terrorists, *Very Special Agents* takes the reader to the heart of the action. Moore's personal, from-the-hip history of the ATF spans the long-running war against Mafia dons and drug dealers and agents' daring infiltration of the Ku Klux Klan, Hell's Angels, and other groups that advocate violence and bloodshed. He covers the cutting edge forensics work that helped crack the World Trade Center and Oklahoma City bombings, and he provides an insider account of the raid on the Branch Davidians at Waco, Texas. Moore discusses the ATF's rivalry with the FBI and the bureaucratic and political power games that, in his view, impede the government's ability to short-circuit crime.

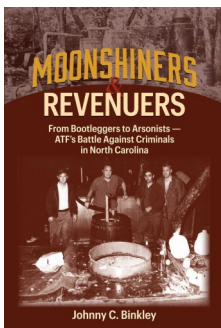


Have you ever wondered what the life of a street cop is really like? Fasten your seatbelt and take a journey with Las Vegas METRO Police Officer Mark Rusin through a childhood lived on the mean streets of Chicago's south side to wild nights of being a METRO cop in Sin City in the rough times of the early 1980s.

During his four years of wearing the uniform of the "toughest street gang in Nevada", Rusin's beat was the fabulous strip, where he had a front row seat to the seedy underbelly of one of America's greatest tourist attractions.

From helping to pull dead bodies from the infamous MGM Grand hotel fire in 1980 to a life-threatening shootout and knife attack to corruption at the highest levels, Rusin's true to life memoir gives the reader a real sense of what the life of a cop is really like. Some of the tragic events he witnessed haunted Rusin for years, and now he shares his story in this one-of-a-kind, behind the scenes look at the graft, corruption, the mob and law enforcement.

Be prepared to laugh and cry, or just shake your head in amazement or disgust as Rusin brings you along on a wild ride through a world that is rarely glimpsed from the outside.

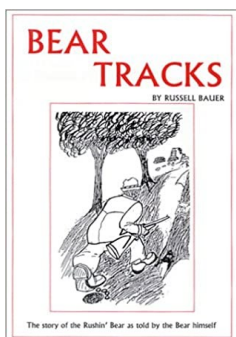


From its early days as a British Colony in the 1700s through much of the 20th century (and even today), the hills, hollers, and swamps of North Carolina have been a hotbed of illegal liquor activity. Indeed, making untaxed liquor has been a way of life handed down from generation to generation. To combat this problem, the US government created a special task force whose sole mission was to enforce federal liquor laws, catch the moonshiners, and seize and destroy their liquor stills and moonshine whiskey.

Moonshiners and Revenuers is the true story of ATF Agent Johnny Binkley and his 25-years with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, from 1969-1994. During his career, the ATF transitioned from being the "redheaded stepchild of the IRS" working moonshine whiskey, to becoming the multi-jurisdictional independent bureau it is today.

Follow

Agent Binkley's career as the ATF transitioned its role from moonshine enforcement, to catching cigarette smugglers, and then to crimes involving explosives and narcotics. More than just a history with facts and dates, Binkley also describes the people (good guys and bad guys), events, situations, and places he encountered along the way.



This is the story of Russell Bauer, known far and wide in the mountains of eastern Kentucky as the "Rushin' Bear". Here Bauer recounts some of his many humorous adventures and misadventures as a "revenuer" centering on his detection and capture of over three hundred moonshine stills and the characteres who ran them. Mr. Bauer is now retired and this collection is the result of urging from friends (any one who knows him) and family to "please write it down."

These summaries are provided by the author or the book seller. Books were selected at random from the ATFAR.org authors page.

If you would like to see your book highlighted as more than a summary in a future ATFAR newsletter please prepare a synopsis (500 word max) and email it to atfarsetup@gmail.com

**ANOTHER
GREAT
ATF
STORY**



Duck!!!

Early in my career I pulled a car over and the driver jumped out and ran. I chased him and he was “out running” me behind some houses and although there was no “clothes line” there, I shouted, “Look out for the clothes line.” When he “ducked” to miss the imaginary clothesline, he fell and I caught and arrested him.

I parked the government car and drove him, in his car to the contract garage at Norfolk, VA., and while waiting for other agents to assist me, I caused him to “pour out” his own

liquor in to the sewer system. Doing so made him mad and the next morning, the telephone in the office rang and it was this defendant. He told me that his boss made so much fun of him for allowing me to make him pour out his liquor. He asked me if I would make his boss pour out his also, if I caught him. I said that I would and he gave the make, model, color and license number of this boss’s car and told me where I would find the boss hauling liquor. I went to the place and saw the “boss” and searched, seized his car and discovered liquor; arrested “the boss” and made him pour his own liquor down the sewer.

Bruno Uptagraft

That’s using your head! Thanks Bruno for the great story. Feel free to send more.

Do you have a great anecdote? We want to hear it! Please take a minute or two and submit your anecdote to us for inclusion into the next newsletter. atfarsetup@gmail.com

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Do I need Final Expense Insurance?

Yuck! Not a great topic to discuss but it is something we all need to address at one time or another. What is Final Expense Insurance? Final expense insurance is a whole life, life insurance policy that has a small death benefit and is easier to get approved for.

Do you need it? That is a personal decision that you and your family need to make. We are all aware that the costs of funeral home services and cemetery plots continue to rise every year and this may be a way to help offset these costs.

Final Expense Insurance is normally sold in amounts starting at five thousand dollars. Some policies allow direct payment to funeral homes, no restrictions on how benefits are used, no medical exams required and guaranteed coverage regardless of pre-existing condition or age.

Do you need it? Perhaps not but it is an option that may save your loved ones or your estate a little bit of money when that time arrives. Check with your personal insurance representative to see what they can create for you.

Too many people spend money they earned..to buy things they don't want..to impress people that they don't like. --Will Rogers

Surgery planned? Get fit before for a quicker recovery.



US News.com—ROBERT PREIDT, *HealthDay Reporter*



Getting it *before* surgery can limit the amount of muscle older adults will lose during their recovery, researchers say.

Strength training before a scheduled operation ("prehabilitation") helps counteract muscle wasting during bed rest after a procedure.

But it needs to be a long-term, targeted exercise program to be effective, according to the new report.

For the study, British researchers had a group of older adults lift weights four times over one week. But participants exercised one leg, and not the other. Participants then rested in bed for five days, which is the duration of a typical hospital stay for an older patient after surgery.

The researchers expected that the exercised leg would have less muscle loss, but it was about the same in both legs. Further analysis showed that five days of bed rest resulted in roughly the same amount of muscle wasting (3% to 4%) that older adults would typically lose over three to five years.

The findings suggest that longer-term strength training before surgery could reduce muscle loss while older patients are in the hospital.

"Although short-term prehabilitation offers a cost-effective and easy-to-implement strategy, it does not prevent muscle wasting among older adults undergoing bed rest," said study author Leigh Breen. "This muscle loss may be extremely hard to recover from and can lead to long-term health and disease complications."

Breen is a senior lecturer in the School of Sport, Exer-

cise and Rehabilitation Sciences at the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom.

Prehabilitation programs should include aerobic exercise as well as strength training to protect heart/lung health, along with a protein rich diet to boost muscle mass, the study authors recommended in a university news release.

In addition, the researchers said that hospitalized patients should try to get back on their feet as soon as possible after surgery -- if it's appropriate and safe -- and be provided with post-surgery exercise and dietary programs.

The findings were published recently in the *Journal of Cachexia, Sarcopenia and Muscle*.

More information

The American Society of Anesthesiologists has more on [preparing for surgery](#).

SOURCE: University of Birmingham, news release, Dec. 20, 2020

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Notice from ATFAR member Don Kincade:

ATF FAMILY NEWS

Do you want to stay up to date on what is happening with ATF? Need to keep tabs on the state of the world? Want your news with a little personal input? If so, there is an intermittent newsletter to retirees, active employees, and former employees, known as the ATF Family News. It is intended to maintain open and timely communications, particularly involving deaths, illnesses, and injuries within our community. It is generally transmitted when something of importance happens regarding ATF, good, bad, or indifferent; when a law enforcement officer dies or is killed; or every other day. If you have an interest in subscribing, please sent me your (personal) email address to drk1189@gmail.com, and I will invite you. You can self-unsubscribe if dissatisfied with the irrelevance or lack of PC.

Best wishes. Don Kincade

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How I am spending my Retirement



We want to know what you are doing in retirement. Take a few minutes and send us an email with your story!



Retired Special Agent in Charge William Curley

Courtesy Bellarmine University

My retirement years

(William "Bill" Curley)

I came to ATF in May of 1971 from a local police department in the Los Angeles area, where I was a patrolman and training officer. I spent just over 24 years with ATF in three different offices in the Los Angeles District Office; then to Bureau Headquarters, Chicago and then Louisville, retiring in 1995 as the Special Agent in Charge.

When I retired and sought to continue working in a law enforcement field and I have done so for the past 25 years. As of this writing I have been involved in some sort of law enforcement field for 52 continuous years (1968-present) as of May this year. You ask me, as I do myself quite often, why? I'm not sure if I can adequately explain why other than my personal need to stay active in this field and I have managed to do so in a myriad of different law enforcement fields.

As the ASAC in Chicago I had made the decision to pursue teaching at the college/university level so I began a Master's program in Law Enforcement Administration in 1985 on a program sponsored by Western Illinois University, put on during weekends at a local police department training room and I did this every weekend from 1985 to 1987, finishing my last two classes while the SAC in Louisville, commuting back to Chicago on the weekends.

This degree enabled me to teach at Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) from 1996 to 2000; then later at Bellarmine University from 2005 to the present; a total of 21 years and counting. EKU was most challenging for classes were offered to tenured professors at EKU and classes that were not selected by a tenured professor,

were then offered to me to teach. That meant I would be advised of a class that was needed to be taught around May of the year and I had to be prepared to teach the course starting in August.



Eastern Kentucky University
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While at EKU they threw at me the courses of Criminology, Drugs and Crime, Introduction to Policing, Serial Murder, Organized Crime, Police Administration and Comparative Criminal Justice Systems. In all honesty I'd be teaching the each class by staying about 3 or 4 chapters ahead of the class and did so for 5 years.

I give ATF great credit for this ability to stay on top of things and continue in a systematic way while portraying great confidence (on the surface!). I am starting my 22nd year of teaching this August.

My current role at Bellarmine University results in a more organized Criminal Justice Program which allowed me adequately time to prepare courses. Since I began teaching at Bellarmine I have taught Introduction to Policing, Comparative Criminal Justice Systems, Organized Crime and Criminal Profiling.

It was at Bellarmine that I started teaching a class on Careers in Law Enforcement; a one of a kind course that I believe might be one of the only such courses in the nation.

This unique course was something I began to develop while in Chicago in the early 1980's, for during interviews for special agent positions I noted how ill prepared many young students coming out of college were for the special agent job interview; often performing poorly in the interview process. Upon retirement from ATF in 1995 I hooked up with retired DEA Supervisor Dave Haight and later retired ATF ASAC Gay Robben and we developed a one day seminar for college students that discussed the qualifications for law enforcement positions; the training; special skills sought; the employment process and most importantly; the job interview to include mock interviews.

Over a period of 3 years in the late 1990's we took the course nationwide to colleges and universities in California, Georgia, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Minnesota, Ohio, Nevada, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and West Virginia. Since we were all retirees, we tired of the travel and ended the program around 1998. But the course stuck with me and while at Bellarmine around 2008 I developed the one day seminar into a one unit (14 hours) course which I still teach today.

The course (capped at 10 students) enabled Bellarmine students interested in the criminal justice field to get an excellent overview of the field of law enforcement and to actually decide if they want to pursue such a field of employment. Needless to say, some students changed their major to another field, while a majority only solidified their wanting to get into a law enforcement field, and at which level of law enforcement was of interest to them (local, state or federal). I'm happy to say that two graduates have gone into ATF while another 11 have gone to other federal law enforcement agencies (Secret Service, Customs, Border Patrol, FBI, Federal and state Probation, Homeland Security and Federal Corrections) while over 20 other graduates have gone into police officer jobs in 5 different states. My teaching position at Bellarmine has been the most rewarding of my careers, for I have mentored many young people and continue to do so on a daily basis. I have been a character reference on multiple job applications



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have written over several hundred recommendations for graduate schools and for job applications.

My retirement jobs do not end with the above. Somehow I managed to put in 23 years as an investigator with the Kentucky Real Estate Commission, investigating complaints against licensed realtors (1995-2018) and another 8 years as an investigator with the Kentucky Board of Physical Therapy (2004-2012), investigating complaints against Physical Therapist. I know, it doesn't add up, but the jobs overlapped each other, meaning that at times I was doing 4 different jobs at one time.

This is not the end though, for somehow I was able to mix in a 5 year tour with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) from 1999-2004, being trained in the first Team Adam Program; where I responded to stranger abducted child cases. I did participate in two call outs while with NEMEC.

My life has not been all work even though my wife often tells stories about our children growing up and me commenting that I don't recall that; and her stating, "That's because you were out of town". I cherish my family and now my grandchildren and always made and continue to make time for them in my life.

I have managed to travel nationally and abroad and visit my family across the country. I became disabled about 8 years ago and now function on a cane and walker but it has not deterred my teaching. It's been a good life and an extraordinary one and one I am proud of.

Wow! You are one busy man! Thank you for all you have done and continue to do and thank you for submitting this great story.

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We can't believe it's been 13+ years since we began full-timing in our 40ft. Tiffin Allegro Bus motorhome. Where has the time gone? Am I the only one that thinks the older we become, the faster time goes by? For those of you that are not familiar with the term full-time, we are not campers. Full timing is a lifestyle chosen by over a million+ people across the USA who live 365 days a year in their RVs.

Marty, my wife, and I were destined to be RVers. My first two initials are RV for Recreational Vehicle and Marty's first two are MH for motorhome. After retiring from ATF in 2000, we returned to the Jacksonville, FL area. Shortly thereafter, I accepted an instructor's position at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Glynco, GA. This was just a few months after 9/11. I taught at the FLETC for approximately 6 years before we made the decision to sell our home and purchase a Class A diesel pusher.

Our coach has many of the same amenities we had in our home. The slogan for Tiffin Motorhomes is "Roughing it Smoothly", and this suits us perfectly. Some of our amenities include central vacuum, washer and dryer, residential refrigerator, upgraded flat screen televisions, induction cooktop and a Cal-King Sleep Number bed to name a few. Since we are originally from Florida, we thought it would be in our best interest to purchase an RV lot in central FL as our winter base. We found the perfect spot at the Florida Grande Motorcoach Resort in Webster, FL. We usually stay here from October to about April before we start getting the "hitch Itch." In other words we're ready to hit the road.

Marty has always been interested in art. Since she retired she developed an art class called ARTitude Adjustment. She frequently introduces me as her ABA (Able Bodied Ass't.). We enjoy presenting the classes and have lots of fun. We've held classes at several private RV resorts, national and international RV rallies, RV manufacturers', and monthly classes at the Florida Grande during our winter season. Invitations to teach at rallies have taken us to Burlington, VT; Madison, WI; Lewisburg, WV; Brunswick, GA; Perry, GA; Lafayette, LA; LaBelle, FL; Sarasota, FL; Okeechobee, FL; Lakeland, FL; Indianapolis, IN; Goshen, IN; and Lazy Days, Seffner, FL. We enjoy the classes as much as the students and usually arrange an extended stay to learn more about the area.

Retirement and excellent health has afforded us the opportunity to travel to many historical and unique cities and meet interesting people from all over the world....and every night we come home to our "wheel estate" and sleep comfortably in our own bed.

Fulltime RVing isn't for everyone but we've enjoyed it and are now starting to look forward to the next adventure in our lives. If I have piqued your curiosity about the RV lifestyle, please feel free to contact me at rv.whitney@gmail.com should you have any questions or comments. For more information about our travels, check out rvandmh.blogspot.com.

Thank you Bob and Marty for this great article. We are looking forward to seeing what you have for us for us in the 2021 ATFAR Summer Newsletter. Safe travels sir.



Membership Explosion!

Thank You and Welcome to all the new ATFAR members that joined in 2020. There are too many to list but we thank each of you just the same. Thank you also to the returning ATFAR members for continuing to be an ATFAR member. We are doing our best to keep membership dues low and actually deliver something of value to you in exchange for your dues. We welcome your feedback and contributions for the Newsletter, Website and ATFAR in general. Feel free to send your comments to us at atfarsetup@gmail.com

When Agents Retire

When a good agent leaves the "job" and retires to a better life, many are jealous, some are pleased and yet others, who may have already retired, wonder. We wonder if he/she knows what they are leaving behind, because we already know. We know for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experience, it will remain as a longing for those past times. We know in the law enforcement life there is a fellowship which lasts long after the badge is retired. We know even if he or she never touches the badge again it will be on them with every step and breath that remains in their life.

These are the burdens of the job. You will still look at people suspiciously, still sit in a public place facing the door, still see what others choose not see or to ignore and always will look at the rest of the law enforcement world with respect for what they do. A respect only grown in a lifetime of knowing and having worked with, bled with and cried with law enforcement both familiar and unfamiliar. Never think for one moment you are escaping from that life. You are only escaping the "job" and merely being allowed to leave "active duty".

So What I wish for you is that whenever you ease into retirement, in your heart you never forget for one moment that "Blessed are the Peacemakers for they shall be called children of God" and you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.

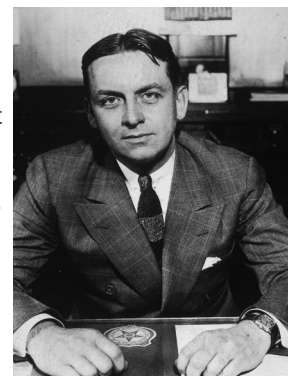


Little known facts about Elliot Ness

Elliot 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. He was the youngest of five children. He was married three times, divorced twice. Ness attended the University of Chicago and received a Bachelor's degree in political science and business in 1925.

His family expected him to pursue a career in 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. He studied criminology for 2 years and was accepted as an agent of the Treasury Department's Chicago branch in 1927.

At the end of 1930, Elliot Ness was tasked with the job of setting up a special incorruptible squad to take out the gangster Al Capone and his Chicago crime syndicate. Elliot 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".



A Message from Neta



My life would be so different without you all. Looking forward for another amazing ATFAR year with you.

We are still working on a list of all our ATFAR members to determine who wants the ATFAR Newsletter on line or paper copy. I have had some response – both ways – but we really need to get the list completed. It would save a lot of printing and mailing cost for on line, but a lot of people do not use a computer or (like me) just like to have a copy in hand. Either way, please let me know. Email me at netaric9@att.net, or call me at 912-638-9590. I am waiting to hear from you.

Rendezvous 2021 sounds so exciting. After all the work that had been put into the plans – hotel, tours, horse racing, etc., it all had to be redone because of the pandemic. Fredi. Mike Angel and their team of worker bees, have been hard at work. The dates have been rescheduled for October – check in on the 10th and out on the 14th. The hotel is the Hilton Doubletree (859-268-0060) – make your reservations today and don't forget to ask for the ATFAR rate. You will be receiving more information, separate from the Newsletter, about the Lexington Rendezvous including an ATFAR registration form as the plans come together.

Remember your ATFAR friends, contact someone who you have had no contact with within the last 6 months or longer, and send them a note. Some have had life changing events and would really appreciate a greeting from you. Remember that they will be happy to hear from you and you will be happy too.

Thanks to all who have paid your dues for 2020-2021 and beyond. If you haven't paid, do it today before you forget AGAIN!

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Socialize at the annual Rendezvous.

We want you to be an active member of ATFAR!
Submit a story to be published in the next newsletter.

Let us know how we are doing or make suggestions
for something you would like to see by
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