

Board Meetings

Florida West Chapter Board Meetings are held at the G4S Office Building, 405 North Reo Street, Suite 150, Tampa, Florida 33609. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 11:30 AM.

Luncheon Meetings

Florida West Chapter Luncheon Meetings are held at the Doubletree Hotel, 4500 W Cypress St., Tampa, Florida 33607. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 AM.

February 2, 2012

**February 15, 16, 17,
2012 Seminar –TECO Plaza
Incredible line up of
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Don't Miss this one!**

For the first time, the **Florida West Coast Chapter 30 of ASIS International** is pleased to announce the availability of the beautiful **CPP Challenge Coin**, honoring all of those security professionals who have attained one of the most coveted and recognized credentials in the security industry world-wide...the Certified Protection Professional Certification.

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**Florida West Coast Chapter 30
Presents the 2012 Annual Seminar
"Your Competitive Advantage"**

Reserve your seat now!

When: February 15th, 16th and 17th of 2012

Times are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Friday is a half day!

**Where: TECO Plaza
702 North Franklin Street
Tampa, Florida 33602**

**Recertification Points!
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Historically this event has provided the finest training, life altering, career benefiting, educational speakers and material that will carry you through your professional career!

Sneak Preview of the Speakers and Topics Wednesday, Thursday and Friday:

- Patricia N. Alexander, Ph.D.- "Use It or Lose It"
- Danny Abbruzzese, MD - Vitality through Holistic Medicine
- Matthew Miller and Ollie Gagnon- Republican National Convention 2012
- Fredric S. Zinober, Esq. Peter J. Molinelli, Esq. - "Premise Liability/Negligent Security"
- Wayne Taylor - The Subtle Art of Elicitation
- Daniel R. Finger, CPP - Physical Security
- Adam Clarke-Workplace Violence; an emerging trend
- Chief Jane Castor, Tampa Police Department
- Sheriff David Gee, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department
- Julianne Holt, Hillsborough County Public Defender
- Mark A. Ober, State Attorney
- John Ramil, President and CEO of TECO Energy

You don't want to miss this one!

Three day event is \$149.00 (Includes Continental Breakfast, lunch and training material).

Covered parking at \$5.00 Per Day at the Poe Garage, 800 North Ashley Drive, Tampa, Florida (One block West of TECO Plaza) Open Lot parking at \$6.00 Per Day in the lot located on the SE Corner of Tampa Street and Zack Street (Directly south of TECO Plaza).

There are several hotels conveniently located within walking distance of TECO Plaza. For specific information contact Bill Davis at WBDavis@tecoenergy.com

You may register online at www.asistampabay.org

Limited seating -Register Now!



Chairman's Report

February 2012

2012 is off to a terrific start. On January 19th, at our monthly luncheon, our chapter recognized immediate past chairman, Ken Stewart, for his excellent leadership in navigating us through the challenges of 2011. Ken will continue his service as the co-chairman for programs this year and we are certainly grateful for his contributions.

The Gerald Cooper Award and the Charles Knight Award were presented to Bill Davis, CPP, and Marcy Wilson respectively. In their roles as both officers and chairs, they represented the best among us and we could not have achieved the milestones that the chapter accomplished without their considerable efforts.

Craig Gundry, S2 Safety and Intelligence Institute, and Susan Muller, Director Emergency Management and Business Continuity for TECO Energy, Inc., were recognized for their significant contributions to the Annual CPP Study Course which is hosted by the chapter each August.

We also began a new tradition at our January luncheon. Bill Davis, CPP and Tom Stutler, CPP, were each presented our new CPP Challenge Coin as the two most recent CPP Study Course attendees to complete the course and then successfully pass their CPP exam. Our congratulations to both!

I am delighted to see the chapter growing in membership and we were again recognized nationally as part of the ASIS Get-A –Member Program and will be receiving a Free, Full (four day) Registration to ASIS Annual Seminar and Exhibits as well as a \$250.00 cash award. Well done, everyone!

Patty Schmitt, CPP, and her Seminar Committee have put together a truly outstanding program, and if early registration is any indication, this year's seminar may be the most successful ever. I look forward to reporting on the event in my next up-date.
Until then...

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Security News Corner



New Legislation and Rules Affecting the Industry

Legislature has passed HB0-7209 which affects all A and B licensed agencies, as well as schools. In essence, HB-7209 states that individuals seeking a Class D (Security License) or a Class CC (Private Investigator Intern License), after January 1, 2012, must submit the "complete" 40 hours of training prior to a license being issued. While an applicant has always been able to put new licensees to work with just the first 24 hours, this will no longer be the case. Security Officers will only be issued a blue card by the DOL upon showing proof of the full 40 hours and will receive the permanent card in the mail.

The DOL also has implemented a new Promulgated Administrative Rule that many agency owners and managers still do not know concerning Class "G" licensees: [Rule: 5N-1.130—which I would encourage all to review by following this link](#). These changes went into effect June 16, 2011 and offers a more defined example of when and where Class "G" officers can carry their firearm. This new rule also addresses the Class G as it relates to supervisors and managers.

Finally, The Council of Presidents, [FASCO](#), [FALI](#) and FLACARS have resubmitted a bill to the Legislature that addresses three areas of concern. The first addresses unlicensed activity and will make it a misdemeanor on the first offense and a 3rd degree felony on the second offense if one is caught providing unlicensed services. The second offence also carries a \$10,000.00 fine. The final part of this bill makes it illegal to impersonate a licensee and it gives armed security personnel temporary detention authority on critical infrastructure. [This link will provide you with a copy of the bill and the proposed language.](#)

Of possible interest to members of our industry in Florida, Patty Schmitt, CPP, who is a very active member of our Florida West Coast Chapter 30, completed an eight (8) year term on the Private Investigation, Recovery and Security Advisory Council (PIRSAC) in December of 2011. In August of 2011, Al Perotti, Jr., CPP, was appointed to a four (4) year term, thus sustaining a Chapter presence on this important board. At the December, 2011 meeting, Al was selected Chairman of the Advisory Council and among his goals during 2012 is to select meeting locations and venues that will facilitate and enable individuals from all areas of our industry to attend. Meetings generally last approximately four(4) hours, and are extremely worthwhile for those practitioners who desire to be knowledgeable and on the cutting edge of the issues that are most directly effecting our industry. The following are the dates and locations for meetings in 2012:

March 8th, Gainesville, FL.

June 14th, Orlando, FL.

September 13th, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

December 13th, Jacksonville, FL.

We will post the exact location of the meetings in future News Letters as the date gets closer.

It is time for renewal of both your National and local ASIS Dues for 2012. Your local dues are included when you prepay for the luncheons. It is a great deal at a time of economic stress.

**2012 is going to be fantastic and filled with Great speakers and educational programs. Your participation is key!
Renew now online at www.asistampabay.org for local and www.asisonline.org for National dues..**

March Luncheon's Guest Speaker



Sheriff Chris Nocco

Pasco County

Personal

Spouse: Bridget

Children: Three

Education

Masters in Public Administration (State and Local Management), 1999, and Bachelors in Criminal Justice, University of Delaware (on football scholarship); undergraduate certificate in Emergency Management, Florida State University, 2005; Graduate of the 101st National Sheriff's Institute.

Career

Served with the Philadelphia Public School Police, the Fairfax County Virginia Police Department and as a deputy with the Broward Sheriff's Office; was a first responder to the attacks of 9/11, the Washington sniper incident, the anthrax attacks and numerous demonstrations and large protests in the nation's Capital; served as a member of the Civil Disturbance Unit in Fairfax and Field Force in Broward County; staff director to Rep. Marco Rubio in the Policy and Procedures Office (responsible for domestic security, criminal justice, economic development, and transportation issues); deputy chief of staff to the Speaker of the House Marco Rubio; chief of staff, Florida Highway Patrol, assisting with the reorganization for greater efficiencies and cost savings; served as a major and supervisor of the Pasco Sheriff's Office Joint Operations Bureau, including supervising the construction of the new Aviation Unit hangar; also developed an intelligence sharing network for the Sheriff's Office; appointed Sheriff of Pasco County May 1, 2011.

Honors and Affiliations

Board member, Pasco Sheriff's Charities Board; Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point Advisory Board; Rasmussen College Advisory Council; Sand Soldiers of America; Boys and Girls Club of Lacoochee; Pasco Police Athletic League; Pasco Advisory Board for Congressman Gus Bilirakis; member, New Port Richey Rotary Club; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Knights of Columbus; National Sheriffs Association; Gold Shield Foundation and the National Rifle

March Luncheon's Presentation

Intelligence-led policing (ILP) can best be defined as the application of criminal intelligence analysis as an objective decision-making tool to facilitate crime reduction and prevention through effective policing strategies and external partnerships. Simply put, it utilizes the best aspects of all models and entails using intelligence to guide operations instead of operations guiding intelligence.

ILP is a managerially centered and top-down decision-making format that focuses on being proactive. It is informant and surveillance-focused with heightened attention directed toward recidivists and serious crime offenders and it provides a central crime intelligence mechanism to facilitate objective decision-making.

To implement ILP at the Pasco Sheriff's Office, a paradigm shift in thinking about information management and the role of all deputies (and members) in an intelligence-driven law enforcement agency environment had to occur. Existing

"Information silos" had to be eliminated. Information sharing by itself is not intelligence-led policing, and law enforcement agencies that do share information are not necessarily practicing intelligence-led policing. However, information sharing is a key component of ILP as it serves to enhance interpretation of the criminal environment. Better communication and information sharing improves targeting and results in more objective resource allocation decisions,

While each agency practicing ILP will define and create the version that best meets the needs of the agency, there are key components and strategies to the ILP model. These key components are integral to the success of ILP at the Pasco Sheriff's Office and serve as the control strategy from which the command staff set priorities.

During weekly meetings, the command staff meets to review intelligence provided by the ILP Section and make decisions and allocate resources accordingly. The primary focus of the meetings includes strategies relating to:

- the targeting of offenders;
- the management of crime and disorder hot spots;
- the investigation of linked series of crimes and incidents;
- the application of preventative measures.

March Luncheon's Presentation continued

Targeting of offenders

Numerous studies suggest 6% of criminals are responsible for 60% of the crime that is committed. Therefore, identifying the 6% is crucial. Working collaboratively with the our Detention Bureau and other entities such as Parole and Probation, the Pasco Sheriff's Office is actively identifying likely recidivists and comparing their location to known crime areas in an effort to establish a possible nexus to crime trends. Enhanced covert and overt surveillance of these offenders is an important aspect to this strategy.

Management of crime and disorder hotspots

Using technology to geo-code crime locations, hotspots and trend data is a valuable tool for our ILP effort. High crime areas often generate a focused multi-faceted concentrated effort to reduce crime in that area. This effort is called Strategic Targeted Area Response (STAR) and involves every component of the agency working collaboratively to target the specific crimes affecting the area in question. Efforts include prevention activities, a focus on active warrants, detectives specifically assigned to the area, and increased patrol presence and targeted enforcement.

Investigation of linked series of crimes and incidents

Intelligence analysts are assigned to each sector in the county. One of their responsibilities is to read every incident report generated in their area. This information is compared to information from other available data sources with a focus on determining links that may exist but may not have caught the attention of investigators. The links established are then provided to investigators.

Application of preventative measures

Effectively integrating prevention measures into the ILP model is crucial to its success. Prevention efforts will be focused on areas demonstrating sustained crime trends or specific problems. Efforts vary substantially and include CSU patrol, strategic placement of the electronic signs, SRO classroom presentations, VCRT, and enhanced preventive patrol by deputies in the area.

Newest Board Member– Military Liaison



GARY L. SILVERTHORN, PRESIDENT & CEO, SECURE SOLUTIONS & DESIGN, LLC

Gary Silverthorn is the President and CEO of Secure Solutions & Design, LLC. Headquartered in Lakewood Ranch, Florida, Secure Solutions & Design provides expert, personalized security consulting and investigations to their clients nationally and internationally so they can have a better understanding of their own security plan or posture. Conducting security assessments, threat assessments, and risk assessments provides a base line to work from to develop a robust security plan to deter, detect, delay and mitigate security threats. Secure Solutions & Design assists clients with design, integration, training, employment background services and program management.

Gary is an expert in the security industry. His skills include: Security assessments, vulnerability assessments, security design, security planning, program management, classified security operations, and military tactics and strategies. As a retired US Army Ranger and Senior Non-Commissioned Officer with more than 28 years of military and business professional experience, Gary is well prepared for this role. Gary has supported the U.S. Central Command and the U.S. Special Operations Command in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom both in a military and civilian capacity. Secure Solutions & Design provides security consulting and support for security related projects for US Government contracts in support of the global war on terrorism, industry and non government clients. As owner of Silverthorn Consulting, he provided security consulting in support of Department of Defense contracts to include oversight and management for security operations, facility security and planning. Gary was part of a new start up venture that became one of the worlds largest security companies, providing them with security guidance, obtaining and maintaining Facilities Clearance, Corporate Security, Personnel Security Clearances and background checks for approximately 700 Americans and 1500 Third Country Nationals supporting US Government contracts in High Threat Security and Protection.

Gary is a native of Bradenton, Florida and is a service disabled Veteran who retired from active duty in 2004. He served in the United States Marine Corps for four years, where he served as an infantry marine and augmented as security forces for the secretary of the navy at the pentagon. He also served in the United States Army Special Operations as an Army Ranger supporting and defending the policies of the United States. Gary has a degree from Troy University, AL.

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Erick Krukar receiving the \$1,500 Scholarship Grant from ASIS.

January's Luncheon's



Letter of Thanks from St. Nick's Wife, June Smedley

Hi Al,

This is long overdue, but I wanted to express my thanks to all the ASIS members who helped us contribute to a happy holiday season for some of our military stationed overseas.

Bob & I sent 12 boxes out for Christmas, 9 to individuals & 3 to Camp Leatherneck. Below is a response that we got from one of the boxes that was sent to Africa (didn't know that's where some of the packages went until we got this response).

Each of the individual boxes contained the following items: 2 rolls of toilet paper, 50 Tootsie Pops, 12 sticks of beef jerky, 25 hot chocolates, 144 wet one towelettes, 44 Crystal Lite drink mixes, 1 container baby wipes, 3 wool/cotton socks, 5 chap sticks, and 3 cans of Skol tobacco. Some of the items were suggested by a contact that we made for military mailings overseas. We have received three thank you notes, one man send he really appreciated the beef jerky because many days he is just too tired to walk to the mess tent.

Please convey our thanks to ASIS for once again helping us (St. Nick & Mrs. Claus) send some support to our military. We appreciate it, and I know our military does too.

June Smedley





From: Neihart, Randy PO1 USN USAFRICOM CJTF-HOA CJ3 <Randy.Neihart@usafri.com>

Date: Dec 28, 2011

Subject: Greetings from Djibouti, Africa!

Hi Bob.....

Greetings,

My command in Djibouti, Africa want to personally thank you very much for the care packages. You put so much thought, love and care into each box. I hope everyone has such a wonderful holiday season and new year. Your items that you sent will be received by the CTJF-HOA (Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa). It will bring smiles to our faces and bring a high morale to every one of us during this holiday season. We all miss our friends and families back home and it is great to have such a great support system from all of you back home. The outpouring of support has been overwhelming. We have gotten packages from Boys and Girls Scouts, The Kitchen Table Gang, and the USO to name a few. It really makes the 9-12 months here much easier. The heat is quite bearable here right now. It is around 85-90 degrees but come April, it will spike to 120-140. Djibouti has the most 100 degree days per year, which makes this the hottest place on earth that people actually live in. Here in April, I hope to go see Tanzania or Uganda. About me.....I have a son Tyler, age 5, and daughter, age 3. I have been married to my lovely wife Jill for 10 years and have been with her for 17. They are heading from San Diego to Seattle for the holidays. I have been in the Navy for 14 years and working on E-7. I joined when I was 17. My home is in Tacoma, WA but live in San Diego, CA where I have been working for the last 5 years onboard the USS John Paul Jones (DDG-53). All of us here are active and reservists, from the Navy, Air Force, Army, and Marines, working with the British, Japanese, French, and Africa nations. Thank you once again, and I look forward to keeping in contact with you.

My unit consists of 60 personnel and I am a Petty Officer First Class in the Navy. My job specialty is an Operations Specialist. I have been in for 14 years. I am married with two children, ages 3 and 5. My unit is the Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa, or CJTF-HOA, as we call it. We are here to conduct training and educate foreign nationals, as well as support them in the global war on terrorism. Most folks are here for 6-12 months. I am here for a year. I work with the Navy, Army, Air Force, and Marines. We also work with the French, British, Japanese, and German militaries. The entire base consists of 3000 personnel, which approximately 1000 personnel are civilian. It is great to know that there are many people like yourself who are supporting the military and our efforts to defend our freedom. My family is in San Diego, but our home is in Lakewood, WA, about 40 miles south of Seattle. I hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to exchanging emails and information as I continue my tour in Djibouti, Africa. Feel free to ask any questions you may have. Thank you and god bless. I'll be spending my Christmas on Skype with the family. My email address is randy.neihart@usafri.com Keep in Touch!

Happy Holidays from all of us at the Combined Joint Task Force, Horn Of Africa.

Love,

Randy Neihart



ASIS INTERNATIONAL
58TH ANNUAL SEMINAR AND EXHIBITS
September 10-13, 2012 | Philadelphia, PA

Colocated Event



Dear Colleague,

We are very pleased to announce that the ASIS International 58th Annual Seminar and Exhibits and second annual (ISC)² Security Congress will colocate in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, September 10-13, 2012. Building on the overwhelmingly positive response from attendees from both organizations last year in Orlando, this collaboration is designed to present two events in the same location with one focus: to provide traditional and information security professionals with the knowledge, technology, and networking opportunities they need to excel in their careers and manage risk for their organizations, now and in the future.

Once again, registrants of either conference will gain access to each event's education sessions, the exhibit hall, and most of the networking events. Both organizations will also offer review courses for their respective certifications, as well as separate members-only activities.

Attendees can anticipate an expanded presence of information security-focused companies on the exhibit floor (in 2011, there were more than 75 companies), and the information security education tracks will nearly double from five to nine.

With the heavy concentrations of members that both ASIS and (ISC)² have in the U.S. Northeast Corridor—coupled with Philadelphia's easy accessibility—there is little doubt that the colocated events will draw record numbers to these world-class security conferences.

Registration and housing are now open.

[ASIS International 58th Annual Seminar and Exhibits](#) | [\(ISC\)² Security Congress](#)

Mark your calendar now and make plans to join us in Philadelphia—September 10-13, 2012. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Eduard J. Emde.

Eduard J. Emde, CPP
President
ASIS International

Handwritten signature of W. Hord Tipton.

W. Hord Tipton, CISSP-ISSEP,
CAP, CISA, CNSS
Executive Director
(ISC)²

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If you have questions about these options, please contact Member Services at asis@asisonline.org.

Chapter Resources: Looking for a Job Or a New Employee?

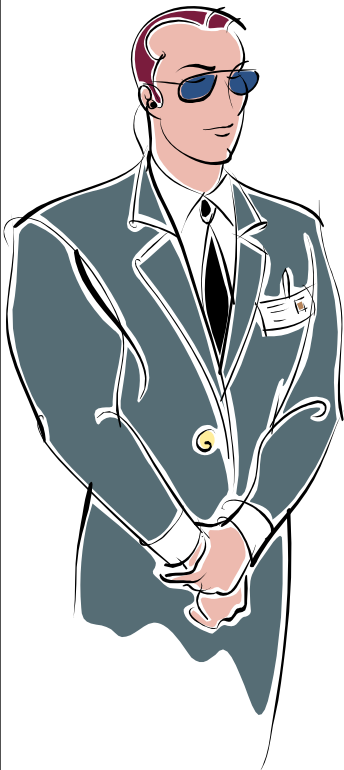
If you are an employer looking to fill a position, or if you are an ASIS member looking for a new job, our chapter's Placement Committee can help. We have sections on our chapter web site (www.asistampabay.org) for posting job openings and for posting résumés of members looking for work.

By utilizing this resource, employers are accessing over 300 committed security professionals who are members of our chapter as well as other security professionals who log on to our site.



Likewise, those members looking for work are exposed to thousands of people who visit our site every year.

If you have a job posting or are a member with a résumé to post, please forward the information to Logan Reese at Lrees@admiralsecurity.com or call at 813-297-1173



History of the Tampa Bay Chapter, ASIS International

ASIS is the largest international educational organization for security professionals, with over 33,000 members worldwide. ASIS is dedicated to increasing the effectiveness and productivity of security professionals by developing educational programs and materials that focus on both the fundamentals and the most recent advancements in security management.

On January 28th, 1974, the Florida West Coast Chapter of A.S.I.S. assumed the obligation of, and was chartered as, Chapter 30 of the American Society of Industrial Security. A.S.I.S. is now known as ASIS International. Our Florida West Coast Chapter serves as a local resource for information on various security and management skills by exposing members to all disciplines so that they can become key participants in the modern business environment.

The Florida Chapter has a proud 37-year history. We are a three time Chapter of the Year award winner (I.B. Hale Award). And as with any great organization, our true strength is our membership. With close to 300 members and growing this chapter includes top professionals from every security related field in the Tampa Bay Area.

Our Mission:

1. To provide the opportunity to network and interact with colleagues and other security practitioners in a local setting.
2. To provide educational training for our members designed to arm them with the most up-to-date information concerning the challenges of today's security practitioner.
3. To provide assistance with job placement by distributing resumes and notifying members of job listings.
4. To provide assistance in obtaining the industry's most coveted and recognized certifications, the CPP, PSP, and PCI

Our Motto:

" Security is your concern. Helping you provide it is ours!"

Please accept our invitation to become actively engaged in one of the most progressive and supportive organizations in the security industry. Information concerning membership and events can be obtained at: www.asistampabay.org

Heraldry of the Florida West Coast Chapter Challenge Coin

Designed in 2011, the ASIS Florida West Coast Chapter 30 challenge coin is a marriage of tradition and expectation, embracing past accomplishments while aspiring to even greater achievements in the future.

The front of the coin displays the ASIS International logo as well as our chapter designation and the year in which we were founded.

The red bands on both the front and back represent the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice protecting the lives and property of those they served.

There are twelve stars which are displayed in the red band on the back of the coin. They equate with the months of the year, reminding us that we should always be vigilant in fulfilling our duties and responsibilities on behalf of our employers, clients, and fellow security professionals.

The inner gold band on the back of the coin contains our motto, which reflects the very core of our Chapter 30 values.

The bridge on the back of the coin is a representation of the famous “Sunshine Skyway”. It appeared on our original challenge coin, and links both sides of Tampa Bay. It stands as a symbol of the partnership and spirit of cooperation that exists between the public and private security professionals within our Chapter.



This coin is available at www.asistampabay.com
and is \$15.00 for non-members, \$10.00 for ASIS members

The Florida West Coast Chapter of ASIS International is pleased to offer our CPP Challenge Coin to CPP's world-wide for the first time ever. Each coin is beautifully rendered and is accompanied by a parchment containing the coin's Heraldry.

Due to demand, we are limiting the number of coins for any single purchase to five (5). When ordering, you must provide your CPP certification number. Once confirmed and upon receipt of your payment, your coins will be shipped immediately.

The coins are priced at \$20.00 each. Don't miss out on your chance to own one of these beautiful reminders of your accomplishment in attaining the coveted CPP certification.

You may order online at www.asistampabay.org.



Heraldry of the Florida West Coast Chapter 30 ASIS CPP Challenge Coin

We chose the classic image of Atlas supporting the planet to represent Certified Protection Professionals world-wide.

Just as Atlas assumed the responsibility for carrying the weight of the world, a CPP is expected to perform his/her responsibilities in a dependable, competent and conscientious manner, regardless of how daunting the task; strong in the knowledge that they have been tested and affirmed as true industry professionals.

A CPP; Committed, Passionate, Proven.

A tribute to the Godfather of Chapter 30

Gerald W. Cooper

August 20th, 1923 – July 24th, 2007

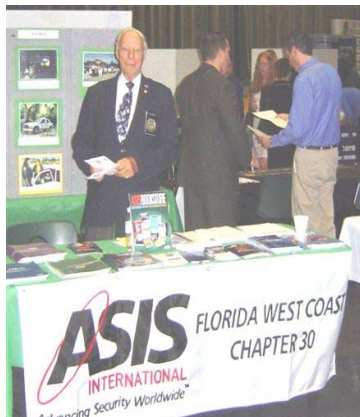
Cooper, Gerald W., Major US Army (ret.), age 83, died on July 24, 2007 at 1:30am, with his wife, Sandra, at his side. He is survived by his wife Sandra; son Gerald; daughters Lisa, Jennifer and Sandy; stepdaughters Teresa, Sheila, Pam and JoAnn; and stepson Michael. He left behind 10 grandchildren: Brittany, Meghan, Hannah, Cassie Logan, Kristi Holcombe, Adam, Angel, Bobby, Evan Cain, Christopher, Suzanna Nicholson; and 6 great grand children.

He retired from the U. S. Army after serving 20 years, including World War II and Korea. He was a Prisoner of War in Germany during WW II; and was awarded the Bronze Star with Oak leaf Cluster; Army Commendation Medal; Purple Heart; European Medal with Three Battle Stars; Korean Presidential Unit Citation; Korean Service Medal with Two Battle Stars; and more.

He was a Life Member of ASIS International, the world's foremost security organization; and a Lifetime Certified Protection Professional (CPP). In addition to being a member with ASIS International, he served in numerous Chapter leadership positions, including Chairman; and was an Assistant Regional Vice President and then Regional Vice President for Region XIII. Among his many awards with ASIS International are being the first recipient of the E. J. Criscuoli, Jr. Volunteer Leadership Award; and the recipient of the ASIS Florida West Coast Chapter's most prestigious award, the Charles J. Knight Award, given to the Outstanding Member of the Year. He was appointed to the Florida Private Investigation, Recovery and Security Advisory Council, and helped developed the curriculum for all licensed Security Officers in the State of Florida.

Gerry did more in retirement that many of us achieve at our full-time jobs. His service never wavered even throughout retirement. Gerry was always at the entrance to the monthly luncheon, greeting visitors, new members and regular attendees, encouraging networking, and getting involved with the chapter. He enjoyed the honor of leading us at each meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation. We endearingly called Gerry the Godfather of our Chapter because of that commitment and all that he has given back to the security profession.

He was President of the Tampa/St. Petersburg Chapter of the National Association of Uniformed Services; served on Congressman Mike Bilirakis Veterans Affairs Committee; served on the Mac Dill AFB Hospital Advisory Council; and served on the Williamsburg Community Homeowners Board of Directors.



Major Chapter Awards

Gerald Cooper Award

As a tribute to his passion for volunteering, mentoring, and commitment to the profession, the Chapter 30 Board named an award in his honor. This award recognizes a board member who has distinguished themselves through their volunteer efforts and selfless commitment to ASIS and the chapter.

The recipient receives a plaque marking the event and a paid registration to the annual ASIS national seminar. Gerry was on hand to present the award to the first few recipients, which he held dearly.

Charles J. Knight Award

Each year, the Florida West Coast Chapter of ASIS International presents the Charles J. Knight Award. At a recent chapter board meeting, it was suggested that it would be meaningful if the recipient had specific knowledge of who Mr. Knight was and the honor we bestow on him/her by associating that individual with a plaque bearing Mr. Knight's name.

The following is information that was developed with the help of ASIS International headquarters personnel as well as the personal records and recollection of Mr. Guido R. Massimei, who was a personal acquaintance of Mr. Knight.

Charles J. Knight joined ASIS in 1958. With his considerable insight and personal experience, he helped found the first ASIS Chapter in West Central Florida which was called the St. Petersburg Chapter, chartered January 16th, 1959. He became the first chairperson. He also served as the ASIS Regional Vice-President for the Florida South East Region during the years 1959 and 1960. In 1974, the St. Petersburg Chapter became what is known today as the Florida West Coast Chapter 30.

The award was established in 1978 to recognize a chapter member for his/her outstanding contributions to the chapter and its mission.

Scholarship Awards

Each year our Chapter awards a scholarship to a local student of merit who shows an interest in the security profession. The scholarship is awarded annually to the best application submitted to the chapter.

Recipients of the Gerald W Cooper Award.





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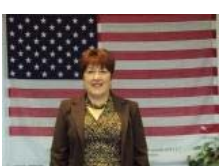
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