

**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.

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**Florida West Coast Chapter 30  
Presents the 2012 Annual Seminar  
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**When: February 15th, 16th and 17th of 2012**

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- Matthew Miller - Republican National Convention 2012
- Fredric S. Zinober, Esq. Peter J. Molinelli, Esq. - "Premise Liability/Negligent Security"
- Wayne Taylor - The Subtle Art of Elicitation
- Chief Jane Castor with the Tampa Police Department
- John Ramil, President and CEO of TECO Energy

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Enjoy these pictures from the 2011 seminar.





# Chairman's Report

January 2012

As we embark on our exciting journey through 2012, we do so in the hope that you all experienced a joyous holiday season and that most all your expectations were fulfilled in 2011. Our Florida West Coast Chapter certainly owes a great debt of gratitude to Past-Chairman Ken Stewart for the outstanding leadership he provided in insuring one of the most successful years in our history. Ken and his hard-working chair persons and fellow Board Members produced an excellent Annual Seminar, a wonderfully orchestrated Law Enforcement/Private Security Appreciation Luncheon, a fabulous annual field trip to Disney and a behind the scenes tour of their security initiatives, and our best-ever CPP Study Course. Of course, the Chapter continued to provide excellent educational and informative programs for the benefit of all who attended our monthly luncheons.

We are prepared to do even more in 2012. It begins with our Annual Seminar under the exceptional direction of Patty Schmitt and her team. Patty has assembled an unbelievable cast of presenters and we are all confident that there is no greater training opportunity or value for the investment, than will be available during these two and one half days in mid-February. Please refer to the flyer contained in this publication for more specific information. Whatever you do, you definitely don't want to miss out on this one! It's first come, first serve. Seating is limited, so please don't hesitate.

I look forward to seeing you all at our January luncheon and hope to have more exciting news to share with you at that time. 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 offense 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 8<sup>th</sup>, Gainesville, FL.

June 14<sup>th</sup>, Orlando, FL.

September 13<sup>th</sup>, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

December 13<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.asistampabay.org) for local and [www.asisonline.org](http://www.asisonline.org) for National dues..**

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# December Luncheon's



Clint E. Childress, TECO Energy



Our Webmaster– Joe Wilson



2012 ASIS West Coast Chapter 30  
Executive Board





A very special guest Margie Griesi was with us this Christmas luncheon,. After a year long battle with cancer, she is now back at work and doing great. Thank God for his many Blessings!



# Record Breaking Toy Drive!



413!

That is the current number of children CIS is providing presents for this year. That number is expected to grow between last minute property requests AND the extra presents we hand out Christmas Eve. CIS kids, and their friends, outnumbered the adults in the S2 classroom this morning as all the family bags were packed. The kids had a BLAST working together in teams. They were so happy to be helping other kids less fortunate than themselves. Their efforts were rewarded by a surprise visit by Santa who took time from his busy schedule to stop by and visit with each child. . and of course get their last minute requests. (see attached group photo)

The most satisfying part about involving the kids is when they come up and thank me for letting them help and ask if they can do it again next year. What a great group of kids and is so great that they "get it."

Thank you to all the adults and kids in all capacities who are making this the biggest and best Toy Drive Ever.

**Amy O'Rourke**

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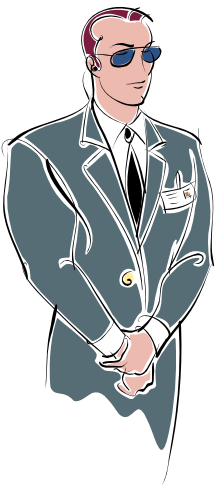
## Chapter Resources: Looking for a Job Or a New Employee?

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](http://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](mailto:Lrees@admiralsecurity.com) or call at 813-297-1173



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# 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](http://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.

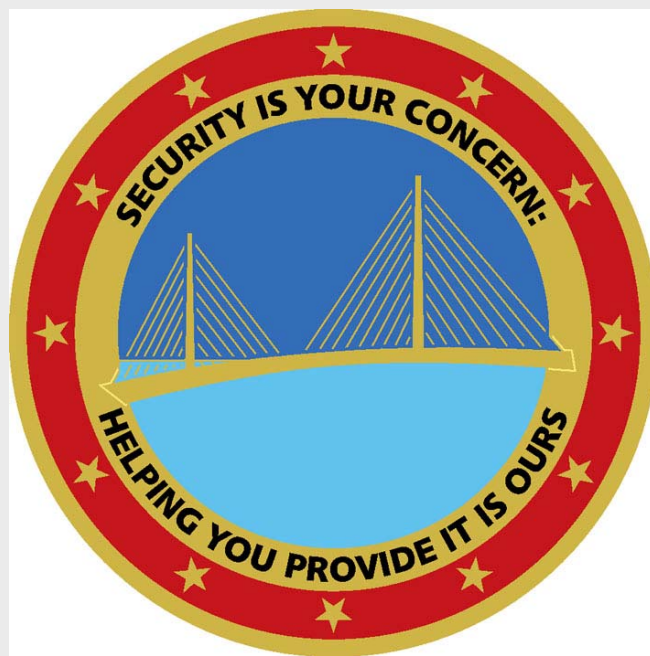
The front of the coin displays the ASIS International logo as well as our chapter designation and the year in which we were founded.

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](http://www.asistampabay.com)  
and is \$15.00 for non-members, \$10.00 for ASIS members

## A tribute to the Godfather of Chapter 30

**Gerald W. Cooper**

**August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1923 – July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

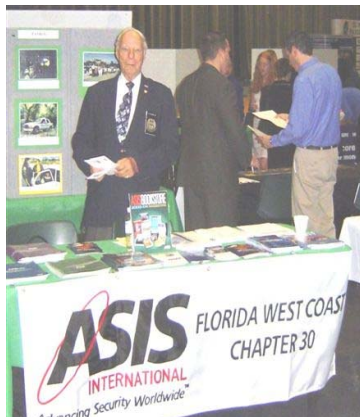
Cooper, Gerald W., Major US Army (ret.), age 83, died on July 24, 2007 at 1:30am, with his wife, Sandra, at his side. He is survived by his wife Sandra; son Gerald; daughters Lisa, Jennifer and Sandy; stepdaughters Teresa, Sheila, Pam and JoAnn; and stepson Michael. He left behind 10 grandchildren: Brittany, 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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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