



The National Association of Former United States Attorneys

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Newsletter



Viva Las Vegas—May 8-11, 2003!!!



NAFUSA prepares for its annual conference. This year the lucky city is Las Vegas, Nevada. No doubt your luck and your fun will improve with a trip to my home town. Let's set the record straight. The President of NAFUSA for 2003 is Bill Robertson (District of New Jersey 1980-1981). Bill Robertson picked Las Vegas. This will be the second time Las Vegas has hosted our group. Our friend, The Honorable Sonny W. H. Dilahunty (Eastern District of Arkansas 1988-1993), chose the town back when he was president in 1991-1992. So much fun was had by all back then that there was serious talk of having the conference in Las Vegas every third year.

East— West—Vegas! The dates are May 8-11, 2003.

This year the conference will be held at the magnificent MGM Grand Hotel located in the center of the fabulous Las Vegas strip. This hotel has just about everything one could imagine; restaurants galore, spas, slot machines, 5000 rooms (biggest in the world), shops, arcades, etc., etc. Did I mention slot machines? The hotel rate is a steal for a group rate of \$139.00 a night single or double. Additional persons in the room are \$25.00 apiece. All reservations should be received by the hotel no later than April 8, 2003 (4/8/03). Please make your reservations right away by calling:

**MGM Grand Hotel Reservations at
(702) 891-1111 or (800) 929-1111.**

Be sure to make your plane reservations early also. There are a lot of great deals if you start now. The registration fees for this year's conference are \$ 400.00 for a member and \$200.00 per guest. Please see the sign in sheet on page 3.



Board of Directors Mid-year meeting



This past month the Board of Directors and Officers held their annual mid-year meeting in Las Vegas at the MGM Grand Hotel. They were scoping it out and doing so at their own expense. A number of matters were resolved including the selection of the site for the 2005 conference—Boston, Massachusetts. As you all know, the 2004 confer-

ence is scheduled for the Grove Park Inn in Asheville, North Carolina—August 26-29, 2004.



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Las Vegas' Canyon Gate Country Club Golf Course

NAFUSA Las Vegas 2003-Golf Tournament

This year we have put together something new and different for NAFUSA: A Golf Tournament. The event will be held on Thursday May 8th at 9:00 am at, Canyon Gate Golf Course, a world class course here in Las Vegas. Our friend and past President Ron Ederer (Western District of Texas, 1989-1993) has negotiated the best deal available, the course is owned by Club Corps, a Texas Corporation. The fees will be no higher than \$ 120.00 a round. There will be prizes for the winners—good stuff! We can only cater to 20 players. We have reserved 5 tee times so it must be first come first served. Please send a \$100.00 reservation fee to this office to assure your participation. The money will apply to your fees for playing.

NAFUSA will provide transportation to the golf course. This of course means those entering the golf tournament must arrive in Las Vegas by Wednesday, the 7th of May.

Paddle Wheel Trip with Gorgeous Scenery!

We have scheduled a Mississippi styled cruise on a paddle wheel boat around the beautiful Lake Mead. The lake is home to Hoover Dam and Grand Canyon type scenery. Magnificent! A Sandwich Construction Buffet, Beer, wine and soft drinks and transportation is to and from the Marina (about 40 minutes from the hotel) is provided. The boat will hold

over 300 people with 2 climate controlled enclosed decks and an open promenade deck. This trip is scheduled for the afternoon of May 9th (Friday). We have had much applause for these boat trips. The New York City excursion is still the topic of conversation.

UNLV School of Law Professor to Speak!

Professor Tobias earned his LL.B. degree at the University of Virginia. From 1975 until 1998, he was a professor at the University of Montana School of Law, where he taught administrative law, constitutional law, environmental law, federal courts, land use planning, products liability, and torts. He has visited on the faculty of several law schools, including Georgetown, North Carolina, Pittsburgh, Rutgers-Camden, Seton Hall, and Temple. Professor Tobias has written extensively in the areas of federal civil procedure and federal courts, publishing articles in numerous journals, including California Law Review, Cornell Law Review, Stanford Law Review, Columbia Law Review, and Harvard Journal on Legislation. He is currently a member of the American Law Institute and the study committee to review the Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure. He has served on the District Court Local Rules Review Committee, Ninth Circuit Judicial Council and the Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Group, United States District Court for the District of Montana. Professor Tobias teaches Constitutional Law, Torts, Products Liability, and advises the Nevada Law Journal.



Pictures from the Mid-year Meeting



Jack Selden and his firm sponsored the cocktail party.



C.L.E.

Our Continuing Legal Education program is really shaping up real fine. I used to have to beg the membership and the speakers to participate. Our past successes seem to bring forth the volunteers.



The following represents the tentative program for CLE:

Friday May 9, 2003	8:00 am	Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys The Director, The Legal Counsel and the Chairman of the Attorney Generals Advisory Committee.
	9:00 am	United States Federal Public Defender for Nevada—Franny Forsman (spoke at the Lake Tahoe Conference and was a huge success) and Richard Wright, Former Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney for Nevada and one of the most highly regarded Criminal Defense Attorneys in the Country—They’re putting a little something together.
	10:00 am	Professor of Law Carl William Tobias (see bio on page 2)
	11:00 am	Assistant Attorney General for the United States—Deborah Daniels
	12:00 pm	Leave for Lake Mead
Saturday May 10, 2003	8:00 am	Anatomy of a Sting: Stan Hunterton Former Strike Force Attorney and prominent Nevada practitioner. George Togliatti, former under cover agent for the FBI and presently Vice President of Harrah’s Hotel and Casino—Both worked Detroit and Las Vegas together.
	9:00 am	Professor Leon Friedman—you all know what he does

From here we have a plethora of volunteers. The following people have agreed to participate in our program. Please send me your thoughts on what you think would be most interesting:

- The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Nevada—The Honorable Deborah Agosti
- The Chief Federal District Judge for Nevada—The Honorable Philip Pro
- The Mayor of Las Vegas and Former Criminal Defense Attorney—The Honorable Oscar Goodman
- The Attorney General of the State of California—The Honorable William (Bill) Lockyear
- The Dean of the University of Nevada—Las Vegas School of Law—Dean Richard Morgan
- Dr. Erminia Guaneri, Scripts Clinic and Dr. John Farquar, Stanford Center for Disease have been recommended by our friend, The Honorable Mike Hawkins, 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. He applauds the presentations they make on “how to deal with aging, stress and wellness—a must see”.
- There are also a couple of exciting dinner speakers on tap.

I bet we can get 2 hours of CLE from this group.

Our conference is traditional. A cocktail reception on Thursday night (May 8, 2003), CLE on both Friday and Saturday mornings, a Friday afternoon event, an open Saturday Afternoon (Las Vegas should fill that void rather easy), a Saturday night dinner and speaker. This year we have added a golf tournament. Not too bad. Get yourself registered. It’s going to be a great and informative time. The golf tournament is on Thursday morning and is a new event.



**NAFUSA Annual Conference May 8-11, 2003
Preliminary Registration Form
MGM Grand Hotel
Las Vegas, Nevada**

Please note the hotel room reservations must be made directly with the hotel MGM Grand Hotel Reservations (702) 891-1111 or (800) 929-1111. We have reserved a block of rooms at \$139.00 per night and \$ 25.00 per guest, but the block expires on April 8, 2003 (4/8/03). Please make your reservations on or before that date and tell them you are with The National Association of Former United States Attorneys or NAFUSA.

_____ Yes, I will be attending this years annual conference at \$400.00 per member \$ _____

_____ Yes, I will be bringing a guest or guests who will attend at \$200.00 per person \$ _____

_____ Yes, I will be bring _____ Child/Children \$ _____

Total Registration Fee \$ _____

Name of Member: _____

Address of Member: _____

Please list District and years as U.S. Attorneys: _____

Name as you wish it to appear on a name tag: _____

Name of Guest as you wish it to appear on name tag: _____

Please List How many will be attending:

1. _____ Thursday Night Cocktail Party (May 8, 2003)
2. _____ Friday Morning (May 9, 2003) CLE
3. _____ Friday Afternoon Paddle Wheel Excursion
4. _____ Saturday Morning (May 10, 2003) CLE
5. _____ Saturday Night Speaker and Dinner (May 10, 2003)

Please mail this registration form and a check for the Total Registration Fee to :
B. Mahlon Brown- Executive Director
3360 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 200
Las Vegas, NV 89102

Other Announcements...

A special salute to our former **President Jimmy Carter** on his receiving the Nobel Peace Prize. A more deserving man there isn't.

Jay B. Stephens joined Raytheon in October of 2002 as senior vice president and general counsel of Raytheon. In this role, he leads corporate staff activities in the areas of law, real estate, insurance, health and safety, environmental quality, and ethics. He also provides counsel and advice to the Company's senior leadership and serves on the Company's Leadership Team.

Prior to joining Raytheon, Stephens was Associate Attorney General of the United States, where he had primary responsibility for providing leadership and policy oversight for the civil components of the Department of Justice. These included the Antitrust, Civil, Civil Rights, Environment and Natural Resources, Justice Programs, and Tax Divisions of the Department.

Former Attorney General **Richard Thornburgh** and his wife Ginny will be the recipients of the Henry B. Betts Award on March 4, 2003. This award is bestowed upon the Thornburghs by the American Association of People with Disabilities. The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) is a national membership organization dedicated to promoting the economic and political empowerment of all people living with disabilities in the U.S. AAPD was founded in 1995 by a group of cross-disability leaders to help unite the diverse community of people with disabilities, including their family, friends and supporters. And to be a national voice for change in implementing the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act: equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self-sufficiency.

You will soon experience a new and expanded website. Please be patient with the process, but the wait will be short and the outcome will be great.

Over the past few years a few of our members have expressed a real concern over the way we impose or attach dues to our membership. In particular, our senior members. The board certainly does not want to offend anyone and at the mid-year meeting they unanimously voted to re-establish the dues for those members over 70 years old at \$ 50.00 a year. We want everyone to belong and they felt this minimal assessment would assure that participation and create a feeling of proprietorship.

Mahlon Brown (Yours Truly) will be busy the next couple of months managing the Re-Election Campaign of his son.—"The Judge" (Municipal Court Judge). Recent polls ranked him number one to be retained at 91%.

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**This is a reminder to
Pay your 2003 Dues.
Send payment to:**

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Golf Tournament Sign-Up Sheet

Please fill out, detach and send with your \$100.00 check/money order made payable to NAFUSA to: 3360 West Sahara Avenue, Suite 200, Las Vegas, NV 89102 for the reservation of a spot in the golf tournament. Please do not call and reserve a spot, your check does that. The \$100.00 will be applied to the cost of the tournament. **The golf tournament is for members only.**

Name: _____

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City, State, Zip: _____

For Office use only!

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