

Houston Chapter **Newsletter**

May 20 Meeting *Origins in Chaos: Protecting the Homeland* Andrew R. Bland, III Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Houston Office, FBI



Join us on May 20 to hear Andrew R. Bland, III speak about his experience as the FBI's legal attaché in Baghdad, Iraq. Mr. Bland will also explain some of the risks in our own backyard here in Houston and what we can do to protect our interests. Some of these risks are global and include multiple organizational interfaces. He will discuss areas of potential threats to your company and actions you can take to mitigate the exposure.

Mr. Bland graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. After successfully completing both the U.S. Army Airborne and Ranger Schools at Fort Benning, Georgia, Mr. Bland commenced with various leadership assignments of increasing responsibility in military units located in the U.S. and Germany. After achieving the rank of captain, he culminated his six-year military career in 1986 with the command of a company-sized combat arms unit in Northern Germany.

Mr. Bland entered on duty as a Special Agent of the FBI in April 1986. After completing New Agent training, he was assigned to the FBI office in Seattle, where he conducted investigations relating to bank robberies, extortions, kidnappings and drug matters. In

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Professional Development Session: *Corporate Investigations & Security* Aon Risk Services

Regardless of size, companies, law firms, non-profit organizations and government entities are confronted with risks every day. A potential business deal, allegations of fraud, malicious rumors, workplace violence or related threats may put an entire organization in jeopardy.

Aon's corporate investigative experts will discuss innovative solutions that help to reduce the risk and impact associated with doing business. They will discuss Foreign Corrupt Practices and other aspects of investigations to uncover, document and rectify critical security issues to mitigate risks and protect the integrity of organizations. The following are discussion topics.

- Internal Investigations
- Investigative Due Diligence
- Corporate Strategic Intelligence

Robert Huff, Managing Director Global Practice Leader - Aon Consulting Corporate Investigative and Security Services Practices

Bob Huff is a Managing Director and the global practice leader of Aon Consulting's Corporate Investigative and Security Services practice, and has more than 17 years

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May 20 Meeting & P.D.

Houston Country Club
1 Potomac Drive

P.D. Session (4:30pm):
Aon Risk Services

*Corporate Investigations
and Security*

Social Hour: (5:30 pm)

Dinner (6:30 pm):

Andrew Bland, III
Special Agent in Charge,
Southeast Region, FBI
*Origins in Chaos:
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A Letter from the President...



I write this, the last President's Letter for 2007 – 2008, sitting in my room in Phoenix at the 2008 FEI Summit. Houston Chapter has about 10 members attending and the event is already a major success. The chapter's annual Golf Tournament was also a resounding success, with results presented in a separate article in this newsletter. Kudos to Gerry Trostle and his Committee for delivering again; it will be difficult to top this next year.

The **Best CFO's of 2008** nomination process has now closed and the finalists announced. We are pleased to see many of our friends and fellow members in the ranks. FEI-Houston is a sponsor for this event and we will provide a complimentary one year membership to any non-member winners qualifying for FEI membership. Please see the materials provided separately for details as to the Celebrate Enterprise Events and the CFO recognition luncheon on May 16th.

At our annual **Spouse's Night, May 20th, Andrew Bland, III**, FBI's (not to be confused with FEI's) Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the Southeast region, will be speaking after dinner. He will talk about his experience as FBI's legal attaché in Bagdad, as well as explain some of the risks (and what we can do to protect our interests) in our backyard in Houston. This will be the final regular meeting for the 2007-2008 season.

Advance planning is underway for a night at the Astro's later in the Summer, with details to be announced in a couple of months. Chris Brewster and the chapter leadership team have already made great strides to provide another superb program for your benefit. Your membership value proposition continues to grow – please enjoy it and share with your associates. You are our best ambassador's for new members!

The returning Platinum sponsor for the monthly meeting, **AON**, will present the professional development seminar starting at 4:30 p.m. Aon's investigative experts will discuss solutions to help reduce risk business risks, including FCPA, investigative due diligence, and corporate strategic intelligence.

UHY Advisors, Houston will be serving as Gold sponsor for the meeting. We appreciate the long standing relationship and are pleased that they have again decided to partner with us. Please join me in greeting and meeting them throughout the evening.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the FEI Houston Chapter officers and **Committee chairs responsible for the activities of the organization this program year**. All of our members are busy with their careers, families and other activities. This group not only did their job for FEI, but they also pitched in individually when unplanned issues, problems, or opportunities needed to be managed. Thanks for making my job easy this past year!

I would like to extend my personal gratitude for everyone contributing to making this past year a most rewarding one for me on a personal level. Other chapters tell me that they look to Houston for leadership and as an example. I believe this is only due to the quality of our members. Our members are **THE GREATEST!** As Bob Hope has made famous, "**Thanks for the memories.**" We look forward to seeing you at the May meeting and also for next year and the years to come.

Jim Storfer, President 2007/2008
jstorfer@swbell.net

Best CFOs of 2008

The second annual Best CFOs of the Year recognizes financial professionals who keep track of the "American Dream." The awards are given to Houston-area CFOs for their outstanding performance in their roles as corporate financial stewards.

On May 16, hundreds businessmen and women will be gathered at the Wortham Theater, Grand Foyer to meet the leading CFOs in Houston and to celebrate their accomplishments.

The deadline for reservations is Friday, May 9, 2008! Register online at <http://houston.bizjournals.com/houston/event/4276>.

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Andrew Bland

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January 1991, Mr. Bland was transferred to the FBI office in Miami, Florida, where he directed large-scale, complex investigations which targeted both Colombian and Caribbean-based drug trafficking organizations. In March 1995, Mr. Bland was promoted to the position of Supervisory Special Agent and was assigned responsibility for the supervision of an active Miami drug squad consisting of 14 Special Agents.

In January 1998, Mr. Bland received a promotion to FBI Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where he assumed responsibilities as an Assistant Inspector within the Inspection Division. In this capacity, Mr. Bland evaluated the operational and administrative effectiveness of 16 different FBI field offices, as well as two FBI Legal Attaché offices in Europe. In April 1999, he was selected for another FBI Headquarters assignment as Chief of the Mexican Drug Unit within the Drug Section of the Criminal Investigative Division. In this position, Mr. Bland provided oversight for all of the FBI's drug investigations which targeted significant Mexican drug trafficking organizations, particularly those which operated along the U.S. border with Mexico.

In July 2000, Mr. Bland assumed responsibilities as Assistant Special Agent in Charge in the Phoenix FBI Office. In this capacity, Mr. Bland managed investigative programs relating to Foreign Counterintelligence, Infrastructure Protection/Computer Intrusion, Civil Rights and Applicants, as well as the overall administrative operations of the office. In July 2002, Mr. Bland was promoted into the FBI's Senior Executive Service (SES) and was subsequently transferred to the FBI Academy, Quantico, Virginia, where he was assigned executive oversight duties as Section Chief in charge of the New Agents Training Program Section.

On August 12, 2003, Director Mueller appointed Mr. Bland as Special Agent in Charge (SAC) of the FBI Academy, where he directed the training of federal, state, local and international police, along with New Agent training, Intelligence Analyst training and the training of law enforcement executives. In January 2005, Mr. Bland was designated Deputy Assistant Director of the Inspection Division at FBI Headquarters, and he served in this capacity until his appointment in May 2005 as the SES-level Legal Attaché in Baghdad, Iraq. During his tenure as the FBI's senior executive in Iraq, Mr. Bland provided strategic oversight relative to the Bureau's multi-faceted operations within the Iraqi Theater of Operations, as well as requisite law enforcement expertise to support the prescribed mission of the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad. After serving in Iraq for a period of 19 months, Mr. Bland's assignment concluded in February 2007. On April 3, 2007, Mr. Bland was designated as SAC of the Houston Office of the FBI.

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of experience in conducting investigations, developing business intelligence and practicing law. Previously, Bob was a practice leader of investigations and security services at another large international consulting company, and also was a member of fraud and forensic accounting group at a "Big Four" firm. Before entering into the consulting field, Bob was a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. While at the FBI, he served as the lead investigator on numerous multi-million dollar fraud cases. A member of the UNABOM Task Force, Bob participated in the investigation and ultimate arrest of Theodore Kaczynski. He began his career as a practicing civil litigation attorney.

Bob has testified in federal court and before Grand Juries. He also speaks frequently on various investigative, business intelligence and security issues such as FCPA compliance, pre-deal investigative due diligence and supply chain security. His clients include Fortune 500 companies, law firms, private equity firms and investment banking concerns. Bob has a J.D. and BBA in Finance.

Tony Fanale, Vice President Houston Team Leader - Aon Financial Services Group

Tony Fanale is a Vice President and Houston Team Leader in the Financial Services Group (FSG) located in Houston, Texas. Tony is responsible for constructing, marketing and servicing executive liability programs for Aon FSG, Aon Natural Resources and Aon Risk Services clients. His areas of specialty include Directors and Officers (D&O) Liability,

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Prof. Development
Aon Risk Services
*Corporate Investigations &
Security*

September 16
Monthly Meeting
William (Bill) Utt
Chairman & CEO, KBR
Prof. Development TBD

October 21
Monthly Meeting
Eugenie Kleinerman, MD
Professor and Head of
Pediatrics, UTMD
Anderson Cancer Center
Prof. Development TBD

All meetings listed here
will be held at Houston
Country Club unless
otherwise noted on our
website
www.feihouston.org.

FEI Houston Annual Golf Tournament Draws Record Crowd

By Gerry Trostle, Chapter Social Events Co - Chair

The annual golf tournament was held on Wednesday, April 23rd at Blackhorse Golf Club. Participation hit an all-time record with 105 members, guests and sponsors. FEI would like to thank our co-Platinum sponsors, **Bank of America** and **Mackey & Tanner**, for their support and contributions to the tournament.

Goodie bag gifts were provided by both sponsors, Blackhorse and the Chapter. As always, the free bottle of wine seems to keep bringing everyone back each year. Raffle prizes were donated by Blackhorse (round of golf for four) and the Chapter (a Titleist driver, Nike hybrid, TaylorMade putter and free tickets for two to next year's annual Valentine's event).

The golf committee again takes full credit for the weather – it was a perfect day for golf. A Blackhorse pro walked the driving range handing out tips. And the team pairings and scramble format were designed for a stress-free, enjoyable environment. Sixteen teams had at least one golfer make a 10' putt during the putting contest and won a dozen balls for their team. As the only golfer to sink a 30' putt, **Jim Davis** attempted a 50' putt for a \$10,000 prize. Unfortunately, he misread the break and missed by less than a foot. Special thanks to our volunteer contest witnesses, **Colleen Estes, Jim Storfer, Bob Baker** and **Peggy Sousa** (with Enerfin), for keeping everyone honest.

The complete list of tournament winners is included below. Congratulations to all. If you didn't participate this year, talk to someone who did and plan to play next year. If you did participate, thank you for making the event an unqualified success. If you have any comments about the tournament, please contact me and let me know how we can improve it. Lastly, thanks to my committee members, **Ed Conner, Bob Baker, David Boersma** and **Tony O'Dell**, for their time, effort and advice.

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Professional Liability, Employment Practices Liability (EPL), Fiduciary Liability, and Crime and Specialty Crime coverage for companies found in the energy, financial institutions (inclusive of private equity and venture capital), manufacturing, REITs and retail industries. Tony has nearly 16 years experience in the financial services/insurance industry experience including positions as a financial advisor, casualty claims representative, underwriter, and most recently as Chubb's Regional Financial Institutions Manager for the four-state territory of Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas.

Tony has four years of service in the United States Air Force and a degree from The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. He is a licensed Property & Casualty Insurance Broker.

K. Scott Van Meter, Managing Director, JD, CPA, CIRA Aon Consulting, Inc. - Financial Advisory & Litigation Consulting Services Group

Scott Van Meter has more than 20 years of diverse professional experience in accounting, law, management, forensic and investigative accounting, and litigation management services. He has managed consulting engagements and/or testified as an expert witness in matters involving bankruptcy (including avoidance matters, valuation, solvency and claims litigation), complex commercial litigation (including class-actions and multi-district litigation matters), antitrust, accounting malpractice, director and officer malfeasance, and economic damages. Scott also serves as the manager of a post-confirmation litigation trust with the responsibility of pursuing recoveries and plan administration.

Most recently, Scott was the founder and managing partner of Van Meter & Associates, LLP, a litigation and financial consulting firm. Prior to his career in consulting, Scott was the president of a nationwide temporary staffing company. Scott also practiced bankruptcy law at Bracewell & Patterson (now Bracewell & Giuliani) in Texas and Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sitterson, in Florida. His legal experience includes bankruptcy, corporate restructurings and commercial litigation. He began his career at Arthur Andersen, where he provided auditing and accounting services.

FEI Golf Tournament Award Winners

1st Place

(Gross – 56, Net - 52.5)
Eric Arredondo
Andrew Steptowe
David Martin
Paul Reichardt

2nd Place

(Gross – 61, Net - 53.1)
Mike Drake
Allyn Skelton
Paul Funkhouser
Bobby Moffett

3rd Place

(Gross – 62, Net - 54.9)
Mike Chrissikos
Azam Sakaria
Mike Greathead
Dan Lintner

Long drive

Yellow - Mike Chrissikos
Green - Robert Magner
Orange - Craig Wooten
Blue - Darren Vanek

Closest to pin

Yellow - Mike Fabian
Green - Jimmy Winters
Orange - Leland Dean
Blue - John McGuire

30' Putt Winner

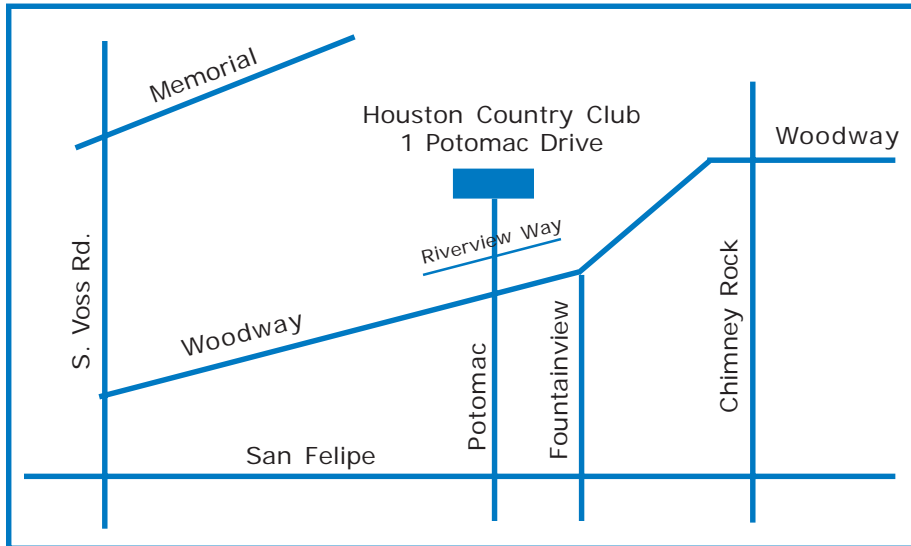
Jim Davis

Raffle Prize Winners

Titleist driver
Mike Fabian
Nike hybrid
John Zientek
TaylorMade putter
Dwayne Hollo
4 Blackhorse passes
Darren Vanek
Valentine's event
Chris Matlock

New Houston Chapter Member

Kevin Hanratty
Astoundry, Inc.



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May 20 Fax/Mail Reservation Form

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Mail to: P.O. Box 631206, Houston, TX 77263-1206 or Fax to: 713.776.1308
One form per registrant please, photocopy as necessary.

Reservations Required by 3:00 pm 2 business days before the meeting.
may be canceled without cost as late as noon the day before the meeting. "No-shows"
will be billed \$90.

Meeting Location: Houston Country Club - 1 Potomac Drive

Meeting Cost: No charge for Chapter Members and 1st time prospective members.
Guests -\$90/person (guests & prospective members must be accompanied by member)

Attendee Name

Organization

Address City/State/Zip

Phone Fax E-Mail

Check One: Chapter Member 1st time Prospective Member
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