

## **National Customs Museum Foundation - History**

1994 - ASSOCIATION OF FORMER CUSTOMS SPECIAL AGENTS - was created in Florida as a fraternal organization.

1998 - Museum Committee within AFCSA was created and Bob Murtagh appointed Chairman.

2001 - Museum Committee expanded to include Paul Puletz and Paul Andrews.

2001- 2007 Murtagh, Andrews and Puletz made numerous trips to Customs (CBP) Headquarters and made presentations to Commissioners or Acting Commissioners to solicit their support to create a National Museum. Many promises were made and few were kept.

2007 -2010 NCMF was instrumental in the creation within CBP of a History program and position of Customs Historian.

2008 - AFCSA approved the creation of the NATIONAL CUSTOMS MUSUEM FOUNDATION, a 501 c 3 charitable foundation. NCMF was created to provide donators - importers, shippers, general public, - with tax-deductible receipts. Also, remove AFCSA from any liability and any conflict of interest since many AFCSA members were still CBP/ICE employees.

Due to a lack of support from CBP and the creation of ICE Retired Agents Association, NCMF was not successful in soliciting donations from the importing public.

2008 - NCMF was invited to attend the annual meeting of the International Association of Customs Museums IACM hosted by a member country. Murtagh continued to attend these meetings as a guest for the next 10 years. CBP Historian did attend two meetings, however, CBP joined but never paid the annual dues. US CBP membership is suspended and attendance is limited to active duty Customs employees. NCMF continues to be invited as a guest.

2010 - NCMF and CBP joined together to create an Exhibition to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the San Francisco Customs House. This successful event held in 2011 resulted in planning future Exhibitions.

2011 - 2014 NCMF hired a grant writer, William Ryland, to assist in raising funds to support future Exhibitions. One of our immediate needs was to create a web site that potential donors would be able to verify our efforts and see our future plans. Ryland was able to secure the services of a very reasonable programmer who wrote the program and placed us with DreamWorks at no cost. Ryland would act as web - master. It should be noted that Ryland was very helpful in researching and preparing exhibits for both San Francisco and New London Exhibitions.

2012 - 2013 NCMF created a year long Exhibition at the National Maritime Museum located near Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, CA.

2013 - AFCSA changed the organization name to Association of Former Customs and Ice Special Agents, ACHSIA and continued to support NCMF.

2013 - 2014 NCMF create a year long Exhibition at the Customs House Museum, New London, Conn.

2016 - NCMF met with the Seaport Maritime Museum, Philadelphia. PA to plan an Exhibition, however, they cancelled.

2016/2017 - There was an election of new Officers to NCMF

President	Jim Piatt
VP	Bob Murtagh
Treasurer	Dan Capps
Secretary	Chuck Dodge

Due to the present political climate, only virtual exhibits are planned.