On July 24th, the Agency received an outbrief for its annual Federal Information Systems Management Act (FISMA) audit. The auditors reported that the Agency was in “...substantial compliance with FISMA requirements,” and “...no reportable conditions during our audit tests.” In other words the IT Division received a “Clean Audit” with no discrepancies. This has never happened in the Agency since the start of FISMA reporting in 2003. The exceptionally hard work by IT team over the last few years overcame numerous past deficiencies and obstacles put before them. Congratulations to the IT team!!

Clean FISMA Audit!

From Left to Right: Charles Plummer, Anthony Clark, Renee Miller, Jerry Klotz

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After years of planning, Region II has finally found their roost. So on June 27th, they celebrated with the help of Selective Service System Director Lawrence G. Romo and Colonel Marshall S. Irvin, Jr., 94th Mission Support Group Commander. Also in attendance for the celebration were the other building tenants to include: Occupational Health Reserve Recruiting; North American Aerospace Defense Command; Air Force Psychological Health Advocacy Program; Air Force Civil Engineer Center; and the Secretary of Air Force Environmental, Safety, and Infrastructure (SAF/IEE); Dr. Larry Stewart, Georgia Selective Service System State Director; and, Randy Goodman, Commander, the American Legion, Department of Georgia.

The ceremony commenced with a welcome and introductions from Keith Scragg, Region II Director, followed by a rendition of the National Anthem on trumpet, played by Mr. David A. Glass, SAF/IEE. This was followed by welcoming remarks from Colonel Irvin. Director Romo also took time to welcome and thank everyone for giving support to the move. The ceremony was then moved outside for the official ribbon-cutting.

Without skipping a beat, the staff has settled into their new space and continues its duties in Region II fashion!

From Left to Right: Director Romo, Lt Col Erin Manning, Deputy Commander, 94th Mission Support Group (MSG), Randy Goodman, Commander, Georgia American Legion, and COL Marshall Irvin, Commander 94th MSG.

Region II’s move to Dobbins ARB will ensure a more secure work environment for its employees and result in an approximate savings of $100,000 / per year of taxpayers’ dollars. Region II is excited to be part of Dobbins.
Region II RFOs Man the Distributive Education Exhibit

For a second year, the Selective Service System Region II Reserve Force Officers Commander Amelia Stringer and LTJG Deborah Peeples attended the annual New Americans Campaign event held in Florida. This event was attended by legal service providers, volunteers and Selective Service Reserve Field Officers, who assisted individuals who were interested in completing naturalization applications for citizenship.

Mr. Raul Hernandez, the Citizenship Coordinator, stated, “He is always pleased to have the Selective Service at this event. It makes it easier for the applicants to get the assistance that they need.” Personalized assistance was given to young men who needed access to their registration information and or requested additional information about mandatory registration as it relates to the law.

SSS Meets with Office of the Chief of the Army Reserve (OCAR)

On May 30, 2014, Texas Selective Service System (SSS) State Director, COL (Ret.) Claude Hempel, hosted a meeting at Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas, with representatives from the Office of the Chief of the Army Reserve (OCAR). The purpose of this event was to address Army and SSS IMA issues. At the conclusion of the meeting, over 25 issues were identified for further study and resolution.

All in attendance agreed this was a very worthwhile meeting. Many thanks to SSS Associate Director for Operations, Col (Ret.) Mario Campos, for arranging this important event.
**State Director Attends BadgerBoys Session**

SSS Wisconsin State Director (SD) John Cumicek LTC (R) annually attends the Wisconsin Badger Boys State Session held at Ripon College. Badger Boys State is a youth leadership program operated under the guidance and sponsorship of the American Legion Department of Wisconsin. While there SD Cumicek staffs an SSS exhibit and educates attendees on the requirement for young men to register and the many benefits associated with registration. SD Cumicek is active with the American Legion in the State of Wisconsin and is the Badger Boys Assistant Director, Banker and Postmaster.

![Wisconsin State Director John Cumicek LTC (R)](image.jpg)
Region II RFOs Staff the Distributive Education Exhibit

Major Neil MacLauchlan, LTC Jordan Davis, and Major Earl Tingle of Georgia Detachment 2-7 staffed the Distributive Education (DECA) Exhibit that took place in Atlanta, GA at the Georgia World Congress Center from May 3-6, 2014. DECA helps prepare emerging leaders and entrepreneurs for careers in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management in high schools and colleges around the globe. This exhibit gave an excellent opportunity to educate, not only high school students, but also the educators of these students on the importance of registering with Selective Service. The DECA Conference this year had students and educators from all 50 U.S. States, as well as some students who traveled from the U.S. Islands.

SSS Attends LULAC Conference

Detachment 1NZ (NYC) from Region 1, and Director Mr. Romo represented Selective Service System at the 85th Annual League of United Latin American Citizens National Conference and Exposition (LULAC) in July. Over 20,000 participants including top government, business and labor, community leaders gather together and discuss various issues in the Latino community that include immigration reform, education, health and civil rights.

SSS Director Romo and State Director Paul Raimondi attended the Conference along with the 1NZ (NYC) Detachment Members: Detachment Commander MAJ Steve Lynch, CPT Walter Columna, LT Edward Stull, MAJ Charles McInnis, and 1LT Benjamin Eitinear. They found the event to be informative and very productive. The group was able to meet with people throughout the country, distribute Board Member material and provide information about Selective Service System.
RFOs Attend New York State VFW Convention

NY 1-9 Det Commander LTC Broderick and LT David Hartz staffed the SSS informational/local board member recruitment display at the NYS VFW Convention 12-14 June 2014. The SSS/RFOs had exposure to over 400 VFW members and VFW Auxiliary members. Various VFW Post Commanders took SSS information with them to distribute at their local posts. LTC Broderick addressed the main convention and explained the SSS mission to a very receptive audience.

Region II Officers of the Year 2013

Louisiana State Director Everett Bonner presented 2013 Region II Officer of the Year plaques to MAJ DeWayne Wells (left) and CDR Ben Aton (right) at Jackson Barracks in New Orleans, LA on June 26, 2014. Congratulations!
The Director presented Mr. Todd Tiffan, IBC, Department of Interior with an “In Appreciation” award for the invaluable service he has provided to the Selective Service System. With his expert knowledge of financial and accounting systems, he has trained, guided, and counseled numerous Chief Financial Officers, Accounting Officers, Budget Officers, and others. As much as any Agency employee, his hard work, dedication, patience, and perseverance have contributed immensely to Selective Service achieving mission success. Director Romo stated, “It is with great appreciation and gratitude that I present this plaque on behalf of the men and women of the Selective Service System for a job exceptionally well done.”
On June 3, 2014 the Selective Service System accompanied by the Michigan Army National Guard honored one of its members with the Distinguished Service Award from the Selective Service System. COL (Ret) James Klynstra served as the Michigan State Director from 2002 until Jan 31st 2014. During his time as State Director Drivers License Registration for eligible males was enacted, increasing the number of 18-25 males registered in Michigan. Major Daniel Allen, 1MI SSS Detachment Commander, set up the event and was the presenter for the Selective Service System. During the presentation of the award to Joyce Klynstra, three previous Adjutant Generals were present along with the current Adjutant General. In attendance were MG Vernon Andrews, MG E. Gordon Stump, MG Thomas Cutler and the current Adjutant General Gregory Vadnais. The award was presented during the retired General Officer/Command Sergeant Major luncheon held annually. Mr. Klynstra’s dedication to the Selective Service System, National Guard Association of Michigan and the Michigan National Guard were a reflection of everyone in attendance. Through his leadership he mentored many Reserve Force Officers, both in the Reserves and the National Guard and trained numerous community minded leaders within local and district boards in preparation for a National Emergency. Mr. Klynstra will be missed.
Mrs. Temple Wells Awarded Selective Service Medal

Mrs. Temple Wells of Trussville, AL, was recently awarded the prestigious Selective Service System Board Member Service Medal for twenty years of dedicated service. The ceremony was held at the historic 1823 King House on The University of Montevallo campus. Alabama State Director Ivan F. Smith presented Mrs. Wells with letters of appreciation for her extraordinary service from Mr. Lawrence G. Romo, National Director, and from Mr. Keith A. Scragg, Region II Director. Mrs. Well's son, National Guard Infantry SGT Will Wells, recently returned from a combat tour in Afghanistan, was given the honor of pinning the medal on his mother. Family members and friends also attended the ceremony. Mrs. Wells is married to Police Captain and Alabama State Board of Pharmacy Inspector Glenn Wells. She and her family are noted for their keen sense of church and community service.

From Left to Right: Police Captain Glenn Wells, BM Temple Wells, SGT Will Wells, Mr. Ivan Smith, Alabama State Director

Tournament Donates Over 1,200 Pounds of Fish

For the past nine years, Rob Grinton, SSS Region I participates in the PFC Geoffrey Morris Memorial Governor's Cup Fishing Tournament. The annual two day tournament is held in honor of PFC Morris who was deployed to Iraq and killed in action on April 4, 2004. It has become one of the largest salmon/trout fishing tournaments in the Midwest with both a Professional and an Amateur category. It is held on Lake Michigan among the four surrounding states. Proceeds from this tournament are donated to the Illinois Military Family Relief Fund. The Fund's purpose is to assist the families of Illinois National Guard members and reservists who face economic hardship when the military serviceman or servicewoman is called to active duty.

The boat Captains take out local veterans and war heroes to fish. This year they donated over 1200 lbs. of fish to local homeless shelters and to the Great Lakes Naval Training Center to serve to military members. The “Hunt, Fish, Feed” organization cooked the fish. Rob Grinton takes an active role in the planning and operation of the tournament and coordinates with the local food pantries in Northern Illinois to ensure fish is distributed to churches, soup kitchens and smaller pantries. As a U.S Marine veteran who served in Desert Storm, Rob Grinton enjoys giving back to the troops and supporting his community.

Tourney Link: http://www.gsmtournament.com/
Navy RFO Gregory Adinolfi, CDR USN, Detachment Commander, MD 1-5 NR Selective Service System 125 has a long family lineage of patriotic Americans and their service to our Nation. Many members of his family have proudly served the United States Military. His grandfather Ferdinando Adinolfi served in WWI (Army), his father Philip Adinolfi served in (Army Air Corps), and uncles John Adinolfi served in WWII (Army), Joseph Adinolfi (Navy), Alphonse Adinolfi (Marine Corps), and Charles (Army Korea). Shown below is the WWII Induction Notice for his uncle John.

From Left to Right: Ferdinando Adinolfi (USA WWI), Alphonse (USMC WWII), John (USA WWII), my dad Philip (USAAC WWII), Joseph (USN WWI), not pictured Charles (USA Korea), Photo circa 1945
I had the honor and privilege to be in Normandy, France on 6 June 2014 for the 70th Anniversary of D-Day. This was the second consecutive trip for me and the fifteenth for my father, Colonel Earl Tingle, Jr. (USA Retired). As with the previous visit, I was truly amazed by the generosity of the French people and their sincere appreciation for the sacrifices of the brave men who fought to liberate their country 70 years ago. The memorials and celebrations this year were attended by numerous dignitaries, including the President of the United States, the Queen of England, the President of Russia, and, of course, the President of France.

To highlight just a couple of the events from this year’s visit, I will first mention the incredible ceremonial paratrooper drop over La Fiere and the town of Chef-du-Pont, France. U.S. Air Force C-130 Hercules aircraft, along with allied nation aircraft, dropped more than 700 paratroopers from the United States, France, Germany, England, and the Netherlands. One of the touching events this day was witnessing a World War II Normandy veteran who had made the jump into combat conditions 70 years ago pin jump wings on an 82nd Airborne paratrooper. The paratrooper in the picture had just made his master jump-wing certification on this day.

To continue with the tradition of documenting our travels, my father and I made sure to have our picture taken at Utah Beach while attending the ceremonies. The highlight from this day was the fireworks display that evening. All along the Normandy coastline, at 27 different locations, fireworks went off for over 30 minutes. The significance of this firework display was to remember the events early on the morning of 6 June 1944, where 7,000 ships approached the coast of Normandy. This was the largest flotilla the world had ever seen, and it has never been surpassed.

The five beaches selected for the landings have been known by their code names ever since: the two American Beaches, Utah and Omaha, the two British Beaches, Sword and Gold and the Canadian Beach, Juno.

Finally, I would like to say how honored I was to meet D-Day veteran, Sergeant Jack Schlegel of the 82nd Airborne Division, 508th Paratrooper Infantry Regiment (PIR). I was able to be with Jack for two days during this trip to Normandy. During those two days, I could not get enough of the stories Jack had to tell from his days before D-Day, his days during the battle, and his thoughts of our great nation today. I was surprised and delighted when Jack asked me if we could take a “selfie” together.

Jack was part of a group of men who had landed near the town of Picauville, France in the heart of the German 91st Division. It is also with a heavy heart I must mention that Sergeant Jack Schlegel passed away on 11 June 2014, just days after returning home from this trip. While in Normandy, at a dinner party in his honor, Jack had said that if he were to die tomorrow he would go happy knowing that he had been able to be at this 70th Anniversary. He was truly honored to be with his brothers-in-arms, to remember those who had died, and to be with his French families. I feel very fortunate that I was able to meet Sergeant Jack Schlegel, even if only for two days.

You can read a part of Jack’s story at the 508th PIR website:

http://www.508pir.org/nott_notes/schlegel_jw.htm
http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/d-day-70th-anniversary/war-hero-dies-days-after-celebrating-d-day-anniversary-n134946.
Evelyn Gadia Zneimer was appointed on June 18, 1999 to serve as Local Board Member in the Los Angeles Area, California. She is an attorney with primary practice in immigration, criminal defense and family law. Since 2006, Evelyn has been a Judge Pro Tem in the Los Angeles County Superior Courts in the traffic division. She is a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association Armed Forces Committee, doing pro bono work assisting veterans and active military personnel with legal problems involving traffic tickets, family law and immigration. She is very involved in her community. Presently, Evelyn is the elected City Clerk in the City of South Pasadena, California. She has raised awareness among her local high schools regarding SSS registration by speaking at high school assemblies and making sure that her local U.S. Post Office is stocked with SSS registration forms. Most recently, Evelyn has been advocating for the California Assembly Bill 2201, authored by Assembly Member Rocky Chavez. AB 2201, driver license legislation, which if it becomes law, will allow an automatic SSS registration when a male between 18 and 25 years old applies or renews his driver license. She has been lobbying with local city council members who have sent letters of support to the appropriate Assembly Members and Senators. She travels to the Capitol in Sacramento, California, lobbying with Assembly Members and Senators in an effort to garner their votes. AB 2201 passed in the State Assembly, 58-4, and is now passed the Senate Transportation Committee.

**Spotlight on California Board Member Growth**

CPT Jose Espinoza (Det 3CA- Reserve Force Office) recruited Mr. James Leyser and Ms. Sheila Martinez to fill board member vacancies in Fresno County. California Governor Edmund Brown Jr. nominated the candidates, and they were subsequently appointed to the boards on May 28, 2014. Welcome aboard new members, we hope you find the experience a rewarding one.

**Director Addresses California Local Board Members**

Director Romo addressed a group of 34 Southern California Local Board Members at the Arroyo Seco Library on July 21, 2014, following the National Council of La Raza Conference which was held in Los Angeles.
The Selective Service System honored Retired New Mexico Army National Guard Colonel Mucio Yslas, Jr. with a ceremony recognizing his long-term service spanning over thirty-five years as the New Mexico Selective Service State Director and forty-six cumulative years with the Agency.

Present for this special occasion was his wife Tina, the Selective Service System Chief of Staff Mr. Joel Spangenberg, New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez’ Cabinet Director Mr. David Jablonski, New Mexico Deputy Adjutant General Brigadier General Juan Griego, the incoming New Mexico State Director Retired Colonel Ezequiel “Zeke” Ortiz and his wife Michelle, as well as several New Mexico National Guard staff officers, Selective Service Region III Headquarters staff members Mr. Rob Vaccarella and Mrs. Maryann Rangel, and former New Mexico Chief of Selective Service retired Lieutenant Colonel Gus Cordova and his wife Diane.

Mr. Spangenberg presented the Distinguished Service Award with Gold Medal to retired State Director Yslas on behalf of Director Lawrence Romo. He also received a large bald eagle statue from the Region III Director, Mr. John Wilber, presented by Mr. Vaccarella. Governor Martinez prepared a special Certificate of Appreciation which was delivered by Mr. Jablonski.

Following the awards ceremony, Mr. Spangenberg administered the Oath of Office to incoming State Director Ortiz and presented him with his Certificate of Appointment, signed by Director Romo.

Retired State Director Yslas is one of a very few number to serve in this capacity for such an extended time period. Enlisting in the New Mexico Army National Guard in 1947, he went on to accept a commission in 1952. After a myriad of assignments throughout four decades, holding multiple positions in the Selective Service office, he retired as the Guard’s Assistant Chief of Staff for Personnel. He earned degrees from New Mexico Highlands University and the University of New Mexico, later holding leadership positions at both institutions during his civilian career, including Dean of Students at Highlands. He and Mrs. Yslas are originally from Belen, New Mexico and reside in Albuquerque.

State Director Ortiz is originally from Colorado where he began his military career by enlisting in the United States Air Force. He went on to hold positions in the Colorado Air National Guard, the New Mexico Air National Guard, and the New Mexico Army National Guard where he retired as a full Colonel. He graduated from the University of Albuquerque and is a retired Albuquerque Public School teacher. He co-authored DON JOSE: An American Soldier’s Courage and Faith in Japanese Captivity. He and Michelle, also an educator, live in Albuquerque.
Sheila Taylor Departs

Sheila A. Taylor has moved on from the Selective Service System and accepted a position at the Department of Health and Human Services. She was presented with the Selective Service System’s exceptional service medal in grateful recognition of her nine years of service to the Agency. While at SSS she provided administrative support to the Deputy Director and Front Office staff. In addition to her executive responsibilities she was the Agency’s Travel Administrator establishing employee’s travel profiles and assisting staff with any travel questions. Sheila also monitored the Front Office budget on a continual basis. We will miss Sheila and wish her success and happiness in all of her future endeavors.

Farewell to Matt Bombella

On July 15, 2014, the Operations Directorate bade farewell to Mr. Matt Bombella, Program Analyst in the Preparedness Division. Matt joined the Agency in August of 2012, after coming to us from the Department of Veterans Affairs. A U.S. Army and Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran, Matt became the “go-to” individual for many Directorate projects and also served as the Agency’s Reasonable Accommodations Manager. What we’ll miss the most is his volunteer spirit and willingness to help out anyone in the Agency who needed assistance. Matt is moving on to Sarasota, Florida, where he’ll be taking on a new position with the City’s Human Resources Office. We wish Matt, Meredith, and Paige only the very best in their new lives ahead.

From Left to Right: Matt Bombella presented with the Eagle Award by Deputy Director Allard
Barbara S. Dunford Goes to EEOC

Barbara Dunford, SSS Budget Officer, has accepted a position at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Barbara was with the Agency from June 2011 through May 2014. She contributed to a successful resumption of operations after the government shutdown; enabled a smooth FY 2013 year-end closeout; helped to navigate a complex mid-year sequestration; and ensured the tedious but necessary day-to-day work of managing the budget was completed. We wish her good luck in all her future endeavors!

Jun Li

SSS bids farewell to Jun Li, Accountant, who has moved on to the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Jun contributed to numerous successful monthly, quarterly, and year-end closeouts, provided assistance to two accounting officers with her compilation of key financial documents, imputed cost calculations, amortization of equipment and long-term projects, and accounting for the agency’s fixed assets. Jun’s hard work ensured the tedious but necessary day-to-day work of accounting for the agency’s resources was done accurately and on time. We will miss Jun and wish her all the best!

Region I Administrative Officer

Region I has a new Administrative Officer, Mr. Mike Skovranko. Mike comes to SSS with a wealth of experience. Mike was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan and served in the United States Army for 22 years where his responsibilities included personnel management, training, finance and budget. Mike and his wife Sue have one daughter Megan. Please help us welcome him to the Selective Service family.
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