THE SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

U.S. Federal Agency – National Headquarters, Arlington, Virginia
- Established in 1940
- Registration
  - Ceased by President Ford in 1975
  - Reinstated by President Carter in 1980

Goals
- Readiness and Registration –
  - Ensures a fair and equitable system
  - To respond to a national emergency
  - To conduct an Alternative Service Program

Note: The last draft was over 40 years ago. There are currently no plans for its reinstatement.
WHY SHOULD YOUNG MEN REGISTER?

1. IT’S IMPORTANT TO OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE
2. IT’S THE LAW AND A CIVIC DUTY
3. RITE OF PASSAGE THAT SUPPORTS THE ALL-VOLUNTEER MILITARY

ALSO, DID YOU KNOW...

Men who fail to register are ineligible for:

- Federal student loans and grants, many state-funded student loans
- Many job training and certification programs
- All Federal government jobs in the Executive Branch, all U.S. Postal Service jobs, many state and local government jobs
- Delays U.S. citizenship process
WHO NEEDS TO REGISTER?

MEN 18-25 YEARS OLD:

- Who live in the United States
- Immigrants living in the United States for 30 days or more
  - documented and undocumented immigrants are included
- U.S. citizens living overseas

At age 26 it's too late to register!
# How Can Young Men Register?

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<td>Register at <a href="https://sss.gov">sss.gov</a></td>
<td>Paper applications available at all locations</td>
<td>Prompts non-registrants who are still eligible for registration to register with Selective Service</td>
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REGISTRATION IN YOUR STATE

How can young men register?
DRIVER'S LICENSE LEGISLATION

Driver’s License Legislation

- Signed/Enacted into Law (44)
- Bill Introduced (2)
- Bill Drafted (0)
- No Bill (9)

Source: Selective Service System
As of March 9, 2012
HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Inform young men, families, and communities that you serve:

- Talk to them about it
- Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat, etc.)
- Display posters
- Distribute brochures / flyers
- Provide articles to publications (online or print newsletters, newspapers, websites)
- Educate other organizations who work with young men
President Bill Clinton, May 1994
“Maintaining the Selective Service System and draft registration provides a hedge against unforeseen threats... the link between the All-Volunteer Force and our society-at-large. The Armed Forces must also know that the general population stands behind them, committed to serve, should the preservation of our national security so require.”

Senator John McCain, November 2009
“I certainly hope we’ll never face the requirement to reinstate the draft... [but] it’s essential that we retain the Selective Service System and the means to do so.”

Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, May 2013
“Registration provides a hedge against a catastrophe we do not yet anticipate...and reminding our youth that public service is a valid part of American Citizenship.”
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