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Director Benton Addresses MOPH Conference

Director Benton was invited to speak at the Military Order of Purple Heart's (MOPH) 86th National Conference in Spokane, Washington on August 1, 2018. The MOPH organization was formed in 1932 and is composed exclusively of Purple Heart recipients, and it is the only veterans service organization comprised strictly of "combat" veterans. The Director started his presentation by telling the attendees that, "I am always moved and impressed when I reflect upon your mission –to foster an environment of goodwill and camaraderie among combat wounded veterans, promote patriotism, support necessary legislative initiatives, and most importantly, provide service to all veterans and their families". He said that as the Director of the Selective Service he is charged with ensuring that the agency is ready to respond to a national emergency rapidly, fairly, and equitably. Director Benton stressed the importance of the registration requirement and noted that it is not only the law but is also a civic duty. The Director discussed the many federal and state benefits linked to registration and spoke about how not registering can have

a negative impact on a young man's future. Director Benton told the audience that he believes the most successful avenue to increase registration awareness is through a young man's parents, grandparents, friends, teachers, and veterans. Many members expressed an interest in helping Selective Service and volunteering by applying to be a Local Board Member, a State Resource Volunteer or through the agency's Speakers Bureau. Director Benton offered his heartfelt thanks to the MOPH for their interest, willingness, and dedication in helping America's young men retain benefits linked to the registration requirement they would otherwise lose by failing to register. The agency has many volunteer opportunities available and welcomes the support. If you are interested in becoming a local board member or a State Resource Volunteer please contact us at information@sss.gov. To learn more about our Speakers Bureau program please email us at: SpeakersBureau@sss.gov.



Director Benton reaches out to the MOPH



National Commander Neil Van Ess and Director Benton.

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Washington State Director Appointed



Director Benton and Washington State Director James Sims.

During the MOPH Conference, Director Benton announced the appointment of Mr. James Sims, Past National Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, as Selective Service's Washington State Director. Mr. Sims served as a US Marine for more than 26 years, retiring in 1988 as a Colonel. When he retired, Mr. Sims was the Chief of Political-Military Analysis for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. His Military awards and decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal, Bronze Star with V for valor, Purple Heart Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with V for valor, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm and Silver Star, and several other US and foreign decorations. He is a Distinguished Graduate of the Air War College.

After retiring from the Marine Corps, Mr. Sims enjoyed a second career in state government and the private sector. He was a member and Chair of the Mason County Planning Commission, and a Supervisor of the Mason County Conservation District. He recently served as President of the Friends of the American Lake Veterans Golf Course, and Chair of the Washington Veterans Legislative Coalition. He is currently a member of the Governor's Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee. Mr. Sims is a graduate of Saint Martin's University in Olympia, Washington and earned a MBA from George Washington University. Congratulations Mr. Sims!

BG Crosby and Deputy Director Prigmore Meet



Brigadier General Crosby and Deputy Director Prigmore.

On July 27, 2018, Brigadier General Mark A. Crosby and Selective Service System Deputy Director, John Prigmore met to continue forging strong relationships between Selective Service and the National Guard. General Crosby is the Commander of the Joint Domestic Operations Command for the Oregon National Guard (ORNG). He is responsible for planning, organizing, training, exercising, deploying, and leading ORNG forces when activated in response to state natural disasters and emergencies.

General Crosby and Deputy Prigmore discussed the Cascadia subduction zone, which is a 621-mile long convergent plate boundary that stretches from northern Vancouver Island to Northern California. In the event of a natural emergency, General Crosby would be at the forefront of requesting additional manpower to help with catastrophic recovery efforts such as this one.

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges' Conference (NCJFCJ)

Director Benton addressed the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges' (NCJFCJ) 81st Annual Conference in Denver, CO on July 24, 2018. NCJFCJ is one of the largest and oldest judicial membership organizations in the nation. The Director told the audience that he believes they have very important and challenging jobs because they have a direct impact on the lives and future of youth. He stated that NCJFCJ and SSS have much in common. Both are concerned about the choices made by our nation's

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youth and the impact their choices have on their lives. He explained the federal registration requirement and that as the Director of the Selective Service System, he's charged with ensuring that Selective Service is ready to respond to a national emergency - rapidly, fairly, and equitably. He ended by saying, "It's been said 'Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something.' Together, we can do something to ensure that young men – especially young men facing adversity – don't lose the benefits I talked about today. With your help, we can make sure they know about and have the chance to register and hopefully build a successful future."

Archery Charity Event

Deputy Director John Prigmore participated in the 2018 Belvoir Bowhunters 23rd Annual Hunters for the Hungry 3D Benefit Shoot. The Belvoir Bowhunter's Club promotes charitable activities through archery and bowhunting on Fort Belvoir, VA. This annual archery shoot benefits the Hunters for the Hungry charity which has provided over 26.6 million quarter pound servings of lean meat since the program began in 1991. To learn about the Belvoir Bowhunters go to www.belvoirbowhunters.com. For more information on Hunters for the Hungry visit www.h4hungry.org.



Deputy Director John Prigmore.

National Principal's Conference

SSS exhibited at the National Principal's Conference held in Chicago, Illinois in July, 2018. Staff had the opportunity to connect with school administrators, faculty and staff personnel many of whom interact directly with Registrants. This event was successful and the Agency staff met several potential Registrars. Attendees included Mrs. Katherine Murphy (Region I), Mrs. Karan Fraley (Region I), Col (Ret) Tony Libri (IL State Director), and CW4 Roland Ashby (IL 1-2 RFO).



L to R: CW4 Roland Ashby, IL 1-2 RFO, and Col (Ret) Tony Libri, IL State Director.

Puerto Rico Conducts Face to Face IBMTs

Over the past few months, the Puerto Rico Detachment was able to conduct several face to face Initial Board Member Trainings (IBMT). The group consisted of COL (Ret.) State Director Fraley, CDR Henry Lin and LTC Andres Ausua. Trainings took place in Peñuelas, San Lorenzo and Fort Buchanan. They managed to conduct an informative and low cost IBMT. Puerto Rico is seven Board Members away from reaching its goal of 100%. With their ongoing heavy recruiting efforts they will reach their goal in no time.



L to R: Ms. Maria Bladuell Torres (LBM), LTC Andres Ausua and Dr. Juana Figueroa.

Puerto Rico Conducts Face to Face IBMTs (Continued)



L to R: LTC Andres Ausua, Mr. Freddy R. Quiles Acevedo, Mrs. Myriam C. Perez, Mr. Wilmer A. Colon Echevarria and CDR Henry Lin.



L to R: CDR Lin, Mr. Luis Cintron (LBM), Dr. Rubén Sepulveda (LBM) and Col (Ret) Fraley.

Tennessee RFOs Awarded

Tennessee RFOs were the recipient's of Region II awards. Lieutenant Colonel Travis N. Kerney was awarded Top Gun Recruiter and Captain Andrew Corum received the award for mid-grade Officer of the Year. Congratulations to the Tennessee team for their fine work and all they do for Region II and Selective Service!



L to R: Ms. Lieutenant Colonel Travis Kerney, Captain John R. Witt, Jr., Captain Andrew H. Corum, and State Director of Tennessee Bruce E. Henry.

SSS Exhibits at NACO



L to R: State Director Bruce Henry, LTC Travis Kerney and CPT Andrew Corum.

Selective Service exhibited at the National Association of Counties Annual Conference. According to NACO more than 3,000 county officials and partners participated in the Conference on July 13-15, 2018 in Nashville, TN. Staffing the SSS booth was State Director Bruce Henry, Region II RFOs Neal Kerney, and Andrew Corum. The RFOs recruited one Board Member while other attendees expressed an interest in becoming one and requested additional information.

California State Director Presents Award to RFO



California State Director Paul Villegas awards LTC. Tonja Ochonma PH.D. a Joint Accommodation Medal for her outstanding service to Selective Service. Congratulations to LTC. Ochonomma!

Milestones



NHQ Welcomes Kalisha Ray

Ms. Kalisha Ray has joined the Selective Service System on June 25, 2018, and works as a Financial Analyst. She has several years of financial experience from working in financial aid at different colleges working with students and parents to provide financial aid award letters, and has experience in consumer banking. In her free time, she enjoys concerts, comedy shows, and weekend trips, along with spending time with her son. Ms. Ray holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Norfolk State University, and a Master's in Business Administration from Capella University.



DMC Welcomes Evangelene Montgomery

Evangelene Montgomery joined the DMC as a Contact Representative on June 11, 2018. Ms. Montgomery has held numerous positions within the federal government. Prior to joining SSS, she worked for the Personnel Support Detachment at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center. Ms. Montgomery is a returning employee whom worked with SSS previously. DMC now has the IVR system and everything is online! She's refreshing her memory by getting back into working with Compliance mail, and soon will be taking calls from registrants. Ms. Montgomery enjoys reading, watching Marvel and DC movies, working with arts and crafts, and enjoying time with her family. Ms. Montgomery has two children, a daughter and a son, and one granddaughter.

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