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Snohomish County Council Resolution

Director Donald Benton and Washington State Director James M. Sims attended the signing of a Snohomish County Council resolution designating May 20-24, 2019 as "Selective Service" week. Councilman Sam Low had introduced the resolution, and the county council passed it unanimously. The resolution expresses the County Council's support and gratitude for the Selective Service System; and encourages all eligible men in Snohomish County to comply with the registration requirements with the Selective Service System. Director Benton presented Councilman Low with the Selective Service Honored Patriot award for his support and for his efforts to increase awareness of the registration requirement.



Left to Right: Nate Nehring, Brian Sullivan, Jim Sims, Sam Low, Donald Benton, Terry Ryan, and Stephanie Wright

Texas State Director Meets with Governor

On April 25, 2019, Texas Governor Greg Abbott (center) welcomed a group of Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army and a group of Army Reserve Ambassadors to the State Capitol for their first joint meeting. State Director Claude Hempel (rear – fourth from left), was on their agenda for a briefing on the Selective Service System.



Outreach in Washington D.C.

Mr. Jacob Daniels, Legislative Liaison and Ms. Victoria Biggs, Public Affairs Specialist met with Mr. Kenneth L. Howard, Director of Operations for DC Tuition Assistance Grant (DC TAG). They discussed the importance of registration for young men in Washington, D.C. and that if they don't register, they forfeit their eligibility for this valuable grant. The SSS staff also informed Mr. Howard about the agency's Speakers' Bureau program and other outreach efforts. Mr. Howard provided them with additional references to help expand Selective Service's outreach efforts within the D.C. school system.



Kenneth Howard and Victoria Briggs

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Lt Col Elrod Receives Award

On Saturday, March 2, 2019 during the monthly conference call, Lt Col Harold Elrod, Region II RFO, received the Selective Service System Exceptional Service Award. Mr. Carlos Perez, Region II Director, presented the award and Dr. Larry Stewart, State Director for Georgia, assisted in the pinning. Congratulations Lt Col Elrod!



Left to Right: Mr. Carlos M. Perez, Lt Col Harold Elrod, and Dr. Larry Stewart

Region II Hosts Bi-annual NOSD

Region II hosted their bi-annual New Officer/State Director training. This was a full class, which included five members of the NHQ staff and the State Director of Alabama.



Front-L: Charles Kinsey, Yudidian Georges, LCDR Christopher Ehlinger, Blaine Caracer - NHQ, CPT Robert Didomenico, Lia Carvalho - NHQ, Lee Alexander - NHQ, MSG Ivan Lopez-Oyola, Jennifer Burke - NHQ
Back-L: Jacob Daniels - NHQ, Sabrina Cunningham, Alabama State Director Paul D. Jacobs, Richard Ogniewski, Gary Martz, Capt Jimmy Holdridge, Lt Col Harold Elrod, Capt Justin Howell, LCDR Jonathan Lance

SSS Exhibits at DECA Conference

On April 27 – 29, 2019, Region II RFOs LTC Robert Bennett and CDR Edward Billie staffed Selective Service's exhibit at the International Career Development Conference - DECA in Orlando, Florida. They had many attendees stop by the exhibit and were able to raise registration awareness and to recruit Local Board Members.



Left to Right: LTC Robert Bennett and CDR Edward Billie

Speakers' Bureau Program



We would like to introduce Ms. Victoria Briggs, the newest member of the Public and Intergovernmental Affairs team. In her new position, Victoria is responsible for the Selective Service Speakers' Bureau program. During the short time that Victoria has been with us, she has spoken to dozens of local board members and state resource volunteers about the Speakers'

Bureau program and has provided information to those who want to volunteer to take the registration message to their local communities. A young man who fails to register with Selective Service may be ineligible for many federal and state benefits linked to the registration requirement including most federal employment, some state employment, federal student financial aid, state-funded student financial aid in many states, security clearances for contractors, job training under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (formerly known as the Workforce Investment Act), and U.S. citizenship for immigrant men.

If you are a local board member or a state resource volunteer and would like to learn more about the program please contact Victoria at 703-605-4007. To all who want to begin speaking to groups, please remember to review the Speakers' Bureau Toolkit and sign and return the Volunteer Liability Release form to Victoria.Briggs@sss.gov.

DMC Wellness Luncheon

An employee's physical, emotional, and professional health is very important to Director Benton and one of his top priorities. The Director encourages employees to embrace a healthy lifestyle of both diet and exercise. A few weeks ago, senior leadership sponsored its first annual "Wellness Lunch" for all employees. The menu consisted of salads, seasonal fruit, vegetables, lean meat sandwiches and wraps. It was an excellent way to begin the Spring, often referred to as a season of new beginnings. Shown below are photos from the DMC's luncheon.



Surprise Employee Awards

The Director met with the Region I and DMC staff the day of the agency's Wellness Lunch. Prior to the luncheon getting underway, the Director held an All Hands meeting via VTC. He thanked employees for their efforts and talked about the many successes we've had as an agency due to teamwork. As he was finishing up the All Hands, Director Benton surprised 16 employees with Outstanding Service Awards for their commitment and dedication above and beyond the call of duty! Deputy Director John Prigmore and Chief of Staff Wadi Yakhour presented awards to the NHQ staff on behalf of the Director. Congratulations to the following award recipients:

NHQ

Blaine Caracter
Lia Carvalho
Laura Chavez
Jacob Daniels
Glen LaMothe
Theresa Patrizio
Kalisha Ray
Gail Simmons

Region II

Yudidian Georges

Region III

Steven Valdez

DMC

Brent Downs
Andy Gonzalez
Patrick Henning
Veronica Quinette
Bernard Washington

Region I

Karan Fraley



NHQ staff watching the Director via VTC



Brett Williams, Region III presents Steven Valdez with his award

Take Your Child to Work Day at SSS

On April 25, 2019 SSS participated in the annual Take Your Child to Work Day. The children began their day by meeting with the Director and were given a short briefing on the mission and importance of SSS. They toured the offices and met their families' coworkers. The Operations Staff gave a demonstration of the agency's lottery equipment and aired it via VTC so the DMC and Regions would also be able to watch. At the end of the demonstration, the Director presented the children with a Certificate of Accomplishment for being an "Honorary Employee" for the day.



Dante Caracer and Director Benton



Mason Bray and Director Benton



Caleb Hawkins and Director Benton

At the DMC, thirteen children, ranging from 10 – 13 years of age, accompanied their parent, grandparent, and aunt to work. Employees shared with the children what a typical work day is like for their family members. The day began with a welcome from DMC Manager, Nicole Harris, followed by a viewing of the Selective Service System's institutional briefing video to show the purpose and mission of the Agency. Following the video, the children were sworn in as "Honorary Employees" for the day by Director Benton, and were able to watch a lottery demonstration held at Headquarters via video teleconference.



Children being briefed on SSS by DMC Manager, Nicole Harris

After enjoying lunch, the children were given a tour of the DMC and saw each branch's specific functions. Mail & Logistics Branch employees ran the Canon high speed printer and the Bell and Howell inserting machine. These two machines print and insert into envelopes all letters sent to registrants and potential registrants. Registration Information and Research Branch employees showed how a high volume call center operates. The children were able to listen to Contact Representatives provide callers with registration information and answer their various questions. Data Entry Section and Computer Support Branch employees shared their roles in the collection and input of registration data received as well as the technical support provided to the DMC. Administrative Branch employees shared how they support DMC employees by assisting with human resource issues, and by purchasing items needed to maintain day-to-day operations.

After the DMC tour, the children participated in an office scavenger hunt based on clues they had learned throughout

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the day. Once they completed their quest, Ms. Harris presented them with a Certificate of Accomplishment for being Selective Service System "Honorary Employees" for the day. A fun day was had by all involved. There was a lot of learning, laughs, and memories as well as a new appreciation of what their relatives do when they come to work every day.



Children observing DMC operations



Left to Right Back Row: Geniya France, Ariel Jones, Ze'Tyra McKnight, Sydney Fitzjarrel, Amaree Hawkins, Kayla Vines, Rebecca Vines

Front Row: Leo Terrazas, A.J. Rapanos

Not Pictured: Victoria Nichols, Jesse Demay, Luis Vazquez, Jonathan Downs

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