



# THE REGISTER

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## General Hershey Remembered at Wreath-Laying Ceremony

Selective Service Deputy Director John Prigmore addressed the annual Army, Navy, and Air Force Veterans in Canada-U.S. Unit (ANAVICUS) Breakfast meeting and participated in the annual wreath-laying ceremony that took place at the Arlington National Cemetery gravesite of Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, former Director of Selective Service and former president of the U.S. Unit. ANAVICUS was formed after World War II to maintain the bond established between veterans in Canada and the United States during the war. The organization has a history of distinguished members from both the military and diplomatic professions.



Left to Right: Deputy Director John Prigmore, Mr. Ron Smith, Dominion President Canada, ANAVICUS President Jake Comer

## Leaders of Center on Conscience and War Visit Selective Service

In November, Associate Director of Operations Craig Brown and Program Analyst Irish Lewis-Massey met at National Headquarters with Executive Director Maria Santelli and Counseling Director Bill Galvin, of the Center on Conscience and War (CCW), a non-profit organization dedicated to defending and extending the rights of conscientious objectors. They discussed CCW's current work and lessons learned with active duty military personnel, the Selective Service's "Year of Alternative Service" for 2019, and future training collaborations. Overall, the meeting was a great success and everyone was excited about future collaborations and working together.



Left to Right: ADOP Craig Brown, Executive Director Maria Santelli, Counseling Director Bill Galvin (Not pictured: Program Analyst Irish Lewis-Massey)

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## American Legion Leadership Visits Selective Service



*Left to Right: ADOP Craig Brown, Chief of Staff Wadi Yakhour, Director Don Benton, Executive Director Lou Celli, Acting Director Freddy Gessner, Deputy Director John Prigmore*

Mr. Lou Celli, Executive Director of The American Legion's Headquarters Office, and Mr. Freddy Gessner, Acting Director of the National Security Division, of The American Legion, met with Director Benton and senior leadership to discuss the recently released National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service Interim report on the Selective Service System.

## Employees Recognized during Black History Month



Ms. Annie Boyd, veteran, IT specialist, and dedicated public servant of 40 years.

At 17 years old, Ms. Boyd joined the United States Marine Corps. After being honorably discharged, she began her civilian career as a secretary serving in the Reagan White House. In 1987, Ms. Boyd decided to join the

Selective Service System while also continuing to serve in the Marine Corps as a Reservist. During this time, she was recalled to active duty during *Desert Storm*.

Ms. Boyd's career within Selective Service is filled with many joys and triumphs.

Promoted to IT specialist, she progressed and served with the Network Support Team and continues to lead the Help Desk today.

She loves serving and giving. A licensed Elder in the International Bible Way Church of Jesus Christ, Ms. Boyd is committed to serving in whatever capacity called upon for the glory of Jesus Christ. Her motivation is to always do her best and seek to minister with diligence and integrity.

Ms. Boyd is looking forward to retirement after a long and distinguished career in public service. She plans to take a minute to collect her bearings and become familiar with a new normal, but will always look for opportunities to serve others.



Ms. Nicole Harris (pictured center), public servant of 35+ years, daughter of WWII Veteran, and manager of the Data Management Center (DMC).

"There has always been a strong motivation in my family for serving and having a deep appreciation and honor for supporting the missions of public service," says Ms. Harris. She started her career in the Federal Government at the age of 16 in a high school work/study program. Since then Ms. Harris has had the opportunity to work for various government agencies throughout her tenure, but finds it ironic that her career will end where it started—at the Selective Service System.

The employees at the Selective Service Data Management Center, where she oversees all IT-driven data exchanges, love coming to work and they feel empowered to make decisions and recommendations from all levels. This open culture enables the staff to provide exceptional customer

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## Black History Month (Continued)



service to the public, as well as internally. It would not be possible if it weren't encouraged by the exceptional Executive Leadership Team and Director Don Benton.

Ms. Harris' leadership continues to build trust and empowers her staff to deliver great services and products to the public. "Throughout my career, I've had great mentors in

leadership positions who have inspired me to add value and develop the people that I manage. I am motivated by serving my employees to the best of my ability in hopes that they will be inspired to pay it forward to someone else," says Ms. Harris.

"The core value that I live by is to show my employees my heart and value them as a person. Establishing a relationship and serving people is why I love my job. This is what motivates me to come to work," Ms. Nicole Harris (pictured center in the photo above center).



Mr. Trevor Barlow a veteran, former school teacher, and recent MBA graduate. In honor of Black History Month, Mr. Barlow reflects on his dedication to public service:

"I am motivated by being a part of things greater than myself. After 20 years of honorable service in the U.S. Marine Corps, I taught high school in Chicago. I have

always had a desire to serve the American people. After learning about the opportunity to serve our nation with the Selective Service System, I jumped at the chance and haven't looked back!"

"My role as a manager at the Data Management Center inspired me to finish graduate school and earn my MBA. Everything we do at Selective Service is business-oriented and looking ahead, I plan to continue to serve in a business role with the federal government. People need us and we are here to serve!"



Ms. Renee Miller, a mother of twins, a minister, and a dedicated public servant with more than 30 years of experience in protecting our nation's data and infrastructure from outside intrusion.

After years as a Certified Nursing Assistant, Ms. Miller sought a career change in which she could put her investigative and analytical skills to work, so

she accepted a position as a claims clerk within the U.S. Bureau of the Public Debt. Four years and one promotion later, Ms. Miller joined the Selective Service System (SSS) as a secretary in the Information Technology Division. She enjoyed both the social and the technical parts of the job.

Ten years later, Ms. Miller provided the SSS IT Help Desk support services: receiving calls, assigning tasks, and closing tickets. She began providing solutions to common issues before they were assigned. Her interest in the IT field grew and as more IT opportunities within SSS opened up, she continued to challenge herself and master her skills. Ms. Miller began installing agency-wide software and hardware and conducting Microsoft product trainings.

All of her hard work did not go unnoticed—she became the first and only SSS Computer Assistant.

Ms. Miller's career continued to new heights as she accepted a position as an IT specialist for SSS IT Help Desk where she now develops and manages SSS' digital forms library.

In addition to her public service, Ms. Miller's committed to boosting agency moral. She is a lead contributor within an employee-engagement and empowerment group and holds a ministerial license where she counsels others. She has also won numerous service awards, including a creative award presented by The White House.

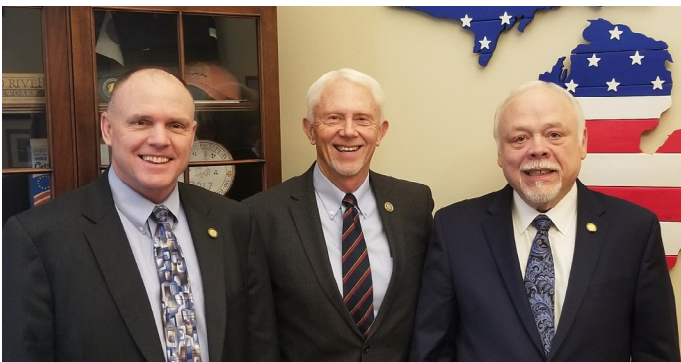
## Alternative Service Program Hosts Webinar

This month, SSS leadership and Alternative Service Program staff hosted a webinar with the Church of the Brethren to discuss the Church's Memorandum of Understanding renewal.



*Left to Right: Program Analyst Irish Lewis-Massey, General Counsel Rudy Sanchez, ADOP Craig Brown*

## Director and Deputy Director Meet with Congressman



*Left to Right: Deputy Director John Prigmore, Congressman Jack Bergman, Director Benton*

In January, Director Don Benton and Deputy Director John Prigmore met with Congressman Jack Bergman to discuss the Selective Service System. Congressman Bergman is a retired Lieutenant General in the U.S. Marine Corps, making him the highest-ranking retired military official in the U.S. Congress. Among other assignments, Congressman Bergman serves on the House Armed Services Committee, the Subcommittee on Readiness, the Subcommittee on Military Personnel, and the Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces. He is a great addition to the House Armed Services Committee and the agency looks forward to working with Congressman Bergman.

## Canadian Delegation Visits Selective Service

In December, a delegation from Canada made a site visit to meet with Director Benton and was briefed by Selective Service leadership.



*Left to Right: Director Benton, Vice President Shelley Youens, Industry Operations Paul Ferensowicz, Integration Director Adam Roe*



*Left to Right: Chief of Staff Wadi Yakhour, ADOP Craig Brown, Director Benton, Deputy Director John Prigmore, Integration Director Adam Roe, Vice President Shelley Youens, Industry Operations Paul Ferensowicz*

## North Dakota Legislation

North Dakota State Director Tony Mutzenberger (Lieutenant Colonel – Retired) and SSS Legislative Liaison Jacob Daniels are busy working on driver's license legislation in North Dakota. House Bill 1415 will automatically register men between the ages of 18 and 25 with Selective Service when they apply for (or renew) a North Dakota driver's license, driver's permit, or identification card. The legislation was approved by the North Dakota House of Representatives and will be voted on, in March, by the North Dakota Senate. In February, Daniels joined Mutzenberger at the North Dakota state legislature to thank the sponsors of the legislation, on behalf of the Director, and to discuss the

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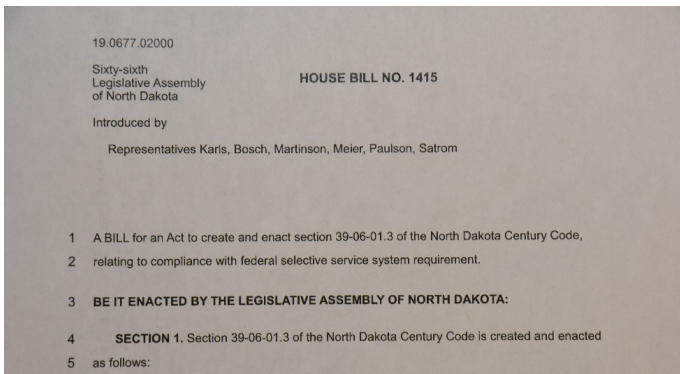


## ND Legislation (Continued)

importance of passing HB 1415 with a bipartisan coalition of Senate leaders. If all goes as planned, North Dakota will be the 41st state to enact and implement driver's license legislation.



*Legislative Liaison Jacob Daniels*



## Director Meets with National Indian American Chamber of Commerce

Mr. KV Kumar, Chairman of the National Indian American Chamber of Commerce, Inc., had a meet-and-greet session with Director Benton and senior leadership.



*Left to Right: Director Benton and Chairman KV Kumar*

## Director and Deputy Meet with Marine Corps Commandant

Director Benton and Deputy Director Prigmore met with the Marine Corps Commandant Lieutenant General Brian D. Beaudreault.



*Left to Right: Director Benton, LTG Beaudreault, Deputy Director Prigmore*

## Former District Appeals Board Member Visits SSS

Mr. Mark Eutsler, former SSS District Appeals Board member and local board member, made an office call to NHQ. Director Benton gave Mr. Eutsler a tour of the offices.



*Left to Right: Mr. Eutsler and Director Benton*



## Region I Participates in Annual Great Lakes NTC Holiday Card Contest

Region I once again participated in the Great Lakes NTC Annual Holiday Card Contest. All entries were on display on the parade grounds of GLNTC to help celebrate the season. Last year they won first place! The card has solar powered lights for both the Christmas tree and the fireplace. It's a great team building event and really helps bring out the Christmas spirit for our Navy host base, Region I, and all who see them! Congratulations to the Region I team for another superb entry and placing in the top four out of about 40 entries in the "People's Choice" Award (online Facebook voting).



## Local Board Member Visits SSS

Southern California Local Board Member Mark Prizmic met with SSS staff to discuss his work in the agency's Speakers' Bureau program and how he can help raise SSS registration awareness.



Left to Right: Tom Devine, Laura Chavez, LBM Mark Prizmic, Jacob Daniels, Jeramie D'Orta, Mike Young

## VI SD Tyson Participates in Armed Forces Academies Day

In November, the University of the Virgin Islands held its Armed Forces Academies Day Presentation by the Delegate to Congress. Ms. Pamela C. Richards, District Director, and Mr. Cletis Clendinen, Field Representative, mentioned the importance of registering with the Selective Service System and introduced Mr. Warrington Tyson, State Director for the Virgin Islands, to the audience. The Delegate promised the State Director that she and her office would do everything to support the mission of the Selective Service System.



## Selective Service Meets with The Church of God in Christ Mennonite/Christian Peace Ministries

Members from The Church of God in Christ Mennonite/Christian Peace Ministries participated in a very productive meeting with Selective Service System officials where they discussed renewing their Memorandum of Understanding with SSS.





## Director Addresses the National Athletic Directors Conference

Director Benton spoke at the National Athletic Directors Conference in San Antonio, TX, in December. The agency also exhibited at the conference. While in Texas, Director Benton and Texas State Director Claude Hempel met with General Ayala, the Director of Military and Veterans Affairs for the city of San Antonio, and Xavier Urrutia, Director of Parks and Recreation.



*Left to Right: RFO Lt. Col. Patrick Reid, USAFR, Director Benton, Texas State Director Claude Hempel*

## MAJ Juan Villaseñor-Partida to Retire

MAJ Juan Villaseñor-Partida, RIII, officially retired on March 1st. He has been with SSS since 2013. MAJ Villaseñor-Partida spent his entire SSS career in the San Diego area. Congratulations!



*Left to Right: MAJ Villaseñor-Partida, LTC Gurr, CPT Valencia*

## World War One Centennial Commission Visits SSS

Dr. Timothy Westcott, Director of Research, and Mr. Zachary Austin, Adjunct Director, both from the Valor Medals Review Task Force of the United States World War One Centennial Commission made an office visit with the Selective Service senior leadership to discuss some of the Commission's current initiatives. Established by Congress in 2013, the Commission's three missions are to educate the public on the importance of World War One, commemorate America's participation in the conflict by constructing a memorial on the National Mall, and to honor the service of every American who fought in the war. You can find more information at their website, [www1cc.org/valor](http://www1cc.org/valor).



*Left to Right: Mr. Tom Devine, ADOP Craig Brown, Deputy Director John Prigmore, Dr. Timothy Westcott, Mr. Zachary Austin*

## DMC Welcomes Mrs. Denise Byers

Mrs. Denise Byers has returned to SSS after taking some time off for personal reasons. She lives in Wisconsin with her husband, Daniel, and is currently finishing her masters of science degree in taxation at DePaul University. She is happy to be at SSS and we are happy to welcome her back!



## DMC Welcomes Mrs. Cynthia James

Mrs. Cynthia James joined the DMC in February 2019. Before joining SSS, she worked at MetLife Insurance Company for nine years in case management and prior to that she was with Allstate Insurance. Mrs. James is a proud U.S. Navy veteran of four years. She resides in Gurnee, IL, with her spouse and two sons. Mrs. James enjoys traveling, power walking, doing Pilates, reading, and bowling. She is glad to be a part of the SSS team. Welcome to the SSS family!



## DMC Welcomes Ms. Milagro Pereira

Ms. Milagro Pereira joined DMC as a bilingual contact representative in the Registration Information & Research Branch in January 2019. She graduated with honors from the University of Puerto Rico with bachelor's degrees in education with concentration in English and multimedia technology. Previously, Ms. Pereira worked in Pennsylvania for at the largest municipally owned gas utility in the country. During her ten years with the gas utility she held a variety of positions including bilingual customer service representative, as well as a results clerk and later as a senior results clerk for the Gas Processing Department. Ms. Pereira recently relocated to Illinois to be part of the Selective Service Team. Her interests include birdwatching, fishing, doing photography, and playing video games. Welcome to SSS!



## Region I Welcomes Mrs. Amy Ramirez

Mrs. Amy Ramirez has joined the Selective Service System (SSS) as the new Region 1 Operations Manager. She joins us from the United States Military Entrance Processing Command (USMEPCOM), where she was a program analyst in the Strategic Planning and Transformation Directorate for the past six years. Mrs. Ramirez has prior service in the Navy, spending much of her time out to sea onboard the USS John C. Stennis. Mrs. Ramirez is married with two children. In her spare time she enjoys running, reading, and spending quality time with her family. Welcome, Mrs. Ramirez!



## Region II Welcomes Mr. Gary Martz

In February, Mr. Gary Martz joined Region II Headquarters as the new Administrative Officer. In October 2017, Mr. Martz retired from the U.S. Army at The Pentagon as a nominative Sergeant Major with over 33 years of active service. He spent the majority of his career in the G-1 community becoming the G1 Sergeant Major. In 2009, he was appointed by the Secretary of Defense to serve as the first Senior Enlisted Board Member of the Reserve Forces Policy Board. In this appointment, he advised senior defense officials, members and professional staffers of Congress, and The White House on policy decisions affecting recruiting, retention, personnel, and mobilization readiness of the Armed Forces. He earned an MBA degree from Touro University International and earned a Professional of Human Resources Certification from the Human Resources Certification Institute. Mr. Martz and his spouse, Delisa, reside in Peachtree City, GA.





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