North Dakota Passes Driver’s License Legislation

North Dakota became the 41st state to enact driver’s license legislation making it easier for men to register with the Selective Service System. The legislation was signed into law by North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum on April 8, 2019, and North Dakota State Director Tony Mutzenberger presided over a ceremonial bill signing on April 15, 2019. The bill was sponsored by Representatives Karen Karls, Bob Martinson, Glenn Bosch, Lisa Meier, Bob Paulson, and Bernie Satrom. It is expected that North Dakota registration rates will dramatically increase once the legislation goes into effect on August 1, 2019.

From Left to Right: The Honorable Donald M. Benton, SSS Director; Major General John Evans, Representative of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command; Major General Linda Singh, Adjutant General of Maryland, Maryland National Guard; Dr. Jacquelyn Schneider, Assistant Professor, U.S. Naval War College; Dr. Bernie Rostker, Former Senior Fellow, Rand Corporation (and former SSS Director)

Director Benton Testifies

Director Donald M. Benton testified before the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service at Gallaudet University on Wednesday, April 24, 2019. It was an excellent opportunity for the Director to discuss the tremendous progress that is being made at Selective Service and to explain why Selective Service is an enduring and critical link to our National Defense. He also participated in a panel discussion answering questions from the commission and discussing the future of Selective Service. The hearing can be seen at https://www.c-span.org/video/?460068-2/national-commission-military-national-public-service-forum-part-2. To learn more about the Commission please go to https://www.inspire2serve.gov/.

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Ms. Cindy Canavan was nominated by Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker to serve as the Massachusetts Director for the Selective Service System (SSS). As State Director, Ms. Canavan will provide liaison between the Selective Service System and the governor’s office. She will represent the Governor and the Selective Service Director regarding Agency matters in Massachusetts.

Ms. Canavan grew up in Reading, MA and received her Bachelor of Science degree in Entrepreneurial Studies, Marketing, and Business Communications at Babson College, Wellesley, MA. In her civilian career, Canavan is currently employed as a Business Manager at Cummings Properties in Woburn, MA. Canavan said, “I am truly honored to serve as the State Director for the Selective Service System. It is a privilege to serve my country and I am proud to have been selected. I will work toward improving registration rates and increasing local board membership in Massachusetts. Registration is a civic duty and it’s the law. It also conveys numerous benefits to individuals who register and to the nation.”

Ms. Canavan is married to retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Michael F. Canavan and has three sons. She volunteers on the finance council and as a fundraising chairperson at St. Athanasius Church, Reading and is a longstanding member of Hanscom Spouses Club at Hanscom Air Force Base.
Selective Service Meets With Industry Leaders at NAB Show

Selective Service was a guest of the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) at their annual show held at the Las Vegas Convention Center, April 6-11, 2019. We were invited to share the NAB Show’s Public Service booth providing an opportunity to talk about Selective Service’s mission and to give out free public service announcements (PSAs). The booth was hosted by NAB Senior Manager, Public Service, Suzie Raven, and staffed by various individuals from other non-profit organizations, such as Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Women’s Heart, Partnership for Drug-Free Kids, Stand Up to Cancer, TV Access, etc.

The National Association of Broadcasters is the premier advocacy association for America’s broadcasters. NAB advances radio and television interests in legislative, regulatory and public affairs. Through advocacy, education, and innovation, NAB enables broadcasters to best serve their communities, strengthen their businesses, and seize new opportunities in the digital age.

DMC Welcomes Betty Galauskas

Ms. Betty Galauskas joined the Data Management Center as a Data Transcriber in the Data Entry Section. Prior to joining SSS, Ms. Galauskas was employed by Walgreens and also with Kraft Foods. She and her husband Curtis, who is retired from the US navy at Great Lakes, have been married for thirty-four years. They have two children, one grandchild, and two additional grandchildren on the way. Ms. Galauskas is looking forward to working with SSS and is enthusiastic about joining the SSS team.

DMC Welcomes Nancy Ocampo-Hernandez

Ms. Nancy Ocampo-Hernandez joined the Selective Service System in March and works in the Registration Information and Research Branch as a Bilingual Contact Representative. She is a native of Chicago, IL where she currently resides. Ms. Ocampo-Hernandez is excited to be employed at the DMC and looks forward to interacting with the callers.

Selective Service has available PSAs on the NAB Spot Center, which offers free, downloadable radio and television public service announcements (PSAs) addressing Selective Service registration requirement.

The NAB Show brought together over 90,000 people, from 160 countries and 1,600+ exhibitors, to be part of the world’s largest annual convention encompassing the convergence of media, entertainment, and technology. The Show covered an entire digital ecosystem and was represented by professionals in advertising, application development, artificial intelligence, audio, augmented reality, broadcast, cable, cloud solutions, cybersecurity, digital video, digital signage, eLearning, esports, film, game development, government and military, houses of worship, in-vehicle entertainment, IOT, IT, live events, mixed reality, mobile, online video, podcasting, post-production, radio, retail, social media, sports, streaming, system integration, television, virtual reality, and 5G, to name the most of the activities. It was a valuable opportunity for attendees to further gain knowledge, experience cutting-edge training, get hands-on with the latest technology, and connect with industry trailblazers advancing the art, science, and business of content.
Ms. Ann Parker

Ms. Ann Parker is a retired public servant, Oklahoma City Thunder fan, wife, mother and grandmother. In 1966, after she graduated from high school, Ms. Parker began working for Selective Service on the Oklahoma City Draft Board. After four months of working with Selective Service, Ms. Parker’s husband was transferred to San Diego and the agency transferred her to join her husband. Six months later, her husband was transferred again - this time to San Francisco. She was transferred there and began working for the Northern California Appeal Board. A year later, she returned home to Oklahoma where she had her baby and went back to work at the same Selective Service draft board where she had started.

“I started pondering on this and tried to remember the 19-year-old me who went through all this. I was too young to really appreciate living in such a cosmopolitan city like San Fran, but I cherish my time there. I got to see Willie Mays and Willie McCovey play baseball at Candlestick Park. At the drive-in theater down from our house, there were members of the Hells Angels signing autographs because a movie about them was playing and they were filming Bullitt. And you might even get to see any of the members of the Grateful Dead on a public bus. Good times,” she added.

Ms. Joan Green

Ms. Joan Green is a Jamaican immigrant, single mother of two, guardian to her grand-niece, and a 14-year Selective Service employee. Ms. Green is most passionate about helping children. She’s active in her local community and served as president of the Local and Council Parent Teachers Association, chairing an Art Reflections Program that encourages students across 29 schools to create and submit art work, and even helping children in Jamaica through organizing an annual delivery of school supplies and graduation activities.

Ms. Green was awarded 2017 Austell Elementary School Volunteer of the Year.

Ms. Sabrina Cunningham

Ms. Sabrina Cunningham is a Navy veteran, SSS program analyst, and a dedicated public servant for over 25 years. At the age of 18, Sabrina joined the U.S. Navy. After being honorably discharged in 1993, she followed her husband Franklin to postings in Okinawa, Japan and Twenty-Nine Palms, CA throughout his 31-year active duty career in the Marine Corps. After deciding to settle in Douglasville, Ga. in 2008 so their two children would have a permanent place to live, she came to work for SSS in 2009 when she joined the Region II Headquarters staff. Ms. Cunningham enjoys spending time with her husband, going to new places with friends, traveling, and supporting her children in their music endeavors. Her daughter Brianna, 21, is currently a junior at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton and is studying music education; her son Brandon, 18, is graduating from high school this year and is also planning to major in music education.
Perfect Season

Congratulations to Mr. Roderick Lawrence, Logistics Manager and Agency Contracting Officer, for leading his Marlboro Mustang boys basketball team to the 2019 Prince Georges County Maryland Boys and Girls Club 14-Y Division Championship after a perfect 12-0 season. Many hours of practice, hard work, and dedication led him and his team to the conference championship.

Each year, Boys & Girls Clubs provide millions of kids a safe place to develop essential skills, form lasting friendships, and to have fun with their peers. As a result, they are more likely to graduate from high school, be physically active every day, and to volunteer in their communities. To learn more about the Boys and Girls Club or to become a volunteer please visit https://www.bgca.org.

RFO Completes Memorial March

The Bataan Memorial Death March is a challenging march through approximately twenty-six miles of the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. The march is held in honor of the heroic service members who defended the Philippine Islands during World War II. Missouri RFO Maj. Edys Batista participated in this year’s march. Congratulations to Maj. Batista for completing the challenge. He donated a Selective Service coin to the White Sands Missile Range Museum.