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MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Last month Director Benton hosted executive and management training for all Selective Service System's managers. The training was held at Agency headquarters. The purpose of the training was to build teamwork, discuss the strategic vision for the Agency, review success stories, and plan for future successes. The Director shared his management philosophy of openness, transparency, and team work. Director Benton, who has built many companies during his career, believes his businesses have all been successful in large part because he has always made



SSS Management Team

the wellness and happiness of his employees a top priority. He has always encouraged team work among his employees and managers and considers that to be an integral part of success. The staff enjoyed the guest speaker, Brig Gen Steven S. Nordhaus, the Commander,

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Air National Guard Readiness Center, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland who stressed the importance of defining a problem before it can be solved. He quoted Albert Einstein who said, "If I had an hour to solve a problem, I'd spend 55 minutes thinking about the problem and 5 minutes thinking about solutions." After his presentation, Director Benton presented Brig Gen Nordhaus with Selective Service System's Honored Patriot award for his participation and valuable insights to successful leadership.

Following the training, the Regions and DMC managers met with all Directorates individually at SSS Headquarters. These sessions encouraged relationship building among colleagues and enabled open discussions of various areas of concern, and gave everyone an opportunity to put "names to faces". In conclusion Director Benton stressed key components to success: Communication, Cooperation and Collaboration!



L to R: Brig Gen Nordhaus and Director Benton

SPEAKERS' BUREAU VOLUNTEERS

First, thank you for the overwhelming response to the Director's original query earlier this year about your interest in volunteering to participate in the Selective Service System Speakers' Bureau. It's remarkable and inspiring to know there are so many of you willing to volunteer to help get the message out about registration and how it supports national readiness. We are proud to work side by side with you in this initiative and look forward to beginning this endeavor.

We also appreciate your patience as the Public and Intergovernmental Affairs (PIA) office finalizes the guidance and informational material to assist you. We are in the process of completing the Speakers' Bureau online toolkit on our website. It will contain background information, a briefing template, and other resources. It's mandatory that all Speakers' Bureau volunteers review this material as it will provide guidance for your presentations in your communities. Please remember, it's critical that we speak with one voice and that we avoid any controversial issues on political areas of discussion. Instead, please focus on the importance of registration to the country, communities, and to each man. Any media requests must be forwarded to your Region for coordination.

We will also be asking that you let us know in advance what group you plan to address and when the event is taking place. Afterwards, audience members will be asked to give feedback on your speech through a simple online survey. This data will help us gauge the impact of the Speakers' Bureau and hopefully provide information to help us refine this new program. Should you have questions please send an email to SpeakersBureau@sss.gov. **In the Subject Line of your email, be sure to include the following: Speakers' Bureau, first and last name, Region, and Zip code.**

In closing, we offer our heartfelt thanks once again for your interest, your willingness, and your dedication to helping America's young men retain benefits linked to the registration requirement they would otherwise lose by failing to register. This is critically important for their future, and for the future of our nation.

THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MILITARY, NATIONAL, AND PUBLIC SERVICE

We received a number of inquiries about *The National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service*. You may know that it was created by the last Congress to consider and develop recommendations about public service and volunteerism as well as the role and structure of the Selective Service System. The Commission plans to issue its final report no later than March 2020.

The Commission wants to learn about why some people serve and others choose not to serve, as well as increase the number of Americans in military, national and public service. It also wants to determine if Selective Service and the registration requirement are still a necessary component of U.S. national security.

The Commission welcomes comments from the public and we encourage you to visit their website. You, as Local Board Members representing the Selective Service System, have relevant perspectives about the value of registration, the LBM program and the structure. You likely have experiences that you may wish to share with the Commission at “[Share your Thoughts](http://www.inspire2serve.gov/content/share-your-thoughts)” (<http://www.inspire2serve.gov/content/share-your-thoughts>). You might also be interested to know that The National Commission will be conducting [Town Halls](#) throughout the country. Here is a link to

their latest schedule: (<http://www.inspire2serve.gov/news-events/national-commission-military-national-and-public-service-announces-locations-public>).

We’re hopeful that the Commission concurs on the importance of the Selective Service and that registration remain intact. As you may already be aware, every president since the registration requirement was reinstated in 1980, has believed that maintaining the Selective Service System and draft registration is essential for the following reasons:

- It provides a hedge against unforeseen threats and a relatively low cost “insurance policy” against our underestimating the maximum level of threat we expect our Armed Forces to face;
- Terminating the SSS and draft registration would send the wrong signal to our potential enemies who are watching for signs of U.S. resolve; and
- As fewer and fewer members of our society have direct military experience, it is increasingly important to maintain 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.

SELECTIVE SERVICE EXHIBITS AT NAB



L to R: Director Benton and Ms. Robin Roberts

Mr. Gordon Smith, President and CEO of National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) graciously extended an invitation to Selective Service to share their exhibit space at the 2018 NAB convention. Selective Service distributed approximately 200 Public Service Announcements (PSA's) to a wide variety of radio and TV stations from across the country. The agency also had registration and local board member information at the NAB Public Service booth. Several attendees were interested in becoming a local board member and appreciated the opportunity to learn about the process. Ms. Suzanne Raven, Senior Manager Public Service, NAB did an outstanding job of coordinating this effort with SSS staff.

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Director Benton met with State Director General Frank Gonzales about Nevada's compliance rates and discussed ways to improve registration in the state. Additionally, the Director was able to speak with many radio and TV station managers and encouraged them to air SSS PSA's to raise awareness of the federal

registration requirement. He was interviewed by several media outlets including Channel 8 - Las Vegas Now - KLAS-TV with State Director Gonzales and News Director Joyce Kotnik and reporter Sarah Loftis. Director Benton also met Robin Roberts, anchor of ABC's Good Morning America and award winning author.

DIRECTOR INTERVIEWED ON WJBB RADIO

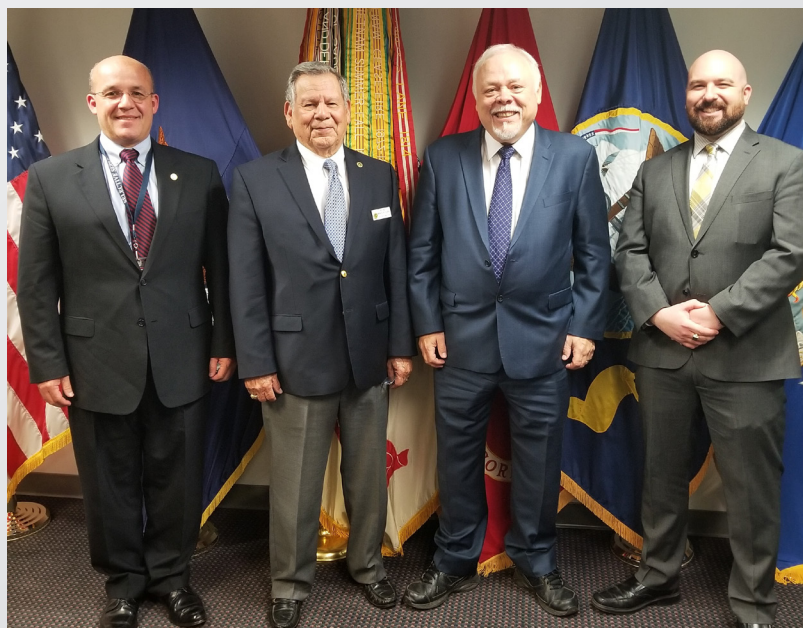


On Saturday, April 21, 2018 Director Benton was a guest of radio personalities and hosts Greg Howard and his partner, Lucretia Hughes, on WJBB Radio in Georgia and was interviewed on the air for over 30 minutes. Greg is also an eight year Region II Local Board Member veteran. They discussed the Director's 1st year at SSS;

his goals of readiness and registration. It was a rousing interview that covered the gamut - related life experiences, professional accomplishments and the importance for men to register.

Greg stated after the interview, "The Director is a great guest-entertaining and informative. This was a superb opportunity to help get the importance of registration message out." "I enjoyed playing the Selective Service PSAs as well." Greg can be heard on www.wjbbradio.com or in the Atlanta area in Barrow County at 107.1.

STATE DIRECTOR OF VIRGINIA VISITS NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS



BG (Ret) Manuel Flores, State Director of Virginia visited the Selective Service last month. He had a series of meetings with leadership and staff. Among the topics discussed was RFO management and RFO support to National Headquarters.

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L to R: Acting Associate Director for Operations Carlos Perez, Virginia State Director BG Flores, Director Benton, Chief of Staff Wadi Yakhour

PROPERTY ACCOUNTABILITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Selective Service recently purchased the Property Accountability Management System (PAMS). PAMS is a software solution for tracking physical and financial accountability for all assets from acquisition through disposal. PAMS enables property managers to monitor, control and account for property transactions. The software accounts for all types and classifications of property including personal and real property, IT assets, vehicles, and more.

PAMS enables the Selective Service to improve decision-making, accountability and regulatory compliance for all types of assets.



L to R: Cane Toussaint, Robert Radke, Blaine Caracer

NOW PLAYING . . . THE DIRECTOR'S OUTREACH VIDEO

All SSS Employees, State Directors, Local Board Members and State Resource Volunteers: Please take a few minutes and watch the Director's Outreach video. It's informative, moving, and a good tool for outreach visits. It can be found on our website at: <https://www.sss.gov/media/>

SSS EXHIBITS AT VA AMBULATORY CARE CENTER



L to R: State Director Brad Willette and LTC Robert Noll

State Director Mr. Brad Willette and LTC Robert Noll, Detachment Commander of the 1-OH Detachment in Region I, set up a display recruiting Selective Service board members at the VA Ambulatory Care Center Open House in Columbus, OH. The purpose was to seek potential board members in vacancies that exist in the Columbus region and to spread the word about young male registration. The event took place May 5-6, 2018. They even had a visit with the Ohio State University mascot, Brutus Buckeye and had local TV news coverage.

REGION I OPERATIONS MANAGER RECEIVES AWARD

Katherine Murphy, the Operations Manager for Region I, is one of only 50 recipients to receive the Silver Acorn Award for her Cub Scout Pack (Pack 179), which has been around since 1952. The purpose of this award is to recognize the Unit's most outstanding adult. The award is a silver pin, which consists of an acorn with a wreath around it. Only the District can award this to the individual. For Illinois, the District has three councils and each council consists of between 23 and 35 Cub Scout Packs. The Packs in the District can only nominate an outstanding adult to receive this award once a year. All Packs consist of five Dens of an average of ten scouts each. Each Pack has on average about 120 adult leaders and parents/guardians. We are very proud of Ms. Murphy's prestigious award.



L to R: Tim Baldocchi, Cub Master, and Katherine Murphy

SSS EXHIBITS AT DECA CONFERENCE



Michael Edwards speaking with DECA participants

The Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) held its annual conference in Atlanta, Georgia April 21st – 23rd, 2018. Charles Kinsey, Region II Program Analyst and Mr. Michael Edwards, Region II Program Assistant, attended the conference and staffed the Agency exhibit. DECA hosted over 18,000 students, ranging in ages from 15 to 18 years old, from across world representing over 10 countries.



Charles Kinsey (middle) speaking with exhibit administrators

SSS EXHIBITS AT THE AT-RISK YOUTH NATIONAL FORUM

Selective Service exhibited at the 2018 At-Risk Youth National Forum held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina during the week February 18, 2018. Lieutenant Colonel Walter Castro, Detachment 2NC and Charles Kinsey, Region II Program Analyst, were on hand to explain the importance of registering with the Selective Service.



L to R: Charles Kinsey and LTC Walter Castro, Detachment 2NC

TEXAS STATE DIRECTOR ATTENDS NSBA CONFERENCE

The National School Board Association (NSBA) held their annual conference in San Antonio, Texas from April 7 – 8th, 2018. COL (Ret.) Claude Hempel, Texas State Director, and LTC Michael Segner, Detachment 2-19 attended and staffed the SSS exhibit booth.

During the conference a total of 10 Local Board Members were recruited (3-TX, 2-IN, 2-IL, 1-MN, 1-MS, 1-VA). Applications were also handed out to other interested attendees.



Above: COL (Ret.) State Director Claude Hempel (Right) swears in a potential Local Board Member



Left: LTC Michael Segner (Left), of Det 2-19 and COL (Ret.) State Director Claude Hempel

REGION II HOST ANNUAL NOSD



Region II class

Mr. John Prigmore, Deputy Director; Mr. Wadi Yakhour, Chief of Staff; CAPT James Longo USNR Commander, and LCDR Eric Brown, USNR (ADSW) attended Region II annual New Officer State Director (NOSD) training on Dobbins ARB, Georgia on March 8 – 11th, 2018. The class was well attended with staff and RFOs from Region II. Mr. Prigmore gave a brief welcome and covered the importance of the Selective Service System and the work of each Reserve Force Officer. This was followed by an ice-breaker introduction and the institutional briefing.



Above: Mr. Prigmore (Far Right) speaks with the class during a break



Left: Mr. Robert Green (Right), a Georgia LBM from Butts County, was presented with a Certificate of Completion along with the rest of the class, by Mr. Perez.

MOTHER AND SON

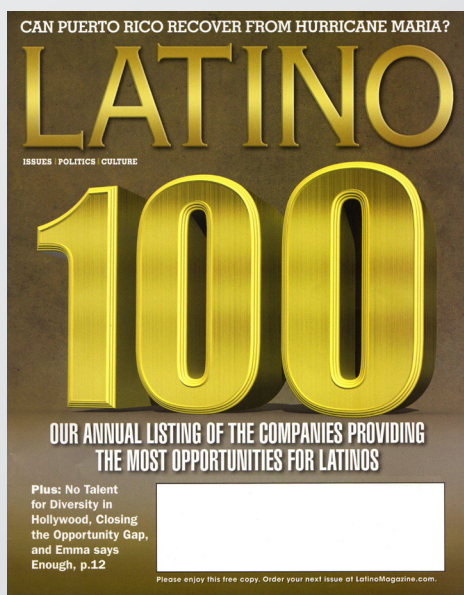
Maryann Rangel, Region III Administration Officer, was recently promoted to Second Lieutenant in the Colorado Squadron CO143 assigned on Buckley Air Force Base. She was presented her promotion from Major Norman Teltow, Commander. Standing next to 2LT Maryann Rangel is her son, Cadet / A1C Vincent N. Rangel, who joined CAP in January 2016 while in 6th grade. Vincent has also made his mark in CAP by flying a Cessna 182 three times on training missions as part of his education. C/A1C Vincent Rangel aspires to join the Air National Guard after High School graduation.



His mother, Maryann Rangel, joined Colorado Civil Air Patrol (CAP) as a Senior Member in September 2017. 2LT Maryann Rangel's duty assignments are Alternate Admin Officer, Personnel Officer, Testing Officer and Public Affairs Officer. Congratulations!

Left: Cadet / A1C Vincent N. Rangel is placing new 2LT epaulets on his mother Maryann Rangel. Afterwards, A1C Vincent N. Rangel gives his mother her first salute as an Officer in Civil Air Patrol.

LOCAL BOARD MEMBER FEATURED IN LATINO MAGAZINE



Local Board Member Ron Garcia was recently featured in the Spring 2018 issue of Latino Magazine. Mr. Garcia is a Navy veteran and a former mayor of Brea, California. Thanks to Ron for helping to educate young men on the importance of registering with Selective Service. You can read the article in its entirety at:

<http://latinomagazine.com/spring18/agenda.html>

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Serving My Community and My Country

BY RON GARCIA

I have dedicated much of my life to public service — as a Navy veteran, former mayor of Brea, California, and city board member — and I continue to enjoy serving both my community and my country as a Local Board Member for the U.S. Selective Service System.

Local Board Members play an important community role closely connected with our nation's defense. While there is not a military



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draft now, and it's unlikely there will be one in the foreseeable future, we must remain ready. There are approximately 2,000 Local Boards throughout the country with almost 11,000 members on these Local Boards. They are trained to make sure the process would be fair and equitable if a national emergency necessitated a draft and was approved by Congress and the President. Local Boards would process and determine which men drafted in each community receive deferments, postponements, or exemptions from military service based on federal guidelines. Board Members undergo an initial eight-hour training session and then participate in an annual training to review sample cases based on real-life situations.

As part of Selective Service's commitment to a fair process, Local Board Members are chosen to reflect our local communities. As a Latino, I take great pride in reflecting my community in Orange County, California.

Although it is not a requirement for serving on the board, I also am committed to advocating for policies that help keep Selective Service registration high and make it easier for men to register. A good example was the recently proposed driver's license legislation in California. The bill would have helped men ages 18 to 26 to register by having a simple consent statement on driver's license applications.

While I was an elected official, I worked with NALEO — the nation's leading non-partisan organization that facilitates full Latino participation in the American political process, from citizenship to public service — across party lines on issues of importance to our community. I was able to advise Latino colleagues on both sides of the aisle about the importance of the Selective Service registration and the need to make

it as simple as possible because when a man fails to register, he can lose important benefits and opportunities linked to registration, including student financial and employment in millions of jobs. Although the California driver's license legislation passed, it was later vetoed. But, I am proud to say that NALEO members wrote letters of endorsement for the bill on behalf of our Latino community.



Every week, Selective Service fields hundreds of inquiries from men who failed to register before they became 26 years old. Now it's too late and they are potentially barred — permanently — from federal student loans and grants, job training programs, and many federal and state jobs. Also, failure to register can significantly complicate matters for immigrant men seeking U.S. citizenship.

Anecdotally, Latino men are more likely to miss the message about registration and lose access to many of these opportunities. This is particularly true for young men who do not intend on going to college right after high school, immigrants and refugees, and those who have been incarcerated.

As a board member, I feel it is my responsibility to make sure these men know about the registration requirement so that their futures are bright and they have all of the resources they need to succeed.

Registering with Selective Service takes one minute to accomplish. Men can register online at sss.gov, or they can print out a registration form from sss.gov and mail it in. It's a quick and simple process, but it is critical to ensuring men have access to all of the educational and career options afforded them.

If you'd like to join me in ensuring that the program is fair and equitable, Selective Service is currently seeking new board members in communities around the country. If you are a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, and not an active or retired member of the Armed Forces



es or Reserves, you are eligible to apply to become a board member. The online application is available at www.sss.gov/Volunteers/Board-Member-Program.

It's a great opportunity to become more involved in your community, while helping improve the future of young men.

Ron Garcia is a Selective Service board member in California.

REGION III OPERATIONS MANAGER CONDUCTS TRAINING



LTC Brett Williams USAR, Region III Operations Manager and J-9 Staff Officer assigned to the NORAD and US NORTHERN COMMAND, lead the discussion-based exercise with participating federal agencies throughout Colorado in practicing group problem solving, familiarizing senior officials with a situation, conducting a specific case study of wide spread Civil Unrest, examining personnel contingencies, testing group message interpretation, participating in information sharing, assessing interagency coordination and COOP preparedness. The NORAD and US NORTHERN COMMAND J-9 and Colorado Federal Executive Board are key partners in FEMA training for Colorado.

The Civil Unrest Virtual Tabletop Exercise was sponsored by the Colorado Federal Executive Board in partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Management Institute as one of a series of virtual exercises designed to bring numerous communities together in a collaborative environment. The training was set forth by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program.



The Colorado Federal Executive Board presented LTC Brett Williams with their distinctive Challenge Coin in recognition of his training efforts and support.

REGION III CELEBRATES NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE DAY

Region III staff celebrated National Professional Administrative Day. Region Director Wilber thanked the staff for all they do for Selective Service and let them know how important they are in helping the agency fulfill its mission.



L to R: Steve Valdez, Kathy Green, John Wilber, Brett Williams, Maryann Rangel, Lisa Scheele, Angelique Henry, Ed Medina

DMC CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH



L to R: Rhonda Robinson, Angie Gayden, Angela Coleman, Shaquita France, Lauren Tolbert, Vanessa Thompson and Beverly Allen.

On February 28, 2018, the Data Management Center hosted a Black History luncheon that was a reflection of soul food. The menu consisted of pinto beans with ham hocks, garlic green beans, baked beans, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, candied yams, corn, potato salad, chicken, and fish. There were also lots of amazing desserts and cakes made by our own resident DMC baker, Veronica Quinette. Veronica also showed off

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her artistic talents by making a display board that highlighted black history facts and prominent figures. The luncheon was a huge success made possible by a talented group of volunteers and cooks. Cooking soul food requires a lot of heart, soul, and time. Vanessa Thompson took the lead in coordinating the luncheon and was responsible for frying the catfish. Of course, that was after adding her special blend of seasonings! Vanessa retired in March 2018, and everyone at the DMC is hoping she will come back next year to cook at the next Black History luncheon.

Left: Display created by Veronica Quinette

REGION III's BRETT WILLIAMS U.S. ARMY RESERVIST



L to R: LTC Greg Park and LTC Brett Williams standing in front of NORAD and US Northern Command Headquarters in Colorado Springs, Colorado where each serve as a US Army Reservist.

LTC Brett Williams, Region III Operations Manager, served SSS as the 2LA and 2-9 Commander while assigned to the agency during his tour 1999-2012. Currently, LTC Brett Williams serves as the NORAD and USNORTHCOM J-9, Interagency Directorate (ICC) as the IMA Staff Duty Officer to the J-9 Director. LTC Brett Williams will be retiring June 2018 with 30 Years of Army Service!

LTC Park served SSS 3-15 Detachment commander for 8 years in OKARNG and USAR capacity. LTC Park joined the NORAD and USNORTHCOM staff as the IMA Deputy Director of Public Affairs in 2018. LTC will be retiring in 2019 with 32 years in the Army.



STAR TEAM

The 2018 STAR Team would like to encourage employees to submit suggestions that will enhance and improve employee engagement, morale, culture, and processes at Selective Service. Please use the STAR Team Suggestion form found on the Agency's Employee Portal and give it to your office's STAR Team representative.

SUGGESTION BOX

The Director now receives all suggestions from the NHQ suggestion box personally. He emptied it on June 1st and there were only two suggestions. This is a direct conduit to leadership if you want something changed. Please use it.

ELAN BECKER, FM

Mr. Elan Becker recently joined Financial Management as an accountant. He graduated from Towson University in December 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Mr. Becker shared the following about himself, "I am very passionate about accounting as I like how numbers always tell very interesting stories. I have a lot of hobbies and interests which include weight lifting, dining out, chess, listening to jazz, pre-roman Gregorian, electronic and country music, billiards, snowshoeing, racquetball and any other activity that connects me to the great outdoors. Many people don't know that I am a snowmobiling enthusiast and have the goal of hitting every snowmobile trail in the US within the next 10 years! I have so far hit the trails on Mount Mansfield near Stowe, VT and the back roads of Killington, VT. I can't wait to go back again to Vermont to hit the trails of the Northeast Kingdom!" Welcome Mr. Becker to the SSS family!



DALYNNE M. SANBORN, HR

Ms. Dalynne Sanborn recently joined the Selective Service as a Human Resources Specialist/Employee Benefits. She began working for the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2011 in the Non-VA Care Department before she became a Human Resources Assistant /Employee Benefits in 2013. From there, she was promoted to Human Resources Specialist/Employee Benefits and has been in that position ever since.

Ms. Sanborn attended Clarion University of Pennsylvania. Later she became a Certified Nursing Assistant and worked for two nursing homes. She joined the Navy to be a Hospital Corpsman where she was stationed at Oakland Naval Hospital for her entire tour. Ms. Sanborn worked in the Ear, Nose and Throat clinic, Labor and Delivery, Immunization Clinic, and eventually became a Case Manager before the hospital closed in 1996. While stationed there, she met her husband Marty of 23 years, and they have a son and a daughter.



Ms. Sanborn is excited to be working for the Selective Service System and is hoping to experience all DC has to offer. She looks forward to working with everyone. Welcome!

CLARA PALACIOS, LO



Ms. Clara Palacios re-joined the Selective Service System in April 2018 as a Contract Specialist, 1102 Series. She has a background in Logistics and Contracts and served as a Non-Commissioned Officer in the United States Army, and recently worked as a Contract Administrator at the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA). She is also passionate about customer services and is proud to be part of the Selective Service System. Clara has a BA in Business Administration and a Master in Human Resources Management from the Inter American University of Puerto Rico and is a Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) and Federal Acquisition Certification in Contracting (FAC-C) - 1102 Certified. Welcome back Ms. Palacios!

TREVOR BARLOW, DMC

Mr. Barlow joined the Selective Service System on April 5, 2018, as the Manager, Mail and Logistics Branch. His main function is to supervise the Mail Processing Assistants and oversee logistics and functions related to incoming/outgoing mail for Selective Service.

Before joining the agency, he served 20 years in the United States Marine Corps until retiring in June 2015. He spent his time in the Marine Corps as a Military Postal Manager, Recruiter, and Liaison at the Joint Military Postal Activity/U.S. Postal Service in Chicago, IL. He then taught grades 9-12 at Taft High School in Chicago. Mr. Barlow deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan in 2009, 2012, and 2013. He has been deployed to 48 countries while serving with the U.S. Navy aboard numerous ships since 1998.

Mr. Barlow resides in Chicago with his wife and two sons. DMC is happy to welcome him to the SSS family.



KATRINA WILLIAMS, DMC



Ms. Katrina Williams joined the Selective Service System on April 1, 2018 as a Mail Processing Assistant. She recently transferred to Illinois with her family from Cheatham Annex Naval Base in Williamsburg, Virginia. Before joining SSS, Ms. Williams was a stay-at-home mom. She previously worked at NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center, Norfolk, VA, as a Material Handler, shipping and receiving weapons for the Fleet and Shore Duty at the Norfolk Naval Base. Ms. Williams also served in the U.S. Army as a (63J) Laundry/Generator Mechanic at Fort Polk, LA, and served in the ARNG as a (92A) Supply Technician at Fort Pickett in the city of Blackstone, VA.

Ms. Williams has her Associates of Science degree from Tidewater Community College in Portsmouth, VA. She plans to further her education and pursue her Bachelors in Human Services. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her husband and three children, going to church, and is always looking for ways to improve herself and her spiritual life. Welcome Ms. Williams!

VANESSA K. THOMPSON, DMC, RETIRES

After 35 years of government service, Ms. Vanessa Thompson retired from Selective Service on March 30, 2018. Data Management Center employees, both current and past, along with a host of Ms. Thompson's family and friends, celebrated her successful career on March 30, 2018.

During her 35 years with the Selective Service System, Ms. Thompson worked in various positions which include: Data Transcriber, Lead Data Transcriber, Contact Representative, Research Assistant, and most recently as a Lead Research Assistant. She received several Incentive Keying Program awards when she was a Data Transcriber. As a Lead Research Assistant, she helped manage the workload for the Contact Representatives and Research Assistants, and monitored phone calls from the public. Ms. Thompson was presented with the Exceptional Service Award with Silver Medal during her retirement celebration.



After retirement, she plans to spend more time traveling with her sister to Arizona and working with her sons in their metal scrapping business. In her spare time, she hopes to get back to riding her R-1000 Yamaha. She'll have plenty of time to do what she enjoys best...cooking for family and friends. We wish her much happiness and best wishes in her retirement. Her dedication to the Selective Service System will be greatly missed!

SHERRIE OLSEN, DMC, RETIRES

Ms. Sherrie Olsen, Manager, Registration Information & Research (RI/R) Branch, is retiring from the Federal government on May 31, 2018 after 30 years of service. Amazingly, all of those years of service were at the Selective Service System, Data Management Center.

Ms. Olsen joined the Agency in May 1988 as a Data Transcriber on second shift in the Data Entry Section. In October of 1988, she was promoted to a Research Clerk in the RI/R Branch where she opened Compliance mail and coded Compliance letters. Ms. Olsen went on to become a Research Assistant, a Lead Research Assistant and became the Branch Manager in October 2014 until her retirement. She supervised the RI/R Branch, which is the largest branch in the DMC. Ms. Olsen played an important part in leading the branch through the transition from the old mainframe computer system to the current real time Registration, Verification, & Compliance system, and through the implementation of the new and improved phone system.

She enjoys reading books, spending time with her husband, taking walks, and entertaining. She also enjoys spending time with her three cats and her dog. Her immediate plans are to take the summer off and relax in the pool before she decides what is next in her life.



Ms. Olsen and her husband, Larry, eventually plan on returning to her roots in Oklahoma so she can spend more time with her mom, brother, and sister, which will mean leaving behind one sister and two grown sons in Illinois.

Friends, family, and coworkers will gather with Ms. Olsen on May 18th for her retirement luncheon. She will be missed. Selective Service wishes her best wishes and happiness in all her future endeavors.

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