



# The REGISTER

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## Dr. Larry Stewart Sworn in as State Director for Georgia

Deputy Director, Mr. Edward Allard, swore in Dr. Larry Stewart, as the new State Director for Georgia, on July 24, 2013. Dr. Stewart served as a Reserve Force Officer in multiple Regions and has 25 years affiliation with Selective Service. He is an Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice Program at Savannah State University in Savannah, Georgia. Dr. Stewart is currently participating in a joint project in the Washington D.C. area with the Savannah State University and the University of Maryland. Region Director Keith Scragg stated...“I have known Larry Stewart for many years and he will make an outstanding State Director for Georgia.” Congratulations Dr. Stewart!

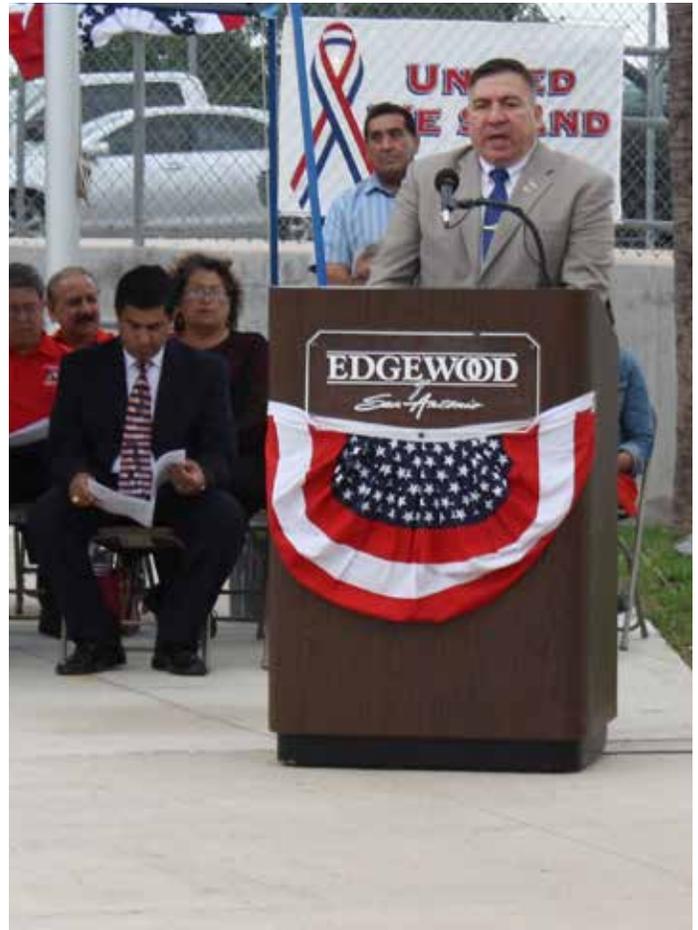


*From Left to Right: SSS Deputy Director Edward T. Allard and Dr. Larry Stewart, State Director for Georgia*

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## Memorial Day Address

The Director was the keynote speaker at the Edgewood Independent School District Memorial Day Ceremony in San Antonio, Texas where he addressed the Edgewood Independent School District Community, the Edgewood Class of 1967, and Edgewood Veterans. An excerpt from Mr. Romo's speech follows: "Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. We acknowledge our heroes on Memorial Day who paid the ultimate price to assure the survival and success of our liberty. I am highly honored to be here today, to participate in this extraordinary ceremony, and to witness your heartfelt recall of the ultimate sacrifice paid by past warriors from the Edgewood Community. They may be gone but you are making sure they are not forgotten. It is our human need to recall the names and deeds of our heroes. This is why we have a Roy Cisneros Elementary School and the names inscribed on the Edgewood Vietnam Memorial to make sure that we will not forget sacrifices made by the Edgewood family, a cherished component of the 58,272 total U.S. killed during the Vietnam War. Also, we all can be very proud that the Edgewood community's focus is not exclusively looking backwards. You are continuing your legacy of support – here and now --for our military and veterans, together with the numerous individuals enlisting at a high rate for military service. May you be especially blessed for your demonstrated commitment and dedication to our military heroes."



## American GI Forum Conference and Region III Visit

Director Romo gave a keynote address at this year's American GI Forum National Conference, July 24-28<sup>th</sup> in Denver, CO. The speech generated a lot of interest and was well-received by the conference attendees. The Director answered many follow-up questions. Region Director John Wilber assisted with Board Member recruiting efforts during the event. Mr. Romo had the honor to swear in four new local board members. The Director thanked them for their support and stated that he appreciated their service to our great Country and their dedication in serving the community.



COL (Ret) Gary Bress (Colorado (CO) State Director) and Maj (Sel) Joseph Skufca (CO Det 3-7) staffed an SSS booth at the conference. There were over 200 AGIF members at the conference. The event was deemed a success with five applications completed on the spot and several other recruiting leads produced.

While in Colorado the Director met with the Region III staff to congratulate and thank the regional personnel for their work in reducing the number of dead boards in the Region from 43 to 5.



*Left to Right: Sergeant Major (Ret) Dennis Clinin (A GIF member) and Maj (Sel) Joseph Skufca (CO Det 3-7)*

## Region I Exhibit at ASCA

Detachment PA 1-14 MAJ Drew Techner, LTC Darryl Martin and State Director Mr. John Williams staffed a booth at the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) in Philadelphia, PA on June 30th through July 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. The Detachment was pleased at the large turn out and the number of school counselors that were interested in the Selective Service registration process. The Reserve Force Officers and State Director agree that this was a very successful conference. The American School Counselor Association encourages their members to promote student success in the school, home, community and the world.



*Left to Right: LTC Darryl Martin, MAJ Drew Techner, and State Director John Williams*

## Florida State Workshop July 2013

The Florida State Director and state RFOs assembled at the Navy Air Station in Jacksonville to discuss the Board Member Program, realignment of workload and other mission activities. This is the first time SSS personnel have come together in several years; it was highly productive. In addition to Region II Director, Keith Scragg, Captain Tom Ryer, USNR, Commanding Officer of NR SEL SER SYS 125, attended the meeting.



*Front to Back: Major David Lydon, LTC Vernon Dohmann, CWO Blevin Davis, CWO3 Bruce Jones, LTJG Deborah Peeples, CDR Amelia Stringer, RD Keith Scragg, CWO4 Scott Grzybowski, and SD Doug Maddox, Jr.*

## Dallas School Official Visits NHQ



Ms. Miosha M. McCann, Program Development Specialist and Advanced Placement Coordinator from H. Grady Spruce High School in Dallas, TX visited National Headquarters. Mr. Romo and Mr. Richard Flahavan, Associate Director for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, briefed her on the mission of Selective Service and the Registration requirement.



## LULAC Conference

Selective Service System exhibited at the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) conference in Las Vegas, NV, June 19-21<sup>st</sup>. There were approximately 20,000 attendees at the conference, and the SSS booth experienced a steady stream of visitors during the course of the event. Our SSS exhibit was staffed with RFOs from throughout the region. The staffers registered several young men on site during the course of the conference.



*Pictured with conference dancers (from left to right) are CPT Jose Espinoza (3CA), LT Todd Huff (3NV) and CDR Phillip Cummings (CA3-5).*



*CPT Espinoza is visiting with some of the attendees at the conference*

## National Council of La Raza Exhibit

Selective Service exhibited at the National Council of La Raza (NCLR) in New Orleans, LA July 20-23, 2013. The NCLR is the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States and works to improve opportunities for Hispanic Americans. Major Dwayne Well, Reserve Force Officer of LA Detachment 2-9 LTC Jona Hughes of Detachment 2LA and Major Robert M. Remy of LA Detachment 2-9 manned the exhibit.



*Pictured from left to right: Director Lawrence G. Romo, Major Dewayne Wells, LA Det 2-9, Mrs. Helen Coronado, former SSS Director, Mr. Gil Coronado*

## Region III NOSD Training

Region III conducted New Officer/State Director training at the Region Headquarters in Denver, Colorado on July 15-18, 2013. There were 16 Reserve Force Officers and 1 State Director in attendance.



*Pictured in back row: Ms. Carol Mills, Mr. Rob Vaccarella, CPT Brent Taylor, CPT Charlos Turpin, Lt Col Michael Profit, LTC Troy Swier, CW4 Bradley Hoines and CDR Daniel Kalal. Pictured in middle row: John Wilber (Region Director), Mrs. Kathy Green, Mrs. Maryann Rangel, Mr. Ed Medina, CPT Justin Talley, MAJ Ryan Mirabel, CDR Phillip Cummings, LTC Meloni Beauchamp and Diane Cummins-Lefler (MO State Director). Pictured in front row: LTC Thor Iljana, LT William Clear, LTC Ronny Mast, LCDR Thomas Bauer, LTC Thomas George and 1LT Levi Macy.*

## Texas State Director Speaks to Kiwanis Club

State Director for Texas, Colonel Claude Hempel, USA Retired, spoke to the members of the Northwest Austin Kiwanis Club during their breakfast meeting on June 4, 2013. During the meeting, SD Hempel discussed the missions of the Selective Service System and provided information on the duties of local board members.



*Pictured above is the Region II NOSD Class during IBMT With newly-appointed Georgia Board Members*

# Awareness Campaign



Potomac Rugby Union High School championship players were taking time following their triumphant moments to promote Selective Service registration compliance for 18 year old men. The registration banner ad which was 3' x 9' and registration literature were prominent at the Championship Tournament.

**Guys ...**

Virtually every man living in the U.S. must register with the Selective Service System within 30 days of his 18th birthday.

**Don't Penalize Your Future**

Men who fail to register by age 26 can be permanently barred from:

- Student loans.
- Job training.
- Employment opportunities.
- Citizenship for male immigrants.
- Driver's license renewal in most states.

Learn more | Register [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov)



This ad appeared in the 2013 Las Vegas Invitational Rugby Championships, February 7-9, 2013. It was one of many awareness opportunities afforded the Selective Service System in a sustained campaign to remind young men about the importance of registration compliance.



## Jan C. Scruggs Presented Award

Mr. Romo recently met with Mr. Jan C. Scruggs, Chairman of the Selective Service System National Appeals Board and Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund President to award him the agency's Honored Patriot Award. Mr. Scruggs was presented this award in grateful appreciation for his proactive, selfless service to the community and the Nation.



## Region Director Scragg Presents Awards

During the Florida State Workshop in July, Major David Lydon, Det. 2-5, was awarded the Joint Service Achievement Medal and CWO4 Scott Grzybowski, Det. 2-6, was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal.



*Pictured Above: Captain Tom Ryer, Mrs. and CWO4 Scott Grzybowski, and RD Keith Scragg*



*Pictured Above: SD Doug Maddox, Jr., Major David Lydon, and RD Keith Scragg*

## RFO Smith Presented Award



Major Alan W. Smith was presented with a Meritorious Service Award before his peers during the Region III New Officer/State Director training session. Colorado State Directors and the Region Director presented the award to Major Smith for his exceptional service to the Agency.



## In Memoriam

### Mississippi State Director General Steven L. Melançon (U.S. Army, Ret.)

The State Director for Mississippi, Steven L. Melançon, passed away peacefully in his home on August 2, 2013 at the age of 68.

Brigadier General Melançon (U.S. Army, Ret.) was a Selective Service Reserve Force Officer for eight years, the Director for Operations at National Headquarters two years and State Director the past 12 years. He served two tours in Vietnam, was an attorney, and a state legislator. His military awards included the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with "V" Valor, Selective Service System Meritorious, Exceptional, and Distinguished Service Awards.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Jan; daughter, Jena; son, Louis and four grandchildren.



## Thomas G. White Region I Director



Tom White enlisted in the United States Air Force in June of 1970 and served as a Ground Communication Equipment Repairman at Key West, NAS Florida, before being accepted into the Airman Education and Commissioning Program. He completed degree requirements at Georgia Tech and was commissioned through Officer Training School in San Antonio, Texas, in December of 1974.

He was assigned to the 91<sup>st</sup> Strategic Missile Wing at Minot AFB North Dakota where, in addition to his Deputy Launch Control Officer duties, he also worked in the Instructor Shop and Standard Evaluations area. From Minot, he went to Keesler AFB, MS, where, after attending the Electronic Communications Officer schools, he was assigned to the 2052nd Communication Squadron as a Special Assistant to the Commander and Administrative Officer. In June of 1977, he was assigned to the 1915<sup>th</sup> Communication Squadron at Grissom AFB, IN, where he worked with the Strategic Air Command Aircrews as Chief of the Combat Crew Communications Branch. In 1978, he took over the Operations Officer duties in the 1915<sup>th</sup> and also completed Masters Degree requirements through Ball State University. From September 1979 until September 1981, he was the Operations Officer of the Communications Detachment of the 2006th Communications Group in Ankara, Turkey.

Prior to joining the Selective Service System as an active duty officer in 1989, he was the Commander of the 186th Communication Flight and Detachment Commander for the 238th Combat Communications Squadron, both units of the Mississippi Air National Guard, in Meridian, Mississippi.

Tom was the Operations Officer in the old Region I Headquarters in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from 1989 until its closure in 1994. When the Agency downsized to three Regions in 1994, he was the last person out the door and turned off the lights for the last time at the old Philadelphia Navy Base. He joined the new Region I Staff at Great Lakes as the Senior Operations Officer at that time and served until his retirement from

the Air Force in 2000. He was selected to be the first civilian Operations Manager for Region I in July of 2000. He served in that position until he was selected to be the Region Deputy Director in December 2002. He was appointed as Region Director in January of 2004. Tom has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal (1 OLC), the Selective Service System Meritorious Service Award with Bronze Medal, and the Selective Service System Exceptional Service Award with Silver medal.

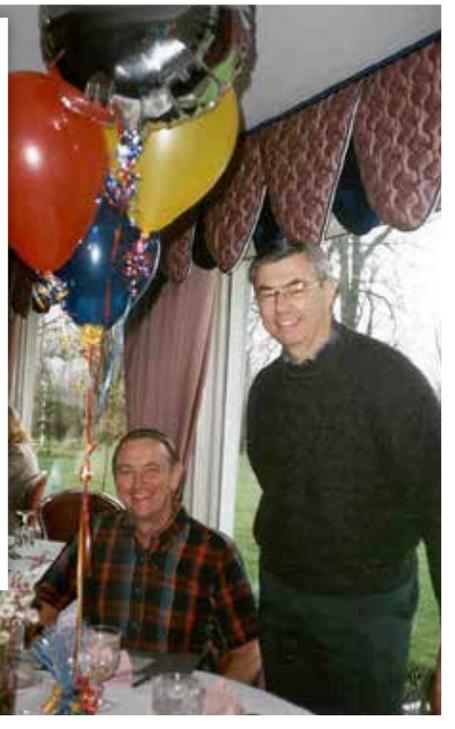
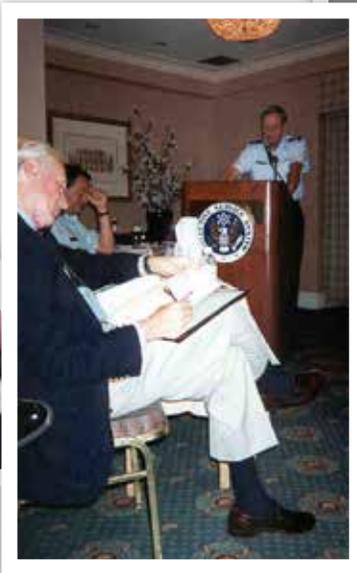
Tom grew up in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, and is married to the former Martha McCallum of New Hebron, Mississippi.

He says that he has thoroughly enjoyed his time with Selective Service and has had the privilege to meet and work with some of the finest, most talented, and dedicated people in the country. He firmly believes that the Agency provides one of the, if not the best, bargains for the American taxpayer in that most of our State Directors give much more than they get paid for as do our Reserve Force Officers. And the Board Member network covers the country and they get no compensation and only limited mileage or meal reimbursements which many of them decline. Tom also is a firm believer in the mission and the necessity of being prepared in this uncertain world where our military is stretched paper thin to cover their responsibilities and the Reserves and National Guard are being taxed beyond the missions they were originally designed to handle.

He credits the outstanding Region Headquarters staff for the successes they have enjoyed in meeting and going beyond their mission tasking. He also states that some of his proudest moments have been in working with his counterparts, both past and present, in the other two Regions and the NHQ team. "I simply can't say enough about the tremendous difference that Mr. Mario Campos, the Associate Director of Operations, has made and is making daily at NHQ" Tom says. "His leadership and drive will ensure that we will be ready and able if this country ever needs us" . . .

Tom will be retiring on August 24, 2013 after 24 years with the Agency. We will miss him and wish him much health and happiness in his future endeavors.

*See next page for more pictures*



# The Alternative Service Program Welcomes New Staff

## Vincent McClure

Vincent McClure was born in Ft. Campbell, Ky. He was raised as a military brat living in Guam, New Mexico, Alaska, and the United Kingdom. He graduated from Greenham Common High School, UK in 1989 and joined the U.S. Air Force attending basic training in San Antonio in June 1990. Mr. McClure spent 22 years in the Air Force. His assignments included Carswell AFB, TX, Kadena AB, Okinawa Japan, Edwards AFB, CA, Yokota AB, Japan, Scott AFB, IL, Hickam AFB HI, Dover AFB, DE, Minot AFB, ND and Langley AFB, VA. He retired in September 2012 as a Senior Master Sergeant. Vince is currently attending Park University. He is scheduled to complete his B.S. in Management in October 2013.

Vince has been married to his wife Fay for 19 years. They have three children: Jordan 17, Jazmyn 14, and Jalyn 9. He enjoys attending sporting events, jazz concerts, and bike riding.



## Danae Tuley

For approximately the past 12 years, Danae has been working in the nonprofit sector; having launched and managed programs for a number of nonprofit organizations and corporations and awarded and managed grants to communities in more than 25 countries across six continents. Most recently, she served as Grants Manager for the Global AIDS Alliance (GAA), where she oversaw the partnership and grant program management for GAA's Campaign to End Pediatric HIV/AIDS (CEPA).

Prior to joining GAA, Danae launched and managed the Geographic Project's Geographic Legacy Fund; National Geographic Society's first international program dedicated to helping indigenous communities to preserve and revitalize their traditional culture. Previously, Danae managed the National Geographic Society's donor database and gift processing; held development positions with In2Books and the Conservation Fund; served as Program Associate for the Gender Development Institute in Accra, Ghana; and has consulted for a number of other organizations and projects. Danae holds a B.A. in communications from Richmond University in London and an M.A. in African Studies in gender and development from the University of Ghana.

Danae is also an active volunteer within her DC community of Historic Anacostia, where she lives with her basset hound, Ruby. She is the co-founder and a board member of the newly-established Friends of the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site and is also actively involved in local historic preservation and community development. Danae is also a Realtor®, specializing in historic homes in Southeast DC.



## Inherited Treasures

Jeanice Broxton, Region II Program Analyst, recently inherited a photo and certificate that was presented to her Great Aunt, Iris Lee Pratt Atkins, a regularly approved member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Atkins was admitted by the National Board of Management by virtue of her descent from a patriot, Stephen Pratt of Virginia, who with unfailing loyalty served as a sailor, soldier, civil officer, or rendered material aid to the cause of American Independence during the Revolutionary War. Ms. Pratt was awarded membership into the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution on October 12, 1991. Mrs. Broxton proudly displays the photo and certificate.



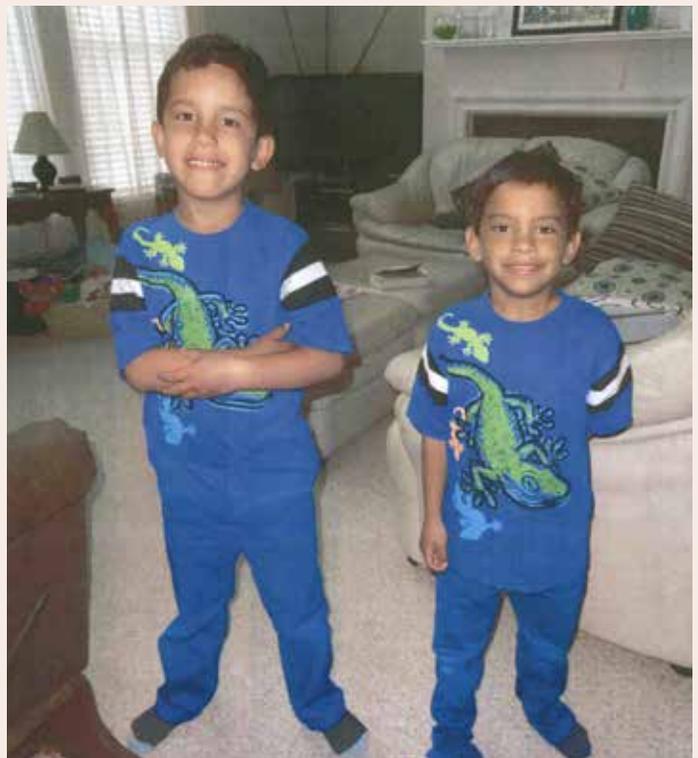
*Jeanice Broxton*

## Children of Destiny Nicaragua

Since June, 2007 Lianne Corbin, daughter of Mike Corbin, Region II's Operations Manager, has run the Children of Destiny Orphanage in Nicaragua. She takes in and cares for children who are either orphaned, abandoned or for a variety of reasons not living with their mothers. Pictured below are Rafael (Michael) and Gabriel, who came to the orphanage shortly after birth. Lianne has a special love for the children she cares for and is always pleased when they have a permanent family. Both boys were adopted by German missionaries in 2010. Today they are healthy and happy. The boys are thriving and speak fluent English and German! Recently, Rafael, Gabriel and their parents traveled across country from Florida to Nevada. During this trip they were able to spend a few days visiting with Mike Corbin and his wife Diane at the Corbin home in Georgia.



*Picture taken while at the Children of Destiny Orphanage*



*Gabriel and Rafael (Michael). Picture taken while visiting in the home of Mike Corbin and wife, Diane*

## National Headquarters Staff



*Front Row Left to Right:* Edward Allard, Cassandra Costley, Mario Campos, Rod Hubbard, Normagene Bennett, Lawrence Romo

*Second Row Left to Right:* Ann Tait, Renee Miller, Traci Peter, Sheila Taylor, Jun Li, Joel Spangenberg

*Third Row Left to Right:* Calvin Montgomery, Pat Schuback, Robin Shaw, Betty Lou Wingo

*Fourth Row Left to Right:* Evelyn Eriksen, Cindy Hubbard, Sharon Hostetter, Arnita Edmunds, Barbara Dunford, Pauline Wang, Jennifer Burke

*Fifth Row Left to Right:* Annie Boyd, Kevin Williams, Tarlon Stewart, Benay Rye, Richard Flahavan

*Sixth Row Left to Right:* Sherwin Thompson, Vincent Monroe, Matthew Bombella, Rudy Sanchez

*Seventh Row Left to Right:* Vanessa Lyde, Michael Young, Gaston Naranjo, Laiqun Mao,

*Eighth Row Left to Right:* Darren Lloyd, Jerry Klotz, Matthew Tittmann, Katia Jones

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