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NATIONAL APPEAL BOARD REFRESHER TRAINING

Selective Service held refresher training for the National Appeal Board (NAB) on July 28, 2017, at National Headquarters. The members of the NAB are appointed directly by the President. Like all Selective Service boards, the NAB is in a “standby” status because there is no draft. Should Congress and the President reinstate the draft, all SSS boards would be activated and meet regularly to decide claims for deferments, postponements, and exemptions from military service.



Left to Right: Director Benton, NAB Chairman Scruggs, Ms. Levin, Dr. White, and Acting Deputy Director Copp

NAB Chairman Mr. Jan Scruggs, Ms. Betsy Levin and Dr. Barbara White participated in the training. The training, overseen by Acting Deputy Director Adam J. Copp and conducted by Operations staff Mr. John Longshore, Mr. Thomas Devine, Mr. Charlie Neely, and Mr. Jeramie D’Orta, provided the NAB members with an overview of Selective Service’s path forward and an open forum for them to communicate with the Director and agency leadership.

Director Donald Benton made opening remarks and stressed the important role of the NAB and the responsibility the members have as the final level of

appeal for the claimant. He also reminded the board that they are the “eyes and ears” outside the agency and are one of Selective Service’s best advocates in the community.



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ALTERNATIVE SERVICE PROGRAM OUTREACH WEBINAR

On June 20, 2017, the staff of the Alternative Service Program (ASP) hosted its semiannual webinar. Director Donald Benton was the featured guest speaker. He assured the Peace Church community that Selective Service and the President value their relationship. The attendees' asked the Director many substantive questions and his responses were very well received. Also presenting were Ms. Cassandra Costley, ASP Manager and Mr. Matthew Tittmann with Public and Intergovernmental Affairs. Mr. Tittmann provided a state of the agency/legislative update. Ms.

Costley followed with an ASP update and shared with the attendees that this was one of her last webinars. She is retiring in January 2018. Many shared well wishes and gratitude for the many years of support she gave them. Mr. Jonathan Lomax facilitated the session with Ms. Irish Massey and ITSupport assisting. Constituent participants numbered 184, the highest in the history of ASP webinar sessions. The webinars have been a feature of the agency's outreach to the ASP constituents since 2009.

YEAR-UP GRADUATION

For the last two years, the Selective Service System has participated in the Year-Up Intern Program. Year-Up provides technical training to young adults between the ages of 18 – 24, with the purpose of educating, mentoring, and transitioning students into government or private sector employment. The program offers each student 35 college credits upon completion. This year, Selective Service was very fortunate to have two outstanding interns work in our Operations/IT Division, Ms. Aribah Hussain and Mr. Marino Pereira. They displayed dedication and professionalism when performing their assignments and were enthusiastic and eager to learn.

IT Security Specialist Ms. Renee Miller's daughter, Ms. Janay Miller, was also a Year-Up intern for the program and was selected as the commencement's student speaker, where she gave a heartfelt thank you to all those involved with the program and with her job assignment at Deltek. The graduation was attended by Mr. Scott Jones, CIO, Ms. Renee Miller, IT and a host of family and friends. We wish them all the best and know that they will be successful in any career that they choose. Congratulations Aribah, Marino and Janay!



Left to Right: Ms. Hussain & Mr. Jones



Left to Right: Mr. Pereira & Mr. Jones



Left to Right: Ms. Miller and Mr. Gerald Chertavian, Founder and CEO of Year-Up

FAMILY OF SERVICE

The Cerio family from Onondaga County, New York has a long history of volunteer service with the Selective Service System. Their family service started with Frank Cerio, an immigrant to the United States from Italy in 1919, who volunteered to serve with the Selective Service System in 1942. His son, Paul F. Cerio recalls that his father served from the beginning days of World War II to 1946 as a District Appeal Board Member in Onondaga County and was always very proud of his service.



Left to Right: Paul T. Cerio and Paul. F. Cerio

Paul F. Cerio, a US Navy Vietnam veteran, was recruited by LT David Hartz NY 1-9 to fill a Local Board Member opening in Onondaga in 2012 was honored to at the chance to follow in his father's footsteps. In 2015, Paul T. Cerio, Frank Cerio's grandson and a US Navy veteran, volunteered to serve on a different

board in Onondaga County. Both father and son are proud to carry on the legacy of service started by their father and grandfather and are very active Local Board Members.

REGION I RFOs KEEPING BUSY

This summer, Selective Service Reserve Force Officers (RFOs) LTC Geoffrey Lincoln and LTC Marc Schwarzkopf, Detachment 1-PA, worked tirelessly in their region at several local events. The RFOs coordinated several "pop up" events with local businesses during their annual training and in between scheduled events. RFOs were able to catch the attention of local customers in target areas which represented areas of low compliance, high population density, and/or area offices requiring board member fills. These events included the Chambersburg Shopping Mall, Roman's Army Surplus Store, and the McConnellsburg True Value. Overall, the RFOs were successful in speaking with over 100 personnel, which culminated in two registrations, multiple board member applications provided, and one significant contact from a local veteran's outreach in Franklin County.



Additionally, the RFOs attended numerous engagements and meetings with community leaders and their staffs, including commanders from the South Central Pennsylvania American Legion. Their efforts resulted in new registrations and 10 new board member applications. Some of the scheduled events in Pennsylvania which LTC Lincoln and LTC Schwarzkopf participated included the Reedsville Community Days in Mifflin County where they were able to fill a much-needed and long-vacated seat on a Mifflin local board; Franklin County Community Days and were able to fill two local board member vacancies in Franklin County and distribute multiple board member applications to interested citizens; American for Heroes Festival in Berks County; and the Tuscacora Heritage Days in Juniata County.

2017 RHODE ISLAND AIR SHOW - QUONSET AIRFIELD, NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI

The 2017 Rhode Island Air Show was hosted by the Rhode Island National Guard and a booth was covered by Maj. Bradford Labine of the 1-RI Detachment. Exceeding 27,000 attendees, Maj. Labine had the opportunity to speak with approximately 6% of perspective registrants and board members visited the booth to talk with Maj. Labine about registration requirements and raising awareness about the SSS.

911TH AIR RESERVE BASE OPEN HOUSE & PITTSBURGH AIR SHOW

CDR Wakefield and Capt. Miller (PA 1-13) supported a local exhibit booth at this event with more than 2,000 attendees on June 3-4, 2017 in which they met with 35 people and successful in securing eight potential board members from Washington, Butler, and Armstrong counties in their PA area offices.

RFOs MEET WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS

CWO3 Steve Hornyak, OH 1-12 Detachment, worked with the regional American Legion Representative, located at the local Veteran's Affairs, to establish notices to be published in their chapter newsletter. Warrant Hornyak also met with representatives of Sandusky and Wood counties to obtain current information regarding registrants in their areas.

Majors Frederick Kahl, IL 1-1, conducted several meet/greets with influential community leaders, including local American Legion posts, VFWs, and county offices in Carmi, New Haven, Shawneetown, Vandalia, Fairfield, Nashville, and Harrisburg, during his June annual training. These visits were to provide literature and data for offices to post, as well as to for leaders to participate with outreach initiatives by spreading awareness or registration requirements within their communities.

LTC Dan Allen, Detachment 1MI, facilitated a SSS presentation to 50 members of the Coldwater Rotary, Coldwater, MI, to recruit for support to raise awareness and persuade members to reach out to their communities with awareness information.

BADGER BOYS STATE CONFERENCE

Mr. John Cumicek, Wisconsin State Director, represented the SSS at the 76th Session of Badger Boys State College Fair, at Ripon College in Ripon, Wisconsin. This annual event is sponsored by the Ripon American Legion for more than 800 high school seniors from schools throughout Wisconsin to obtain information about state, county, and city governments. Mr. Cumicek had the opportunity to interact directly with our key demographic and provide information about registration requirements and the Alternative Service Program. Additionally, he networked with several counselors, faculty, and staff personnel who greatly assist the SSS with disseminating materials and awareness, as well as influence young men towards compliance within their areas.



Mr. Cumicek, WI State Director

NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING



Major Sean Keegan, 1 MA, represents the SSS at the NEA Annual Meeting in Boston, MA

RFOs Maj. Sean Keegan, Maj. Kathleen Keegan, and Capt. Rich St. Laurent, Detachments 1-MA and MA 1-4, supported National Education Association (NEA) annual meeting at the Boston Convention and Expo Center on June 30-July 5, 2017. One of the largest education conventions in America, this event provided the opportunity for RFOs to meet one-on-one with other exhibitors from some of the most distinguished Fortune 500 companies in America and leaders in American education. With more than 2,000 attendees, RFOs networked with leaders who influence our key demographic. In addition to making SSS literature and materials available to raise awareness, the RFOs also recruited attendees for the Board Member Program.

STATE DIRECTOR PITTMAN STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

Ms. Barbara Pittman, Washington, D.C. State Director, staffed the Selective Service booth at the United Community Group Unity Festival. Ms. Pittman was afforded the opportunity to communicate the importance of the Selective Service registration requirement for young men to several of her fellow community members and potential registrants. As an active member in her community, Ms. Pittman was able to easily relate to members of local churches, organizations, businesses, and individuals, that work together to re-build, support, and empower their community.

The State Director also represented Selective Service at the "Life After High School" event at Eastern High School in Washington DC. She spoke to the

attendees about improving and strengthening the District's overall registration rate. This event was a platform to directly provide information to young men, either of registrant age or soon approaching. She explained compliance laws and regulations and provided information regarding consequences for non-compliance. Ms. Pittman faced some opposition, corrected misconceptions, and reported many young men were interested and/or understood registration obligations, to which she encouraged students to share information with classmates. Ms. Pittman said the feedback and interactions were valuable to the agency and that it was "A+ evening".

MY SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM JOURNEY

BY DOUGLAS R. MADDOX JR., STATE DIRECTOR - FLORIDA



Left to Right: COL (Ret.) State Director Douglas R. Maddox, Sr.; Alfred V. Rascon, National Director (May 2001-January 2003); Keith Scragg, Region II Director (January 2004-November 2014)

I can trace my first encounter with the Selective Service System in the early 1980's when the National Director at the time (General Thomas Turnage) came to our home in Tallahassee for dinner. Director Turnage had been on a tour of the Region and my father (Douglas R. Maddox Sr.) invited the Director for a "home cooked meal". My father at the time was the Detachment Commander of Florida 2-5 who spent the day travelling with the Director visiting the governor's office, observing Local Board training and visiting local high schools for registrations. The thought of having a home cooked meal appealed to the Director so much that he washed the dishes after the meal.

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Left to Right: SD Maddox, SD Maddox Jr., and Mrs. Maddox

After coming off an Army active duty tour in 1989, I was looking for a Reserve billet so I could settle down and start a family. After speaking with my father about the lack of available slots, he suggested I apply for an opening as a Reserve Force Officer with the Selective Service System. I met the other potential candidate, Captain Jeffrey Basik (USAF) while waiting to interview with the Miami 2-6 Detachment Commander. After the interview, I learned that I was not selected for the Detachment opening. I would have a 2nd opportunity to interview with Detachment 2-6 in March 1990. This time I was chosen and was able to serve with Captain Basik and the other officers assigned to the Miami unit. I served in the Miami unit as a Reserve Force Officer, Detachment Executive Officer and eventually Detachment Commander until my retirement in 2009.

In 1999-2000, my father was now retired from the Army Reserve and was appointed the State Director for Florida. He had an idea to maximize the registration of young men in Florida. He came up with the idea to have young men register the same time they went for their driver licenses at the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). His thought was that the DMV could hold the young man's information until his 18th birthday and then a SSS registration number would be sent in the mail. He met with the National Director (Mr. Gil Coronado) who thought the idea would revolutionize the registration process. Mr. Coronado authorized Florida to be the beta test for this idea and before long my father enlisted the assistance of all the assigned SSS officers.

In 2001, the Florida Legislature passed the Selective Service Law which required young men between the ages of 18-25 to be registered with the Selective Service

automatically through the DMV upon applying for a driver license or State ID card. This legislation has now been replicated in almost every state and U.S. territory. Florida now enjoys 99% registration compliance of 18-25-year old young men as a result of my father's vision.

Upon my retirement from the Selective Service System and the Army in 2009, my father also retired and stepped down from the State Director role he so cherished. He wanted to relax and travel with my mom now that his work was done. The State Director position remained vacant in Florida for a year until my father called to see if I was interested in applying for the position. I told him I wanted to pursue other options and appreciated the thought. He reminded me of how the Selective Service was a part of me from helping him hand out SSS registration frisbees on Daytona Beach at Spring Break as a child to speaking at grass root events as a Reserve Force Officer recruiting board members or spreading the SSS message. After several more calls and prodding from my mother, I accepted the State Director position in 2011.

As I write this, I still cannot believe how much a part of me the Selective Service System is and its influence on my Army career and life (over 30 years). When my father passed away in 2013, he was able to observe and participate in my journey and that was something we did together in service of our great state and nation.



Left to Right: SD Maddox, Jr., SD Maddox Sr., and Mrs. Maddox

FLORIDA ANNUAL TRAINING

The Florida State Director, Douglas R. Maddox, held his Annual Training Assembly June 16 - 18. The event was held in the Florida National Guard Joint Headquarters in St. Augustine. The two day training was attended by the Florida RFOs representing the USNR, USAFR, and ARNG. The training was also attended by the Acting Deputy Director, Mr. Adam J. Copp, and the Region II Manager, Mr. Carlos Perez. Mr. Copp briefed the "State of the SSS" and gave a strategic view of the way ahead for the Agency. Each RFO briefed him on their respective area office statistics, BM recruiting, IBMT training, lessons learned, and ways NHQ can help. Mr. Copp expressed his satisfaction with the weekend training and recommended continuation subject to funds availability.



Left to Right: MAJ Brothers; CDR Carsten; SD Douglas R. Maddox, Jr.; Adam J. Copp, Acting Deputy Director; Mr. Carlos M. Perez, Region II Manager; CDR Emery; MAJ Robert Bennett; and LTC Valarie Petrosky

Afterwards, the team and their families met at a local historic restaurant called the Columbia for a good meal and a great time. Both SD Maddox and Mr. Perez think that families are a very important part of the Region, the States and the mission.

During the training, time was allotted to present Major Robert Bennett with the Region Top Gun award. MAJ Bennett has been with the Selective Service System for over 5 years and has been diligent in the recruitment of Local Board Members and conducting Post Office visits. A well-deserved award!



MAJ Robert Bennett, Det 2FL

IBMTs IN SESSION FOR FLORIDA

On May 11th, 13th and 20th, the Florida Detachment held Initial Board Member Trainings in Saint Augustine, Florida. The event coincided with the Florida Annual Training session. Lieutenant Colonel Valerie Petrosky and Major Robert Bennett conducted the training which was attended by a total of 14 Local Board Members from the surrounding areas. The RFOs worked closely with Mrs. Sabrina Cunningham in preparing for the training. In her position as the lone Board Program Analyst, Mrs. Cunningham, not pictured, works closely with all RFOs when it comes to training and tracking the training of Board Members. One of the many goals of the Board Program is to ensure that 100 percent of Board Members are properly trained.



Left to Right: Flanking LBM's - LTC Valerie Petrosky and MAJ Robert Bennett



Left to Right: MAJ Robert Bennett and LTC Valerie Petrosky flanked by Local Board members

REGION II STATE DIRECTOR VISITS NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

During a recent family vacation to the Washington, D.C. area, State Director Joseph P. Johnson took time out to visit with our National Headquarters office. He was able to meet with Director Benton. Mr. Johnson left feeling very optimistic with the direction of the Agency under the guidance of Director Benton.



Left to Right: SD Joseph Johnson, National Director Benton, SD Johnson's son and wife, Susanne

LOUISIANA RFO GRADUATES FROM LSU

On May 14, 2017, Lieutenant Colonel John P. Trevino, Sr., Region II Detachment 2LA Commander, received a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Louisiana State University. He was also inducted into Sigma Iota Epsilon, National Honorary and Professional Management Fraternity. Prior to his graduation he was also awarded a continuing education scholarship from the American Society of Military Comptrollers, National Guard Chapter. LTC Trevino is an internal review auditor working for the Department of the Army with over 20 years of federal service.



BROTHER AND SISTER TEAM REPRESENTS AGENCY AT NALEO



Left to Right: MAJ Valerie Brown and CPT Logan Wallis

On, June 22-24, 2017, Major Valerie Brown and her brother CPT Logan Wallis (brother and sister), of Texas Detachment 2-20, teamed up to represent the agency at the National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO) conference. The event was held in Dallas, Texas, in close proximity to their area of concentration. This was a small event with approximately 800 participants but the pair was able to assist with registration.

According to its webpage, the company founded in 1981 is "the nation's leading 501(c) (3) non-profit, non-partisan organization that facilitates full Latino participation in the American political process, from citizenship to public service." (NALEO Educational Fund; About Us; 25 July 2017; <http://www.naleo.org/about>)

REGION II RECRUITS BIG AT AIR SHOW

On May 6 and 7, 2017, Lieutenant Colonel Lisa Maly attended the Air National Guard Airshow which was held on McEntire Joint Air Base in Hopkins, South Carolina. Also in attendance were Major Jill Trahan and Sergeant Steve Carwile.

Per LTC Maly, the event was well attended with over 100,000 visitors to the Air Show and approximately 20,000 individuals visiting the agency booth within a two-day span. This allowed them to collect 30 Board Member applications (Form 404) which were submitted to Region II's Sabrina Cunningham, Board Program – Program Analyst, for processing.



Left to Right: LTC Lisa Maly, MAJ Jill Trahan, and Sergeant Steve Carwile



REGION II EXHIBITS AT SKILLS USA

On June 19-22, 2017, Captain Brian Kovacic, Detachment 2-8, and Joan Green, Region II represented the agency at the Annual Skills USA Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. This was a well-attended conference with over 16,000 participants.

The majority of the students that passed the booth knew about registration and were registered either through DLL or while applying for financial aid. There were a few who were not sure if they were registered and they were given literature on how to check their registration status and to register if necessary.



Left to Right: CPT Brian Kovacic and Joan Green

REGION II STAFF EXHIBIT AT THE VFW

The Louisiana Detachment was honored to be a part of the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) National Convention held in New Orleans, Louisiana from July 22-25, 2017. Thousands of VFW members attended the event.

During the convention, Louisiana State Director, COL (Retired) Everett Bonner presented the Joint Service Commendation Medal to LTC John Trevino for exceptional meritorious achievement.



Left to Right: RFO MAJ Dewayne Wells, State Director COL (Retired) Everett Bonner, RFO LTC John Trevino, and RFO LTC Robert Remy



Left to Right: MAJ Wells, COL (Retired) Bonner, LTC Trevino, and LTC Remy

REGION II HOLDS THEIR ANNUAL PICNIC

On Friday, June, 2017, Region II held their annual picnic. This was the largest attended picnic for the Region in quite some time. The event was held at the Sweetwater Creek State Park in Lithia Springs, Georgia. The temperature was Georgia warm, yet everyone enjoyed a wide variety of foods brought by each staff member.



MRS. SHARON MEISSNER AWARDED BRONZE MEDAL



Left to Right: Kansas State Director Mr. Greg Fuson, Mrs. Sharon Meissner, and Governor Brownback

Mrs. Sharon Meissner, Administrative Assistant to the Chief and Deputy Chief of Staff in Governor Brownback's office, was awarded the Selective Service Bronze medal for all of her assistance recruiting local board members in the State of Kansas as well as ensuring that Board Members were promptly vetted through the Governor's office. Her office is responsible for appointments to over 150 boards and commissions.

The presentation ceremony was held on May 23, 2017 at the State Capitol building in the presence of Governor Brownback. Mrs. Meissner's family was also in attendance. Sharon was very appreciative of the award. Congratulations Mrs. Meissner!

DMC UPDATES PHONE SYSTEM

The DMC Call Center receives approximately 750,000 calls per year. The previous system had been installed in 2012. Computerized systems age at a rate much higher than the calendar would indicate. Today's customer service expectations, combined with ease-of-use, quality, and training requirements, led to the procurement of a new phone system for the DMC and Region I.

After reviewing several systems, the system designed by CPI was chosen and went live on March 17, 2017. Personnel from all DMC branches took part in testing the new system before the "go live" date, and everyone was impressed with its capabilities and simple, yet effective, user interface.

The new CPI system has 100% call recording capabilities, live manager assistance, and a user friendly system that allows many more features for our call center operators. We expect to reap the rewards through better customer service and increased employee satisfaction.

A special "Thank You" goes to Brent Downs, who managed the project from start-to-finish.



DIRECTOR'S OUTREACH



Selective Service visits cities across the country with low registration compliance rates in an effort to ensure that young men register. The agency staff meets with business and community leaders, educators, immigration representatives, church leaders, and others picked for their influence with young men in underserved communities. Agency staff explains to them the importance of registering and the many benefits linked to the registration requirement. The Director recently traveled with the Public & Intergovernmental Affairs team to Oregon and Washington and actively participated in the outreach meetings. Additionally, the Director has met with numerous media outlets, veterans organizations and has spoken at many conferences and conventions thereby increasing awareness of the registration requirement.



DIRECTOR MEETS WITH AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL COMMANDER



Director Donald Benton and Acting Deputy Director Adam Copp met with American Legion National Commander Schmidt at the American Legion National Headquarters in Washington, DC in June. As the newly appointed Director, Mr. Benton wanted to introduce himself to the Commander and thank him for the American Legion's longtime support of the Selective Service. The Director also thanked Commander Schmidt for all that the American Legion does for our nation and our nation's veterans. He looks forward to working with Commander Schmidt and continuing the excellent relationship between both organizations.

Left to Right: Director Benton, Commander Schmidt, and Acting Deputy Director Copp

DIRECTOR SPEAKS AT THE AMERICAN GI FORUM CONFERENCE

Selective Service Director Donald M. Benton was a guest speaker at the American GI Forum (AGIF) Texas State Conference in Houston, TX on June 9, 2017. The Director thanked the AGIF for not only addressing problems of discrimination and inequities encountered by Hispanic Veterans, but also for the great work they do in providing educational information to our nation's youth to help promote better career opportunities for them. Mr. Benton said that he shares the strong commitment to fair and equitable opportunities for all. He is committed to making sure that all young men, in our nation's cities, urban areas, and underserved communities do not lose the valuable benefits linked to the Selective Service registration requirement. Mr. Benton reminded attendees that there are many benefits that will be lost without registration. It is critical that young men register to keep the doors of opportunity open to them and for a better chance at achieving the American Dream. Director Benton also thanked National Commander Angel Zuniga and Texas Commander John Martinez for their leadership and continued support.



AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL

The American Legislative Exchange Council, the largest nonpartisan, voluntary membership organization of state legislators in the United States, held its 44th Annual Meeting in Denver on July 21, 2017. Director Benton was among many distinguished guest speakers. He spoke about the education and job training benefits resulting from selective service registration. He told the legislators that these benefits carry life-long opportunities. The Director asked for the attendees' commitment to get this message out to family, friends, and legislators. He also encouraged legislators from the states that do not have driver's license legislation to pass this legislation and protect these benefits for their constituents. Other



Director Benton



Speaker Gingrich and Director Benton

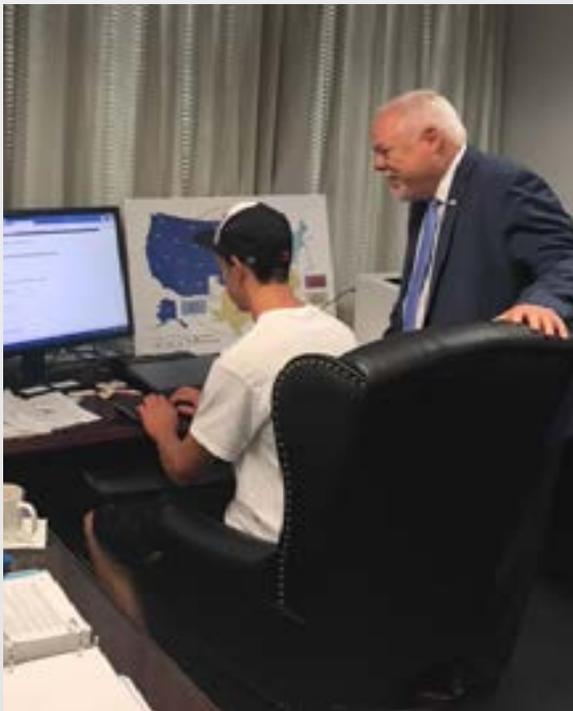
notable speakers at the conference were Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, the Honorable Jim DeMint, Mr. Steve Forbes, Mr. Pete Coors, Mr. Guy Benson, and Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin as well as former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich.

ELI BANGERTER REGISTERS

Mr. Layne Bangerter and his family recently visited Director Benton. The Director took the opportunity to discuss with 18-year-old Eli Bangerter the importance of selective service registration and the many benefits linked to the registration requirement including federal jobs, many state jobs, federal student financial aid, and job training. The Director explained that the act of registration is very simple and takes about 45 seconds at www.sss.gov. Or young men can mail in a registration card that's available from any post office. Eli was excited about fulfilling his civic responsibility and registered online while his family and the Director proudly looked on.



Mr. and Mrs. Bangerter and family with the Director



Eli Bangerter registering online at the Director's computer



Left to Right: Director Benton, Eli Bangerter, and Mr. Bangerter

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL

The Director visited the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC, to honor all the men and women who made sacrifices while in the U.S. Armed Services or on the home front. While at the Memorial, the Director had the pleasure of meeting many veterans from across the country who were also visiting the Memorial. Mr. Benton took this opportunity to thank the veterans for their service and to listen to them reminisce about the war and what it was like to grow up and be part of what has become known as the "Greatest Generation."



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Don Benton met with National Association of Broadcasters Director Suzie Raven to discuss expanding our PSA markets and increasing the frequency and reach of the SSS PSAs.



PORTLAND AND SEATTLE OUTREACH

As part of the agency's ongoing outreach efforts to increase awareness of the Selective Service registration requirement, the Director, Public & Intergovernmental Affairs staff Matthew Tittmann and Brian McHugh, and Fifth Estate Communications met with 28 community organizations and government agencies in Portland and Seattle over a two-day period in June 2017. It is estimated that the organizations combined reach a total of 4,000,000 people in the Portland and Seattle/Tacoma areas.

In addition to participating in the outreach briefings, the Director had several media opportunities – including the Lars Larson Show, local NPR affiliates, KATU Portland, KING5 TV Seattle, and the News Tribune. Additionally at a Pierce County Council meeting, the Director observed the debate and responded to Council member's questions prior to the passing of the "Resolution in support of Selective Service Registration." The Director presented Pierce County Council members Pam Roach and Dan Roach with the Selective Service Honored Patriot Award for sponsoring the Resolution.



Director Benton and Tacoma Mayor Marilyn Strickland



Pierce County Proclamation Hearing and Approval



Filipino American Herald - Bong Sto Domingo, Editor-in-Chief, with Director Benton



Director Benton at the Asian Pacific Cultural Center

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The Director being interviewed by Tacoma News Tribune's Melissa Santos



KATU-TV, Deb Knapp interviewing the Director in Portland, OR



Director Benton and SE Works' Holly Whittleton in Portland, OR



Director Benton with KING5 News Anchors Michelle Li and Jake Whittenberg in Seattle, WA

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Oregon Public Broadcasting Amelia Templeton



Brandon Ervin Tacoma Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Coordinator



Airport Jobs Staff and Brian McHugh



Zita Lam, Seattle Chinese Times and Brian McHugh



Southwest Youth and Family Services Staff and Brian McHugh

JAMES PATRICK SCHUBACK RETIRES



Mr. James Patrick "Pat" Schuback, in the Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs has retired after 21 years of civilian Federal service. He has given over 45 years of service to his country. First as a member of the Army where he retired with over 21 year's active duty and 5 years as a reservist. He served in a variety of assignments which including working with the resettlement operations for Cambodian and Vietnamese refugees into the United States. He served Lieutenant General Thurman for years at the Army Recruiting Command and participated in establishing one of our country's most hallowed and remembered advertising campaigns. It still reverberates with many today and is part of the American Lexicon. "Be all that you can be....in the Army".

Pat worked in the Public Affairs office for the Chief of the Army Reserve. Later he went on to the Assistant Secretary of Defense's office where he served the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve for over 11 years as a public affairs officer, crafting commercials and advertisements, and developing programs for corporate outreach to support the Guard and Reserve communities and their patriotic employers. He then moved on to the Federal Civilian Service, first in the Navy's Public Affairs Office, the Army Missile Defense program and then to Selective Service System. At the Selective Service Pat Immediately made an impact by creating dynamic and nationally recognized Public Service radio and TV announcements. Over the years he budgeted for and executed dozens of complex and multi-diversified, far reaching media programs to include: news and magazine stories, posters, billboards, inner-city transportation placards, television, radio, and movie theater campaigns. He planned and executed hundreds of exhibits at national conferences that were conducted by the Regions. He partnered with media personalities, corporations, and societal influencers. He created and mailed tens of thousands of high-school kits annually to High School Registrars – promoting and reminding them, that they are critical influencers.

Pat Schuback has spent almost two decades at the Selective Service System. Both single handedly and with the help of every office in this Agency, he promoted Selective Service and registration. For that and for his dedication to duty, he will be sorely missed.

We bid him a fond farewell and wish him well in all of his future endeavors.

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MRS. DENISE RICHARDSON, LO/FM

Mrs. Denise Richardson joined the Selective Service System on April 30, 2017 as a Contracting Officer in the Logistics Office. Her main function is to perform contract pre-award activities documentation as it relates to the agency's Strategic Plan. She analyzes administrative management and logistical support functions to determine regulatory compliance and operation effectiveness.

Before joining Selective Service, she served over 24 years in the United States Army and retired in August 2016. She spent her time in the United States Army as a Signal Corps and Acquisition Officer. Mrs. Richardson deployed to Afghanistan in January 2007 with the 82nd Airborne Division and received her commission as a Signal Corps Officer in March 2008.

Mrs. Richardson is from Winona, Mississippi and currently lives in Alexandria, Virginia with her husband, MAJ(P) Derrick L. Richardson and two boys, Derrick Lamont Richardson Jr. (DJ) and Dylan. Welcome Denise!



STEVEN J. VALDEZ, REGION III



Mr. Steven Valdez has joined Region III as the Program Assistant. Before coming to work with the Selective Service System, Mr. Valdez served 7 years on active duty with the United States Army as a Patriot Missile Launcher Operator. He was previously stationed at Fort Benning, GA; Fort Bliss, TX; Fort Sill, OK; Suwon AFB, South Korea; Rhine Ordnance Barracks, Germany; Torun, Poland; and Hatzor Air Base, in Israel. After being honorably discharged in October of 2013, Mr. Valdez graduated with Magna Cum Laude Honors from DeVry University in Westminster, CO where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Technical Management with a Human Resource Specialization. While attending college, Mr. Valdez was employed at the Aurora-South Metro Small Business Development Center. He now attends Keller Graduate School of Business Management, studying for a Masters of Business Administration. Mr. Valdez and his wife Maryrose have two daughters, Rinoa 11, and Zelda 1. Welcome Steven!

Ms. FELICIA BEN-YISRAEL, DMC

Ms. Felicia Ben-Yisrael, is a native of Chicago, IL. She comes from a large family of five and is married with one son, Jabari, who is 21 years old. After high school graduation, she enlisted in the US Army and honorably served four years as a Personnel Clerk (75C). In 1987, she graduated college with a BS degree in Finance from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. In 1997, she earned a MA degree in Inner City Studies from Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. She is currently a PhD candidate in Multidisciplinary Human Services.

Prior to joining the DMC, Ms. Ben-Yisrael worked in various capacities for the State of Illinois, Catholic Charities, Parenting Adolescent Support Service, and the Department of Children & Family Services.

Ms. Ben-Yisrael is passionate about her work experiences and takes pride in her extensive work in customer service and human services. She is especially proud of the work she has done with the homeless and homeless families. Her goal is to continue her pursuit for knowledge, increase her skills through personal development and education, and to ultimately retire from federal service. Welcome Felicia!



Mr. FREDRICH J. REYNOLDS, DMC

Fredrich J. Reynolds (Fred) was born in Cleveland, OH, and grew up in Frederick, MD where he considers home. He is an only child and a military son whose parents both work for the Federal government. In 2016 he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Graphic Arts from North Central College, and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Information Systems Management at Keller Graduate School of Management.

As a recent graduate, Mr. Reynolds considers earning his degree as his main accomplishment, in addition to his current pursuit of his Master's degree. Along the way he had the opportunity to redesign his school's educational program logo, and created branding designs for a non-profitable organization.

Mr. Reynolds is thrilled to have the opportunity to do his internship at the DMC, and looks forward to learning while also gaining valuable experience in the process. Welcome Fred to the SSS family!



Ms. NHU YU, DMC



Ms. Nhu Yu, (Iris), was born in Vietnam, raised in Taiwan, and currently resides in Vernon Hills, IL with her mother. In 2001, she graduated with a BS degree in Computer Science from Long Beach State, California, and in 2009 earned a Masters degree in Computer Science from California State University, Fullerton.

Prior to joining the SSS family, Ms. Yu worked for the Defense Logistics Agency in the Doc Services IT Department for 10 years where she provided production support; desktop, user, and network support, & server admin assistance. Most recently she worked at US Military Entrance Processing Command in Great Lakes, IL, in the IT Help Desk Department. There she assisted employees at the HQ office and 65 MEPS sites with their user support & service desk needs.

Ms. Yu is excited to be employed at SSS-DMC and looks forward to making the computing environment secure & efficient. Welcome Iris!



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