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DIRECTOR PARTICIPATES IN SAN ANTONIO VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

SSS Director Lawrence Romo spoke at the 2014 Veterans Day ceremony outside the Alamo and served as the event's parade grand marshal in San Antonio, TX. Mr. Romo is a San Antonio native and said he was honored and humbled to participate in the event which began with a wreath laying ceremony on Alamo Plaza. In his speech at the ceremony, Mr. Romo stressed the importance of honoring our veterans year-round as we do on Veterans Day. He said we must remember their sacrifices, their accomplishments and their service, which often come at the price of their lives. He also acknowledged the many sacrifices of our military's families. After the ceremony, Mr. Romo, as Grand Marshall, led the parade of veterans, bands, dancers, floats, cars, scooters, and trucks through town where thousands of spectators lined up along the route and cheered as the parade passed.



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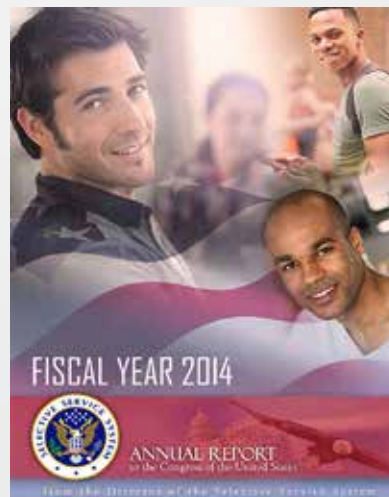


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ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS GOES TO PRINT

The FY 2014 Annual Report to Congress is being printed and is already available online at our website: www.sss.gov/PDFs/Annual%20Report%202014.pdf. This mandated report covers Selective Service's accomplishments and efforts toward meeting its strategic goals. It is an end product of team work and dedication. Special thanks to all who contributed to the report's final pages.



THE NATIONAL HISPANIC CAUCUS OF STATE LEGISLATURES

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

The National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislatures took place in San Juan, PR from December 7-10, 2014 in the Condado Plaza Hilton Hotel. CDR Stringer-Gowdy and LTC Padilla spoke to Mr. Bhatia about Selective Service and the importance of Driver's License Legislation and registration. This opportunity allowed for them to speak to various representatives from many states about Selective Service.



Pictured from left to right are : The Honorable Eduardo Bhatia, Puerto Rico's Senate President, Reserve Force Officers CDR Amelia Stringer-Gowdy, and LTC Raul Padilla.



Pictured from left to right are LTC Raul Padilla, State Director Walter Perales, and CDR Amelia Stringer-Gowdy staffing the exhibit for the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislatures exhibit.

RESERVE LYNNETTE HINTON

Congratulations to Ms. Lynnette Hinton for becoming a member of the US Naval Reserve on January 12, 2015. She joined the DMC team as a Contact Representative on July 30, 2012. Her prior active duty military service with the United States Navy from, June 03, 2003 to June 03, 2007 (Petty Officer Third Class – BM3) inspired her to resume her military career.



NORMAGENE BENNET PRESENTED CERTIFICATE



Director Romo presented Ms. Normagene Bennett, an Accountant in the Financial Management Directorate, with the SSS Service Certificate in recognition of her 40 years of Government Service.

Left to Right: Director Romo, Normagene Bennett, Associate Director Roderick Hubbard

PATRICK HENNING, DMC EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations to Mr. Patrick Henning who was selected DMC Employee of the Quarter, September, 2014.

Patrick began working as a Contact Representative at the DMC in August 2010. He performs all elements of his job in an outstanding manner. Patrick is a major contributor to the production of his branch and proves himself reliable, dependable and a strong team player every day. According to those that work with him, he can be depended upon to help ensure impending deadlines are met, and expedites work assignments whenever possible.

Patrick excels in the customer relations aspect of his position while maintaining a positive demeanor and handling all calls in a professional manner. His sense of humor and ability to get along with all of his coworkers allows him to maintain an optimistic attitude in a job that is sometimes very challenging due to the nature of the calls he handles. He does anything he is asked to do to help the Agency out whether it is to change his lunch period to keep the call center running more efficient, take a different leave day, and do work that is not assigned to him. When the Agency has a special project to do he helps out with no complaints even while taking incoming phone calls. Patrick's adaptability to change, his work ethic, and his genuineness are great assets to the branch, the DMC, and the whole SSS Agency.



REGION I AWARDS

Shown are photos of "All Detachment Awards" and all Region I Director "Excellence Awards", "Top Detachment" and "Most Improved Detachment" that were previously awarded. State Directors will be receiving them to present to the recipients. The Agency offers a heartfelt thank you and congratulations to all those receiving of the awards.

Region I RFO of the Year:

LTC Drew Techner, USAR

Region I Top Detachment of the Year:

Indiana IN 1-3 - (LtCol David Slack, USMCR, W-4(Ret) Donald Borries, USCGR)

Region I Most Improved Detachment of the Year:

New York 1-9 – (LTC Robert Broderick, USAR and LT David Hartz, USNR)

Region I Director's Excellence Award Winners:

1DE – Delaware – (CW4 James DiDonato, ARNG)

IL 1-2 – Illinois – (LTC Peter Everett, USAR; W-3 Roland Ashby, USCGR; W-4 Mark Razny, USCGR; and CDR Daniel Clabbers, USNR)

1 ME – Maine – (LTC Marleen Lajoie, ARNG)

1 NH – New Hampshire – (CPT Paul Gannon, ARNG)

OH 1-11 – Ohio - (Maj Chris Hoermle, USAFR; LtCol Jeffrey Marks, USAFR; LtCol Reginald Victor, USAFR)

PA 1-14 – Pennsylvania - (LTC Drew Techner, USAR)

PA 1-15 – Pennsylvania - (LTC Darryl Martin, USAR)

1 RI – Rhode Island – (MAJ James Flyntz, ARNG)



RAFAEL U. ORTIZ RECEIVES AWARD AND MEDAL



Mr. Rafael U. Ortiz, RII Management Services Assistant, accepted a promotion with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in Mississippi. He was with Selective Service Region II for 12 years. Prior to his departure he was presented the SSS Meritorious Service Award and Medal. Rafael joins his wife and son who had previously relocated near family. SSS wishes him all the best in his new position. He will be missed!



LTC TECHNER PROVIDES IBMT

LTC Drew Techner, PA1-14 provides IBMT training to board member Mr. Darren J. Johnson at the city of Philadelphia Managing Director's Office. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Managing Director's staff, and is assigned to the community projects. He is also a recent recipient of the National Urban Fellowship.



Left to right: LTC Drew Techner and Mr. Darren J. Johnson

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

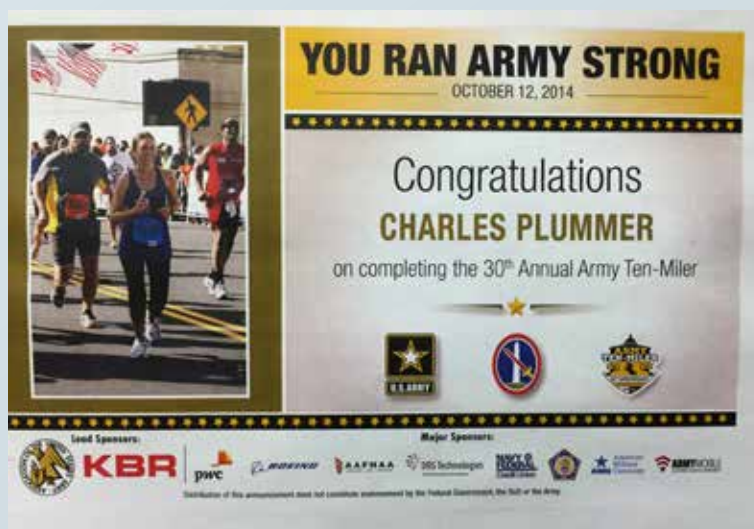
On January 29th, 2015, the Commander, Great Lakes Naval Station, conducted a ceremony to thank all the organizations who participated in the Combined Federal Campaign this past fall. Mrs. Pam Miller, from the Data Management Center and Mr. Rob Grinton, from Region I, were among the many recognized for their outstanding performance as coordinators for their organizations. Region I also received additional recognition for achieving 100 percent organization participation.



Rob Grinton, fourth from right standing, Pam Miller, third from right standing

ARMY STRONG

Mr. Charles Plummer, IT Specialist, completed the 30th Annual Army Ten-Miler Race in October 2014. Proceeds from the race benefited soldier and soldier family MWR programs. Charles ran on behalf of the USO Team. This is the second year that Charles has run in the race. Over 26,000 runners participated. He chose to be on the USO team because of his firsthand knowledge of the positive impact that the USO has had on troops through the years. "I believe in what the USO does and want to do anything I can do to help out," he said, recalling his time in the service. Charles noted, "I remember when I was in the military and deployed to Panama, Germany, Korea, and Iraq; the USO was there for me. Every time I passed through an airport, I would stop at the USO center and the staff would greet me with a welcoming smile. In addition to the emotional support they provide to soldiers, they provide food and shelter." With the help of family and friends Charles was able to raise \$500.00 for the USO Team!



Far Right: Charles Plummer

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

In 1994, Congress designated the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday as a National Day of Service. Ms. Renee Miller, IT Division, and her children spent this holiday giving back to the community and to those in need. She says that this holiday is a, "day on, not a day off!" Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) has been collaborating for six years to serve the community through several outreach programs on this holiday. For the past four years, Renee and her twins, Janay and Jonathan, have worked with the NOVA Community College staff and volunteers. They are now considered veterans of the program and well-known with the Program Director, Mrs. Frances Villagran-Glover. This year and the year prior, Renee and her children partnered with NOVA and the Stop Hunger Now organization to prepare 20,000 dehydrated meals for the hungry around the world. She explains that before they began the work for the day, the Stop Hunger Now Program Director had all volunteers clap their hands every three seconds; this was to show how often a person dies from hunger in this country - every three seconds! In addition to volunteering, Renee and her family provided canned and dry food for the coat and food drive they were having for those who need assistance locally. At each event they write personal notes to accompany the packages sent. Renee truly enjoys this part of the program because, "I know that others around the world will receive my notes of love and encouragement".



Renee Miller and Mrs. Frances Villagran-Glover

Prior to Stop Hunger Now events, NOVA partnered with Operation International Children (OIC) to make over 300 school supply kits to be sent to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan for children in need. Renee said, "giving back should not only happen on this day, but every day!" In the words of Martin Luther King Jr., "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?"



Renee Miller Serving



Notes

IN MEMORIAM

KEITH A. SCRAGG - REGION II REGION DIRECTOR - FEBRUARY 27, 1950 - NOVEMBER 29, 2014



Our beloved Region II Director and friend, Colonel (Retired) Keith A. Scragg, passed away on November 29, 2014. He was a 1972 graduate of the Citadel, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and earned a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force.

His association with the Selective Service System began in April 1980, where he served as a Reserve Force Officer in Florida. After a short break in service, he returned to active duty at the RII HQ in October 1984. He served in many roles during his tenure with the Selective Service System, some of which are Reserve Force Officer, NHQ Operations Staff officer, and Executive Assistant to the Acting Director of the SSS. He was appointed as the Deputy Region Director after retiring as a Colonel from the U. S. Air Force in May 2002. His appointment as the Region II Director occurred on January 25, 2004. Mr. Scragg was a member of the Honorary Commanders Association and also served as the President of the General Hershey Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association.

"Keith," as everyone called him, was well-known for his dedication to his family, friends, church, and the Selective Service System. He spent most of his work life trying to make the Agency better and stronger, and did so in a way that brought honor to the Selective Service System. He was a man of character and integrity and was well-known in Region II and his community as being a man who had a gift for serving and helping others.

Keith received a myriad of awards to include the Legion of Merit, Defense and Air Force Meritorious Service Medals, Joint Service and Air Force Commendation Medals, and the Selective Service System Meritorious, Exceptional, and Distinguished Service Awards.

Keith was born in Holden, West Virginia, but spent the majority of his early years in Titusville, Florida. He and his wife, Debbie, raised four sons and have 10 grandchildren.

Everyone at the Agency, and especially Region II at Region II Headquarters, will always remember his enthusiasm and how he treated each one of us like family. He would always say to his staff: "You are second to none!"

So, to our Region Director, Boss, Friend, and Brother... We are thankful for your leadership, friendship, and service. To us..."You are second to none!"



Our Beloved Friend



Second to None



FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES TO DONNA KREBLIN

The Data Management Center (DMC) bid a fond farewell to Ms. Donna Kreblin in December when she retired from government service. Donna has been an invaluable member of the Data Entry staff throughout her 33-plus years with Selective Service. She was one of the original employees hired when the DMC opened its doors in August of 1981. Donna began as a Data Transcriber and was soon promoted to a Lead Data Transcriber. Her excellent work and professionalism eventually led to her advancement into a management role as supervisor of the department.

Over the years, Donna witnessed many changes not the least of which was the transformation of the department itself. When she started, the Data Entry department consisted of 34 data transcribers, 3 leads, 3 supervisors and a manager. The staff grew to over 60 employees when a second shift had to be instituted due to the high volume of forms processed through the DMC.

Donna plans to rest and relax in her retirement and is considering a move to a warmer climate. Her Selective Service family wishes her all the best in the years to come; she will be greatly missed.



ANNA PRIMUS RETIRES

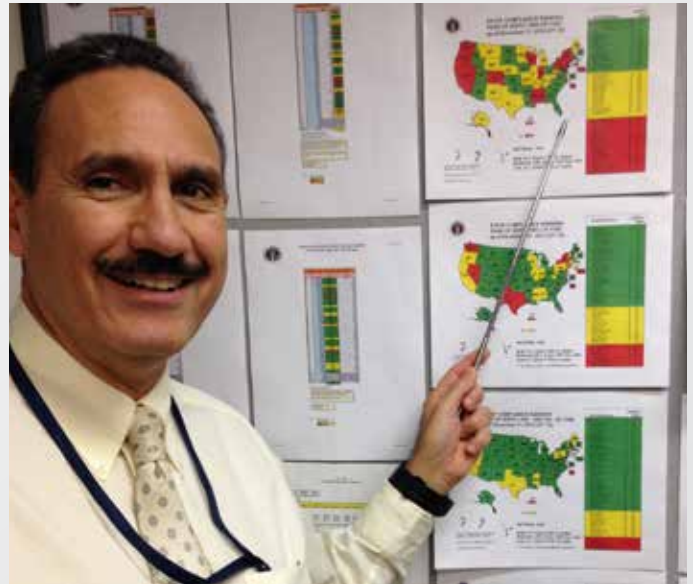
Ms. Anna Primus, Lead Research Assistant at the DMC, retired in November, 2014 after 29.5 years of service at the Selective Service System. Anna, a native of Wisconsin, started her career with DMC in 1984 as a Data Transcriber. She held many positions throughout her career with the agency including Research Clerk, Research Assistant, and Lead Research Assistant. Because of Anna's vast knowledge of Selective Service policies and procedures, she was frequently called upon for advice and suggestions.

Anna, who has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity in Joplin, MO, is also very active with her church group. She plans on continuing her volunteer and church activities in retirement. She is well respected by her peers and colleagues and will be greatly missed. We all wish her the best in her future endeavors.



GASTÓN NARANJO RETIRES

Mr. Gastón Naranjo, Selective Service System's statistician (demographer), assigned to the Registration Division, Operations Directorate, retired in December 2014. He has been with the Agency since 1987, with varied analytical and statistical related progressive assignments in the Registration Division and former Readiness Division. In recent years, Gaston was responsible for analyzing and evaluating registration and compliance statistical data and preparing trend analyses, geographic maps, and graphical presentations. He also designed and implemented statistical studies, surveys, and data collection techniques for the Agency. Additionally, he had oversight of the SSS Registrar programs.



Gaston earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Quantitative Management, with emphasis in statistics, from Southeastern University in Washington, D.C.

Before coming to Selective Service, he received formal training in the Management Analysis field through the United States Army Management Engineering Training Activity located at Rock Island, Illinois, while employed as a Management Analyst at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

In his spare time, Mr. Naranjo played competitive tennis for two teams (Arlington County Tennis Association and the Federal Government Tennis League for the Departments of Transportation and Education Team), plus he is a member of the United States Tennis Association. In retirement Gaston plans on playing tennis and traveling with his wife, Andrea Beley, a former George Washington University professor and a retired English as a Second Language instructor with the Fairfax County school system. We will all miss Gaston and wish him continued health and happiness as he begins this new chapter of his life.

DMC'S LOSS IS HEADQUARTERS' GAIN

DMC bids farewell to Ms. Jorene "Irish" Massey, Contact Representative. Irish has accepted a position as Program Analyst for the Alternative Service Program at NHQ and starts her new position on February 9, 2015. She joined the DMC in December 2012.

Irish's excellent customer service skills have been beneficial to the DMC's Registration and Information Research Branch. She has continued to expand her technical knowledge and performed at an outstanding level. Irish is a highly valued Contact Representative and will be missed by her co-workers at the DMC. Welcome, Irish, to NHQ!



GAIL SIMMONS, OD

Ms. Gail Simmons joined Selective Service in November 2014 as the Executive Assistant to the Deputy Director. In addition to her duties for Deputy Director Allard, Gail is assisting with agency staff travel, reviewing correspondence, and managing the travel and supply budgets for the Office of the Director. Prior to joining SSS, Gail was in the Navy for 23 years, most recently as a Yeoman Chief. After retirement from the Navy, she worked as an Executive Assistant for Booz Allen Hamilton for two years, and as a contractor at the FBI for three years. She is near the completion of her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology with the University of Maryland and plans to become a drug and alcohol abuse counselor. In her spare time she enjoys reading, volunteering, writing, and spending time with family and friends. She is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and has lived in Maryland for the past 20 years. Welcome, Gail, to the SSS family!



RUSLAN KULIKOV, FM

Mr. Ruslan Kulikov, an accountant, has joined the Financial Management team. He holds two degrees, a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Gallaudet University in Washington, DC, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Moscow State Academy. In his new position, some of Ruslan's responsibilities will include intergovernmental transfers, reconciliations, invoice payments, IMIS cost accounting, and preparing and posting general vouchers. Prior to joining Selective Service, Ruslan held various jobs in the business field both in Russia and in the United States, including owning a vending business in New Orleans. He has many hobbies and enjoys reading about current political and financial events, and sports and soccer in Russia. His favorite activities center around spending time with his wife and four children. He is excited about being part of the SSS team and looks forward to working with everyone. The best way to contact Ruslan, who is deaf, is via email until such time that the video phone that has been ordered for him is installed. Welcome, Ruslan, to the SSS family!



TINA LAM, FM

Ms. Tina Lam, an accountant, is a new addition to the Financial Management team. Tina earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from DePaul University in Chicago, IL. She comes to Selective Service with 24 years of accounting and auditing experience both in private industry and the federal government. Tina's places of employment include Information System Network Corporation, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. In her new position at SSS, Tina's main responsibilities will be assisting in the preparation and submission of the agency's financial statements to the Department of Treasury, overseeing disbursement and collections processes, and general accounting operations for the agency. Tina is looking forward to her new role in the agency's accounting operating cycle and hopes to make a positive contribution using her experience and knowledge of accounting practices. Welcome, Tina!



SHERWIN THOMPSON, FM

He's back..... Mr. Sherwin Thompson was recently re-hired as an accountant in the Financial Management Directorate. Sherwin had left Selective Service to work at DOD's DFAS at Fort Myer, VA, from November 2013 to November 2014 as a Military Pay Technician. While at DFAS his duties included briefing all incoming service members to the Capital Area Region on their pay entitlements; processing retirement and separation pay; reviewing processed military pay entitlement and Travel pay, and conducting audits for accuracy. In his current position with SSS, Sherwin processes all invoices; maintains adequate internal control over transaction processing; posts journal vouchers and IPAC transactions; and reconciliates the fund balance with Treasury. Sherwin is happy to be back with SSS and is looking forward to his new duties and responsibilities. We're happy that you are back, Sherwin!



CLIFTON HOPSON, IT

Mr. Clifton Hopson recently joined the IT staff and will be working in network security. Prior to coming to Selective Service, Clifton an Army veteran, worked as a contractor at ARMA Global as a system engineer. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Systems. Clifton is married, and he recently became a father to a son. Welcome to the SSS family!



JONATHAN KIMBALL, IT

Mr. Jonathan Kimball, an intern with the Pathway's Program, is working with the IT office while completing his Master's degree in Information Security. He currently holds the following certifications: CISSP (Certified Information Systems Security Professional), CEH (Certified Ethical Hacker), and CHFI (Computer Hacking Forensic Investigator).

Prior to coming to SSS, Jonathan worked in the civilian world as a cyber-intelligence analyst and programmer for large defense contractors. He is a combat veteran with the US Army, having served as a team leader for Psychological Operations and as a counter propaganda analyst. He is married and lives with his wife in Virginia. Welcome, Jonathan!



CANE A. TOUSSAINT, LO

Mr. Cane A. Toussaint has joined the Selective Service System's Logistics office as a Support Services Specialist. Cane retired from the U.S. Navy in 2012 and is a native of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. He enlisted in the Navy in 1987, and, throughout his military career, Cane held positions of responsibility in financial management, disbursing, and logistics management.

Cane was hired through the Selective Service System's joint venture with the VA for Vets program, an initiative that helps veterans and transitioning military service members find federal careers. Welcome, Cane, to the SSS family!



JENNISE MAGRUDER, HR

Ms. Jennise Magruder is a Student Trainee in Human Resources. Prior to coming on board with SSS, she served as a Human Resources student trainee with the Department of Treasury from December 2012 until September 2013. She served 4.5 years with the United States Marine Corps until November 2012. Jennise looks forward to growing and gaining knowledge in the Human Resources career field. She is currently pursuing her Bachelor's Degree in Technical Management at DeVry University. She enjoys serving customers with care! Welcome, Jennise!



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