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Craig T. Brown Named Associate Director for Operations

Mr. Craig T. Brown was appointed Associate Director for Operations of the Selective Service System in August 2018. He is responsible for plans, policy, and operations supporting registration, data management, training and information technology functions for the Agency. He has oversight of the Headquarters Operations staff, the Data Management Center, and three Regional headquarters throughout the United States which consist of Civil Servants, Reserve Force Officers, and over 10,000 volunteers. If directed by Congress and the President, Mr. Brown has the responsibility to ensure that Selective Service System operations can fulfill U.S. Armed Forces manpower requirements by providing trained and untrained personnel to the Department of Defense in a national emergency, as well as to implement an Alternative Service Program for registrants classified as Conscientious Objectors.



Prior to joining the Selective Service System, Mr. Brown worked as a DoD contractor supporting Joint, Army and Navy programs in various capacities for over 20 years. Most recently he led a group for Systems Planning and Analysis responsible for assisting Strategic Systems Programs with various SLBM protection and modernization programs. He also ran programs to develop medical countermeasures for biothreats and to dismantle and dispose of Russian SSBNs, ICBMs and bombers. He has extensive leadership experience in operations management, process improvement and strategic planning.

Additionally, Mr. Brown has served in the Navy and the Navy Reserves for more than 26 years and has held multiple

leadership positions. He currently commands a Navy Security Force unit supporting Navy District Washington, D.C. He has held four previous commands in the Reserves as well as a company command while deployed to Kuwait.

Mr. Brown earned a Bachelor of Science in Nuclear Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Master of Business Administration from Strayer University. He is a Project Management Professional, a Certified Defense Financial Manager and an Engineer in Training.

Speakers' Bureau Update

The Selective Service System's Speakers' Bureau was created by Director Donald Benton in early 2018. He had spoken to many of our board members and he knew they would be interested in participating in this initiative. When announcing the creation of the Speakers' Bureau, Director Benton noted "so many of our patriotic local board members want to do more to serve this agency and their country. We value their insight, efforts, and greatly appreciate their involvement and commitment to the agency's mission."



Heather Krause, of the Public and Intergovernmental Affairs Directorate, is our point-of-contact person for the Speakers' Bureau program

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Speakers' Bureau (Continued)

To date, we have received almost 400 responses from Local Board Members (LBM) and State Resource Volunteers (SRV) wanting to help get the registration message out to their communities. That's Great News! Through your participation, we hope to reach thousands of community influencers, schools, and young men so that they are reminded about the importance of registration. This will, in turn, result in thousands of men not losing benefits and that can help pave the way for a better life.

For those of you who want to begin speaking to groups, please remember to review the Speakers' Bureau Toolkit and sign and return the Volunteer Liability Release form to Heather Krause at heather.krause@sss.gov. Ms. Krause is a new member of the PIA team and will be your point of contact for questions pertaining to the Speakers' Bureau. She welcomes your calls and is ready to assist in any way. She can also be reached at 703-605-4105.

We look forward to spreading the registration message across the country - thanks to your help!

Leaders of Christian Aid Ministries Visit Selective Service NHQ

Last month Chief of Staff, Wadi Yakhour, Acting Associate Director of Operations, Carlos Perez, and Alternative Service Program (ASP) Analysts, Irish Lewis-Massey and Gail Simmons, met with leaders from the Christian Aid Ministries, a non-profit charitable organization that is part of the Conservative Anabaptist Service Program. Messrs. Eli Weaver, Marvin Yoder and Paul Weaver discussed future developments in the ASP. The Director of Selective Service System, Donald M. Benton, has declared that 2019 will be the year of ASP. The meeting was very productive and everyone is looking forward to future collaborations.



Clockwise, from left : Eli Weaver, Marvin Yoder, Paul Weaver, Irish Massey, Wadi Yakhour, Carlos Perez, and Gail Simmons

Local Board Member Anton Neff

Congratulations to Mr. Anton Karl Neff, who was recently appointed to the Selective Service System Local Board 041 for Owen County, Indiana. Local board members are volunteers nominated by a state governor or equivalent officials, and appointed by the Director of the Selective Service System on behalf of the U.S. President. They play an important community role closely connected with our nation's defense. If a military draft becomes necessary, approximately 2,000 local boards throughout the United States would decide which young men in each community receive deferments, postponements, or exemptions from military service based on federal guidelines.

For more information about Mr. Neff's appointment please see the article shown below (*Reprinted with permission from Spencer Evening World.com*) and to learn more about becoming a local board member please visit <https://www.sss.gov/Volunteers/Board-Member-Program>.

Anton Karl Neff was recently appointed to serve as Owen County's representative for this region's United States Selective Service System (SSS) Local Board.

Generically referred to as the "draft board," the SSS mission is "to register men and maintain a system that, when authorized by the President and Congress, rapidly provides personnel in a fair and equitable manner while managing an alternative service program for conscientious objectors."

Earlier this year, Neff was nominated by Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb to be considered as an SSS Local Board member. That nomination was accepted, and Neff recently completed his training.

The appointment was made in the name of the President, by Selective Service System Director Donald Benton. Neff's appointment and assignment to Area Office 009/Local Board 041 for the State of

has five members, each representing their county of residence. If a military draft is activated, the board is tasked with evaluating and considering all judgmental claims, reviewing administrative denials, and affirming classifications or making reclassifications. Board members also serve as liaisons in their community to ensure that young adults are aware of the SSS registration requirement, as required by federal law.

"It is an honor to serve my country and follow in the service of Owen County's most recent representatives on this board, Lawrence Hunter and Alvin Schwartz," Neff commented. "Many thanks to Major Michael Hall of the US Army National Guard who reached out to me about this opportunity. We hope to never see the need to be activated but, if so, rest assured that I will perform the duties and responsibilities of this civilian volunteer position in a professional and impartial

Anton Karl Neff poses for a photo with the certificate appointing him to the region's United States Selective Service System Local Board.

about the SSS, the public can refer to the agency's website <https://www.sss.gov/>

Section 453(a) of the Military Selective Service Act reads, in part, "...it shall be the duty of every male citizen of

in the United States, who ... is between the ages of eighteen and twenty-six, to present himself for and submit to registration..." Men that are within 30 days of their 18th birthday can register online.

Promotion Ceremony for Lt Col David Jackson

On Saturday, August 18th, Lt Col David J. Jackson, USAFR, held his promotion ceremony on Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Clay National Guard Center. Lt Col Jackson has been with the Selective Service System since 2010 and is assigned to the Georgia Detachment 2-6. He was supported by his family and a few of his colleagues, Lt Col Earl Tingle, Georgia,

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Detachment Commander; Lt Col Harold Elrod, Region II RFO and Region Support Officer, who also assisted with the pinning; and former Georgia RFO and Region Support Officer Lt Col Neil MacLauchlan. Congratulations on a well deserved promotion!



Left to right: Daughter Hailey, wife Lisa, Lt Col David Jackson II, mother Peggy Beatty, son Nicholas Jackson. Not pictured: Niece Amber Suber and son Staff Sergeant David Jackson III

Major Dofelmier is Top Gun

Brigadier General Paul D. Jacobs (Retired), State Director for Alabama, presented Major Erik Dofelmier, USAFR, Alabama Det 2-2, the Region II Top Gun Recruiter award for Region II. His recruiting efforts have increased Alabama's board membership tremendously. Congratulations to Major Dofelmier on his hard work and recruiting efforts for the State of Alabama!



Left to right: BG Paul D. Jacobs (Retired), Alabama SD, and Maj Erik Dofelmier

Mike Corbin has Left the Building

After 13 years of SSS service, the time has finally come to hang up the tie! On Saturday, August 18th, Region II joined in with family and friends to celebrate the retirement of Michael "Mike" Corbin, Operations Manager. Mike joined the Selective Service System on February 22, 2005, as a Program Analyst, initially supporting readiness and training, and in 2009, he was promoted to Operations Manager. During his tenure he led the Regions' effort to review and update Region, State, and Area Office Readiness plans and developed milestones for completion, and coordinated the combined efforts of all three Regions. Ultimately taking the lead in this effort for all three Regions for the "Preparedness Project", Mike personally reviewed and rewrote major sections of the various Readiness plans and their annexes.



Left to right: Carlos Perez, Region Director, and Michael F. Corbin, Operations Manager

Mike's reputation as a subject matter expert and visionary leader was readily apparent to the National Headquarters leadership. During a period of key personnel shortages at the regional headquarters in Denver, he was detailed to serve in a dual role as Acting Region III Director and Operations Manager. While there, Mike quickly assumed responsibility, continued normal operations, and was instrumental in hiring the needed positions to bring the region up to strength. Mike also played a pivotal role in obtaining approval from the Secretary of the Air Force to move the Region II Headquarters from a commercial building in Smyrna to Dobbins Air Reserve Base.

In 2013, Mike was nominated for Outstanding Manager of the Year and placed fourth in this category in the greater Atlanta metro area. During the difficult period after the passing of the Region II Director in 2014, Mike again served as an Acting Region Director, displaying superb leadership

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in providing direction and continuity to the staff, State Directors (SD), and RFOs. Within the past year, the current Region Director was called to serve in Washington for four months as the Acting Associate Director for Operations. When requested by the National Director, Mike unselfishly set aside his planned retirement to again serve in dual roles as Acting Region Director and Operations Manager for Region II. Throughout, his performance during these periods has been exemplary.

Mike earned numerous awards during his tenure with the Agency, some of which are the SSS Meritorious and Distinguished Service Awards, numerous Performance Awards, and other accolades. Upon his retirement on September 29, he will have served over 13 years 7 months with the Agency. Combined with his military service, Mike has dedicated over 34 years in federal service to the United States. SDs, RFOs, fellow employees, and others throughout



Mrs. Corbin (center), surrounded by a few of their children and grandchildren, with the chair presented by Region II Staff

the Agency often sought his guidance, and all that know him respect him. He was truly an invaluable asset and his departure will have a lasting impact on the Agency. We wish him and his family the very best in his retirement.



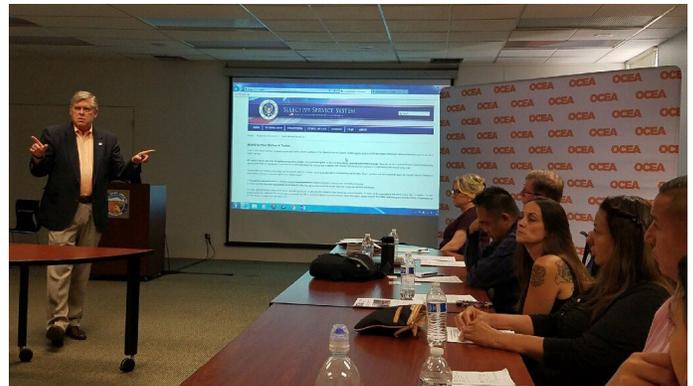
Take Me Out to the Ball Game



Back row, left to right: Richard Ogniewski, Admin Officer; Sabrina Cunningham, Program Analyst; Carlos Perez, Region Director.
Middle row: Yudidian Georges, Management Services Assistant. Front row: Charles Kinsey, Program Analyst-Readiness. Not pictured: Michael Edwards, Program Assistant; Joan Green, Program Analyst.

On Wednesday, September 19th, Region II staff opted for a more thrilling picnic outing. Instead of grabbing the traditional basket and bench at the park, they grabbed their baseball caps and attended a game at the newly minted Suntrust Park, home of the Atlanta Braves. It was a good day for the Braves as they went on to beat the Saint Louis Cardinals in the 9th Inning 7-3.

Community Outreach



CWO Bostwick (left) addressing the OCVEC Membership.

CWO Paul Bostwick, USCGR (RFO CA 3-3) conducted a community outreach briefing and recruiting presentation on the Selective Service System with members of the Orange County (California) Veterans Employment Committee (OCVEC) on August 28th. Mr. Bostwick was the Distinguished Guest Speaker for the Committee's August meeting in

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Santa Ana, CA. Veteran Organizations, Service Providers and Employers who provide support, resources, services, programs and employment opportunities for Veterans, Active Duty, the National Guard, Reserves, Wounded Warriors and military families were encouraged to attend. The Orange County Veterans Employment Committee, is a 31-year award winning, highly recognized, and respected all volunteer, non-profit 501c3. The veteran organization provides a clearinghouse for veteran networking and an exchange of valuable information. All of which help the military men and women in Orange County to seamlessly reintegrate back into the workforce and civilian life.

ADOP Visits Region I and DMC



Mr. Craig Brown

Earlier this month, Mr. Craig Brown, Associate Director for Operations, visited Region I and the Data Management Center (DMC). During his visit, Region 1 and DMC provided a detailed briefing discussing their roles, responsibilities and day-to-day activities. The DMC also provided Mr. Brown an in-depth, behind the scenes look its daily operations. He introduced himself to employees at an all-hands meeting and spoke to numerous employees as they went about their normal day to day operations. Additionally, during his visit, Mr. Brown, Ms. Harris, DMC Program Manager, and Mr. Kenney, Region Director met with USMEPCOM leadership.

Matthew Adams New Deputy Director of DMC



Matt Adams

Mr. Matthew Adams has been selected as the new Deputy Manager for the Data Management Center (DMC) effective September 2, 2018. Prior to his promotion Mr. Adams served as a Management Analyst at the DMC from September 2013. He attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he received his Regular Army commission in June 1984. While there, he completed dual majors in Military History and German Language studies. After Army service as a Military Intelligence Officer, he spent over 20 years in the private sector, filling various managerial and technical roles.

Mr. Adams is currently acting as Project Manager for several projects at the DMC, including the DMC reorganization planned for FY 2019. Congratulations!

Iris Yu Awarded DMC Employee of the Quarter

Nhu "Iris" Yu was selected as DMC Employee of the Quarter for April - June 2018 and was presented the award by Associate Director Brown. Iris was extremely busy during this period. In addition to her daily RCV tasks and DMC support functions, she was responsible for resolving issues caused by system changes. She worked very well with the DMC users and NHQ IT staff to quickly resolve these and other matters.

In the short time that Iris has worked for the Selective Service System, she has adjusted to the high demands of her

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position. Iris is a fast learner and is always willing to take on any projects assigned to her. She excels in all aspects of her duties. Her work ethic, attention to detail, achievements, and outstanding customer service enhances the positive relationship between the DMC and NHQ employees.



Mr. Craig Brown presents the DMC Employee of the Quarter award plaque to Ms. Yu

DMC Warehouse Clean-up and Reorganization

Mr. Rob Grinton, DMC Management Services Assistant, has worked tirelessly to clear the DMC warehouse and properly dispose of excess equipment, while following GSA and other Federal regulations and guidelines. His efforts have enabled Mr. Ruben Chavez, Motor Vehicle Operator,



Before



After

to more efficiently position stock and materials for the over three million pieces of outgoing SSS mail. Mr. Glenn Rapanos, Mail Processing Assistant, aligned the warehouse with industry best practice i.e. First In - First Out staging. Mr. Rapanos has experience in managing a large warehousing facility and has been able to rapidly make improvements in the material flow within the warehouse, and improving space utilization and safety. Thank you all and keep up the great work!

Annual DMC Picnic

DMC employees and their guests enjoyed an afternoon of fun and festivities at this year's "Beach Extravaganza" picnic. The picnic committee, Angela Coleman, Rob Grinton, Glenn Rapanos, and Pamela Miller did an excellent job in planning this year's event. Rob Grinton showed off his grilling talents and Veronica Quinette handmade all of the beach decorations! There was something for everyone to enjoy including snow cones for the children and the young at heart. Congratulations to Bernard Washington, winner of the watermelon eating contest! A special thank you to everyone for helping making this year's picnic a fun day for all!



Left to right: Veronica Quinette, Angie Gayden, Terry Wiley, and Vanessa Thompson



Left to right: Bernard Washington, Matt Adams, Andy Gonzalez, and Carissa MacNaught

DMC Welcomes New Employees



Cheryl James

Cheryl James joined the DMC as a Contact Representative in the Registration Information & Research Branch on September 4, 2018. Ms. James' first job with the federal government was at the International Boundary and Water Commission in Del Rio, Texas as a Security Guard for a National Infrastructure. In 2013, she transferred to Fort McCoy, Wisconsin and served as a Public Safety Dispatcher (911). Cheryl is excited to be here and to take on the new challenge. Welcome aboard, Cheryl!



Guelia Rodriguez

Ms. Guelia Rodriguez joined the DMC as a Contact Representative in the Registration Information & Research Branch on September 4, 2018. Guelia entered civil service in 2011 where she worked for the Defense Commissary Agency as a Support Clerk and performed data maintenance and accounting support. She would later transfer to the Training Support Center at Great Lakes, and worked as a Command Pay and Personnel Clerk in support of the engineering rates at the Surface Warfare Officer's School. Ms. Rodriguez moved to the local area in 2003 when her parents were stationed at the Naval Station Great Lakes. Guelia currently lives in Gurnee, and has a 6 year old son. Her interests include photography, travel, food adventures, reading, and movies. Welcome, Guelia!

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