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SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM IN JEOPARDY AFTER HOUSE VOTE

On Sept. 8, the Selective Service System lost a key vote in the House of Representatives by a margin of 45 votes when the House failed to pass an amendment to H.R. 2684 that would have restored \$17.5 million to the Agency's Fiscal Year 2000 funding that had been eliminated by the House Appropriations Committee. The amendment, sponsored by Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham (R-Calif.), sought to fund the Agency at the Fiscal Year 1999 level of \$24.5 million. With 187

votes cast for the amendment and 232 votes against, the House version of the VA, HUD and Independent Agencies Appropriations Bill, which now moves to the Senate, contains \$7 million earmarked for Selective Service to be used for shutdown costs.

The Sept. 8 vote was the latest step in a continuing Fiscal Year 2000 budget process. In July, the Subcommittee recommended that the Selective Service System be eliminated because of a funding shortage. Rep. James Walsh (R-N.Y.), the Subcommittee's chairman, indicated that, in the absence of a draft, Selective Service was not needed. The Subcommittee, rather than approve the Administration's

budget request of \$25.5 million, recommended that Selective Service receive \$7 million and directed the Agency to shut down by the close of calendar year 1999. The recommendation was approved by the full House Appropriations Committee on July 30. With the failure of the Cunningham amendment, it will remain in the final

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version of the House bill. If the Senate supports full funding and continuing operations for Selective Service, a House-Senate conference committee would need to iron out differences in the two bills. Once an agreement has been reached, the two legislative bodies would vote again on the final bill to be forwarded to President Clinton.



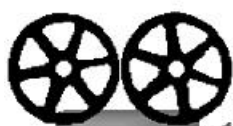
The President has indicated that he would veto the bill in its current form because of cuts to other federal agencies such as NASA, HUD, and the Corporation for National Service, known as Americorps.

The Cunningham amendment was co-sponsored by Reps. Spence, Buyer, Ortiz, and James Moran.



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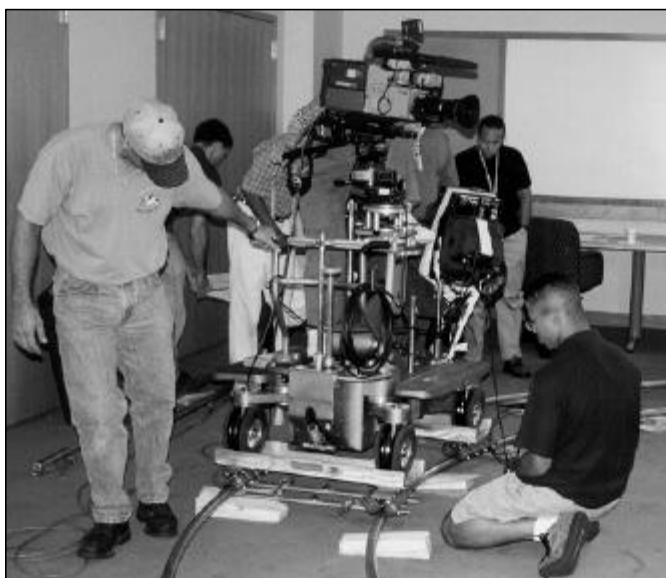
In July, the Selective Service System produced a new Local Board Member Continuation Training video that will be included in the Fiscal Year 2000 training package. The video features role playing focusing on three scenarios: a minister of religion claim, a student postponement request, and a conscientious objection claim.

The U.S. Army Visual Information Center (USAVIC) provided the production resources for the video. Marvin Yates, Television Production Director of USAVIC, headed the team that shot the video near Selective Service National Headquarters in Arlington, Va. By using the Department of Defense's production resources, the Agency realized cost savings of approximately \$31,000.

Selective Service personnel from the Office of Operations, the Office of Public and Congressional Affairs, and the Office of Resource Management took part in the production. Mary Ellen Feldcamp wrote the script and coordinated the production while Cassandra Costley, Lt. Col. Tom Hinrichsen, Lt. Col. Matt Tittmann, Alyce Teel-Burton, Sue Durrance, and Jennie Nash played roles as Board Members. Reserve Force Officer Capt. John Nagel and Army Specialist Leslie (Nate) Emery from USAVIC portrayed the registrants.



Left to right, seated: Cassandra Costley, Lt. Col. Tom Hinrichsen, and Lt. Col. Matt Tittmann discuss the script during rehearsals for the video as Jennie Nash looks on.



Technicians prepare to tape the latest Local Board Member continuation training video.



Alyce Teel-Burton takes a break during the video shoot.

Board Member Profile:



Darrell Hickey

Darrell Hickey, a Board Member of Area Office 2, Local Board 9, in Amarillo, Texas, does whatever is needed to assist the Selective Service System in the Texas Panhandle. "He is an exemplary volunteer," said Lt. Col. Judy Thornhill, Detachment 2-18 Commander/Area Office Manager.

Thornhill pointed out that Hickey has kept his congressional representatives informed about Selective Service, delivered certificates to High School Registrars, and helped recruit board members. She added that Hickey has never missed a continuation training session for Board Members since he was appointed to the Board in 1985.

In addition to his Selective Service volunteer activities, Hickey helped form an honor guard to preserve patriotism in his area. This came about after numerous requests for special prayers and flag presentations when American servicemen were captured in Iran. The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars were unable to respond, so Hickey organized a group of men to carry out these requests. Under his command, the honor guard presented flags to schools, Girl Scout and Boy Scout organizations, and Little League teams. The honor guard also presents flags to families of deceased veterans and conducts a Memorial Day service at the Ochiltree County Cemetery.

Hickey, who served in the U.S. Army from 1965 until 1971, is the service officer and commander for the Eighteenth District of the American Legion. He is a member of the local pistol and rifle club, a member of VFW Post 7107, and active in his church. In addition to his extensive volunteer activities, he is vice president and salesman of B and B Sales.

Hickey and his wife, Janet, have one son, one daughter, and three grandchildren.

Maj. F. Allen Miller Remembered for His Service in Iowa



On Aug. 15, 1999, Region III lost a valued member of the Selective Service family when Maj. F. Allen Miller died in a cycling-auto accident during a bicycling trip near his home in Granger, Iowa. Miller had served as Commander of the Iowa Reserve Detachment, IA 3-8, since 1998, and was a respected individual within the Iowa, Region III, and Selective Service family.

In a moving tribute to Miller, during a memorial service at the Granger Methodist Church on August 18, Iowa State Director Myron Linn recognized Miller's devotion to his family, his community, and his country. Linn cited Miller's initial assignment, in 1991, as a MEPS (Military Entrance Processing Station) Liaison Officer who was earning points only, typical of his selfless dedication. During the ceremony, Linn also recognized Miller's long association with the Des Moines area Boy Scouts, many of whom were in attendance at the ceremony. He pointed out how quickly Miller grasped Selective Service matters; this trait, coupled with his leadership talents, made him a natural choice for Detachment Commander.

In addition to his volunteer activities, Miller was a mechanical engineer of Electric Engineering Equipment Co. in Des Moines. An avid outdoorsman, he loved nature and cherished simple, family-oriented values. He will be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues. Miller is survived by his wife, Cathy; his two sons, Brad and Chris; and his daughter, Katie.

Cathy Miller, in a note to Director Coronado, thanked him for his concern and support. "I will certainly remember this as I will remember the special people that Allen was associated with through the Selective Service System," she wrote.

On the Web ...

Visit the Selective Service System's Web site on the Internet: www.sss.gov.

REX-99 Tests Mobilization Scenarios

“An unqualified success” was the way Selective Service personnel described Readiness Exercise 99 (REX-99). Selective Service State Directors and Reserve Force Officers converged at 53 State Headquarters, Aug. 6-8, 1999, to test the Time-Phased Response delayed deployment activation plan and the Health Care Personnel Delivery System. During the exercise, the Agency used the Intranet, e-mail, and file transfer protocol technology to share data. As a result of REX-99, communication between National Headquarters and Region Headquarters was improved during the mobilization simulation. An after-action report is expected in September.



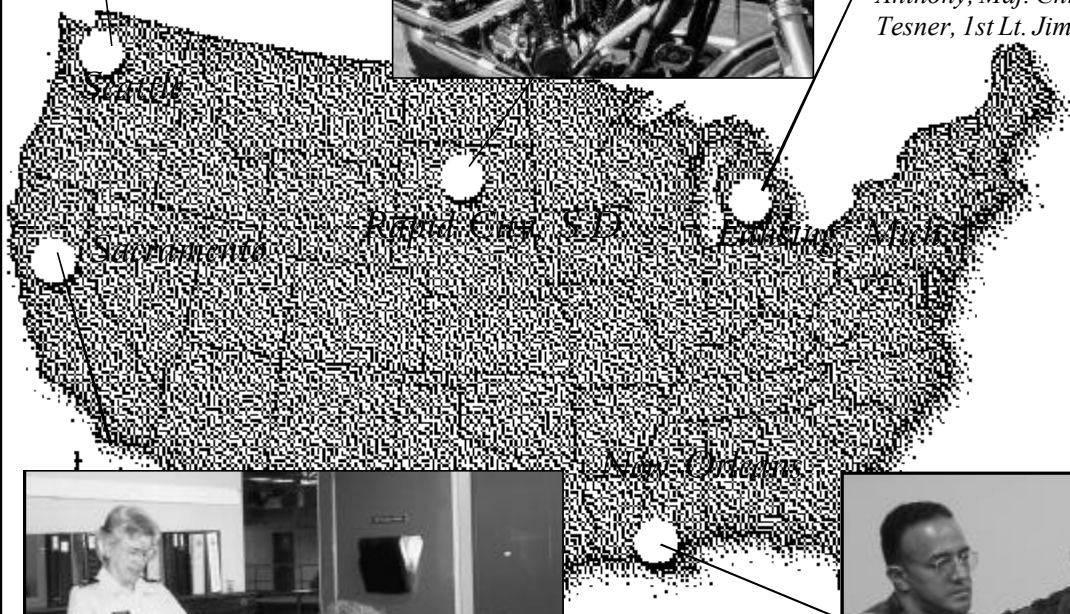
Maj. Jay Popejoy in action at REX-99.



1st Lt. Pat Kenaley (l.) and Chief Warrant Officer Darla Crown rev up for REX-99.



From left to right: Maj. Janet Phipps, Capt. Gail Anthony, Maj. Chris Constant, State Director Art Tesner, 1st Lt. Jim Hart, and Lt. Col. Dale Staton.



Col. Sandra Rowley (behind the podium) reviews a REX-99 event with Army Chief Warrant Officer Linda Johnson (c.) and Capt. Joan Salinas.



Capt. Alphonse Shropshire (l.), Lt. Brett Williams (c.), and Lt. Deidre Smith practice a new computer program.



Region II's Marian Kiely Celebrates 30 Years of Service



Director Coronado (l.) presents the Exceptional Service Award (Silver) to Marian Kiely (c.) as Bob Kiely and Region II Director Col. Keith Scragg (far right) look on.

Marian Kiely, a Program Analyst in the Operations Division at Region II Headquarters, recently celebrated 30 years of government service. A Selective Service employee since 1981, Kiely was honored by Selective Service Director Gil Coronado at the National Training Conference in San Antonio in June. Director Coronado presented Kiely with the Exceptional Service Award (Silver), praising her for her superior dedication and outstanding job performance.

A native of Atlanta, Kiely also volunteers for community service organizations such as the American Business Women's Association and Habitat for Humanity. Kiely lives in Marietta, Ga., with her husband, Bob, a retired U.S. Army Warrant Officer who also worked for the Internal Revenue Service. The Kielys have three children and seven grandchildren.

Tatum Gets Vote of Thanks for Registration Data



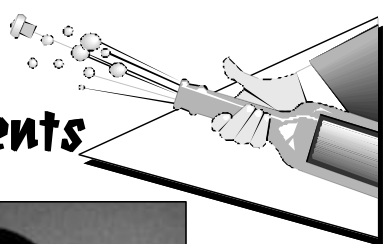
Russell Burroughs (l.) and Capt. Sheldon Jeames congratulate Anita Tatum (c.).

Selective Service recently honored Anita Tatum, Director of the Alabama Office of Voter Registration, for her efforts to improve Selective Service registration in Alabama. Tatum's office, which is based in Montgomery, Ala., has provided the Selective Service System with data on 18- through 25-year-old men registered to vote in Alabama.

Data from the Alabama office is forwarded to Selective Service's Data Management Center where it is compared with the Agency's data. Since this program was introduced, more than 10 percent of the men on the Alabama list were found to be non-compliant with the registration law and have been sent reminder notices. Although voter registration lists in Alabama are available to the public for a fee, Tatum provided the data to Selective Service at no cost.

The Register welcomes editorial contributions from readers. Please submit items of interest to Ben Cromer, Editor, via e-mail (bcromer@sss.gov) or to Selective Service National Headquarters, 1515 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Va. 22209-2425. **The deadline for the next issue is October 29, 1999.**

New Appointments



Thomas C. Johnson

Thomas Johnson Named Maryland State Director

Thomas C. Johnson has been appointed Maryland State Director of Selective Service. Gov. Parris N. Glendening recommended Johnson for the appointment which was signed recently by Selective Service Director Gil Coronado at Selective Service National Headquarters in Arlington, Va. As Maryland State Director, Johnson will be a liaison between Selective Service and the Maryland governor's office and will represent the governor and Director Coronado on Selective Service matters.

In addition to his Selective Service appointment, Johnson serves as a Junior ROTC Facilitator in the Baltimore County Public Schools. He attended the University of New York at Albany, enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1966, received his commission in 1967, and transferred to the Maryland Army National Guard in 1973. He retired as a brigadier general, with more than 26 years of active service, in July 1996. Johnson received the Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster and the Bronze Star Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

Board Member SALUTE:



Florida Board Member Willie Junior (l.) receives his Certificate of Appreciation from Maj. Zach Wheeler.

Willie J. Junior of Area Office 1, Local Board 1, in Pensacola, Fla., has served the Selective Service System with distinction since 1983. Even with his Selective Service volunteer work, Junior still finds time to run his own business and serve on the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners. In fact, when Junior was elected to that body in 1983, he was the first African-American commissioner in the county.

Junior worked diligently to help pass legislation in Florida that requires proof of Selective Service registration before a young man can be considered for state employment. Col. Keith Scragg, Region II Director, took note of that achievement by presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Junior from the Selective Service System.

Junior also was named "Emerging Leader of the Year" by the Pensacola Chamber of Commerce and earned a "Community Service Award" from the National Naval Officers Association. Junior is married to Abbie Gail Ewing Junior. They have one daughter, Nyasha Junior.

Bright Ideas!



High School Registrar Teaches One Byte at a Time

John Anderson, the Selective Service High School Registrar at Mundelein High School in Mundelein, Ill., goes beyond typical teaching methods to help students master such courses as Algebra and Zoology. Anderson developed specially-designed computer programs to enable students to work independently at their own speed. He also has designed computer programs to help transfer students who require tutoring before they take traditional courses. A native of Peoria, Ill., Anderson has taught at Mundelein High School for 29 years. Anderson and his wife, Jeanne, a junior high school teacher, live in Beach Park, Ill.



John Anderson

Selective Service Goes Hollywood, BABY!

Selective Service ventured recently to sunny California to begin work on a new public service video that will be distributed to high schools in California, Florida, and Texas this October. Filming commenced at Hollywood High School with the principal role by actor Sean Astin. The son of Patty Duke and John Astin, Sean Astin had leading roles in "Rudy," "The Goonies," "Encino Man," and "Memphis Belle."



Sean Astin



Videotaping the registration message for use in high schools.



From left to right: California State Director Ron Markarian, California Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, Lewis C. Brodsky, Director of Public & Congressional Affairs, and Larry Linder, Deputy State Director for Northern California.

Selective Service also honored California Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante for his featured role in the video with the Agency's Meritorious Service Award. Lewis C. Brodsky, Director of Public & Congressional Affairs, presented the framed medal to Bustamante on behalf of Director Coronado.



New Registration Awareness Kit Focuses on Early Submission of Registration Information

The 1999-2000 Registration Awareness Kit, shipped to 26,000 high schools around the nation in early September, provides several new tools High School Registrars can use to convince young men to register with Selective Service. The kit includes a series of new posters, including one about early submission of registration information by 17-year-old men and a sports-theme poster. All materials included in the kit emphasize the easiest way young men can register: The Internet.



A photo collage of materials included in the 1999-2000 Registration Awareness Kit.

“Selective Service NOW accepts early submission of registration information by 17-year-old men, so inform students at your school that they can submit information to Selective Service at age 17 and be automatically registered when they turn 18.” -- Excerpt from Early Submission poster included in 1999-2000 Registration Awareness Kit.



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